Any who give you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

Twenty-sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison, IL 60101
Phone #:  630-628-0900    Website:  www.st-phil.org
**THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH**
As members of the Diocese of Joliet, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the universal Catholic Church.
Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ’s presence among us.
We manifest God's Word through active participation in spiritual, liturgical, educational, service, and social ministries directed at bringing all people to Christ.

**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH DIRECTORY & INFORMATION**
Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), Friday (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)  
Rectory Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.); Friday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)  
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**Please join us for:**
- Masses at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
- Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday  
- Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on Monday-Friday  
- Individual Rite of Penance at 4:00 p.m. & Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday  
- Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN DEADLINES**  
Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.  
Please submit pulpit announcements to Carol Schubert  
(cschubert@st-phil.org; 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the Wednesday preceding the desired weekend.  
Please send bulletin submissions to Barb Nicolai  
(bnicolai@st-phil.org; 630-543-1754) a week prior to desired publication date.

**If you are a new visitor to our church today,**
**welcome!**
If you would like more information about our church or would like to register in the parish, please contact any of the staff members listed above or fill out a simple on-line registration form at st-phil.org.

**WELCOME**
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!
The Lord has bestowed the Spirit on all of us, so we pray for all who are in need.

For Pope Francis as he continues to challenge and mold the Church more and more in the likeness of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders of multinational corporations, for those who control vast wealth, that they may learn to use that wealth in service of the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who lack sufficient water, for all who are working to increase the world’s usable water supply, for an equitable distribution of the waters we do have, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those, Christian or not, who are inspired by God’s Spirit to serve others, let us pray to the Lord.

For all priests as they seek to emulate the selfless love of our great High Priest, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick, for all who suffer from COVID-19, and for all who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear these our prayers, O Lord, and grant that we may learn to serve you in all our sisters and brothers, through Christ our Lord.

Please visit https://bible.usccb.org to access the Sunday readings.

We want to keep in touch! Please take a moment to update your contact information. It’s so easy! Just fill in the fields on our parish website page, click “submit,” and you’re done! Thank you!

https://www.st-phil.org/contact-information-update.html

PRESENCE OF GOD
In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.
(St. Bernard of Clairvaux)
St. Philip the Apostle School families participated in a Fun Run on Sunday, September 19. There was silly string, games, colorful dye tossing, and many other fun activities...and a good time was had by all!
We were pleased to welcome back our junior high students on Wednesday, September 15, for their first class of the year! A big thanks to all for wearing their masks and maintaining a social distance to ensure a safe learning environment.

Please mark your calendars for the following events in the RE Program:
- Elementary Marian Crowning & Rosary on October 2 at 9:30 a.m.
- GIFT I Meeting for all parish 8th graders on October 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- No elementary RE classes on Saturday, October 9.

SCRIP gift cards are available to order throughout the year. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see brands/denominations.
Contact Lizzy Roberson at 224-287-5278 or email lizzywroberson@gmail.com for more information.
All proceeds are earmarked for the school.
Thank you for your support in keeping the St. Philip the Apostle School tuition low.

The second graders are fully back to swing this new school year! The kids are so excited to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year. In Religion Class, they learned about the gifts of God’s creation. Each child drew a picture of his/her favorite part of God’s creation. We put the drawings together to make a special Creation Quilt, which hangs in our classroom as a reminder of God’s truth, beauty, and goodness.
In today’s gospel, the disciples become concerned after witnessing a stranger “driving out demons” in Jesus’ name. But Jesus stops them from interfering, telling them, “Whoever is not against us is for us.” A similar occurrence happens in the first reading when two men, Eldad and Medad, who were not present when God bestowed the spirit of prophecy upon the seventy elders, receive the spirit anyway. At first, Joshua, Moses’ aide, is incensed. But Moses challenges him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” Within the disciples’ and Joshua’s response we find a common human tendency—trying to own or control something that does not belong to us. In these instances, it is God’s generosity that the disciples and Joshua desire to police. Jesus’ and Moses’ responses, however, point to the uncontrollable nature of God’s will. We are laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, not managers who question or judge the worthiness of our fellow workers. Source: Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press

The More the Merrier.
Who cares if other Christians are also doing the good things that Catholics do? Or other believers? Or even non-believers?
The kingdom of heaven is not an exclusive club.
By God’s design, everyone belongs.
Jesus says, “Whoever is not against us is for us.”

♦ What good can I affirm that someone else is doing this week?
♦ How can I foster others to do good work?
♦ How can I help others to care for “little ones?”

JOB OPENINGS IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE

♦ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Darien is seeking to hire an Accompanist/Choir Director. This person will be an accompanist and director for the 8:15 a.m. Mass Choir including Christmas Day, Holy Week, Easter, and any other liturgies at which the 8:15 a.m. Mass Choir sings. Must be able to organize and conduct choir rehearsals. Proficient on piano a must, proficiency on organ is a plus. Ability to sight read, play individual parts from choral score or chord/lead sheet, comfortable with teaching parts and leading preservice rehearsal. Must have basic understanding and familiarity with Roman Catholic liturgy and rituals. Full job description at https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php To apply, please contact Dolores Timko at chuckadee@att.net.

♦ Business Manager at Holy Trinity Church & School in Westmont. The business manager is the full-time manager of the administrative functions of the parish; oversees and has responsibility for parish accounting and finances, human resources, and supervises parish office staff; and effectively communicates and collaborates with the pastor, principal, staff, and volunteers. This is a full-time, exempt benefited position. To see a full job description, please visit https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=729 Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé to Fr. Wasielwski, C.R. at father@holytrinitywestmont.org.

♦ St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville is seeking a faith formation assistant as a resource to the catechists and faith formation directors of our parish. This 28-hour per week part-time position will require some flexible hours based on special events and the needs of the program. To view a full job description, please visit https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=732 To apply, please send résumé and cover letter to dlawler@youthwithheart.com.

♦ St. Pius X Parish in Lombard is searching for a part-time custodial person. Non-benefited position, 25 hours per week. Must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. Must be flexible for the hours. Position requires a team-player attitude, attention to detail, and confidentiality. Call Sallie at 630-627-4526 X219 for further details and/or to set up an interview.
“Whoever is not against is for us.” We hear these words in today’s Gospel, but you may also remember the same words from the late 60’s as part of the civil rights movement. Jesus tells his disciples and us today that good works come from many places. As catholic Christians, we do not hold a monopoly on following in the steps of Christ. Sometimes we become steadfast in the way we think that faith and righteousness should be expressed. In other words, “our way” is the only way to bring about the salvation of the world. Whereas our faith has all the means to that salvation in the grace from the sacraments, the Word of God in the scripture, and the teaching of the church, we must keep an open mind and heart to other Christians who are also working for this same goal. We are joined with them to establish unity with an all-powerful, loving and forgiving God, who made us all to do the work of bringing others to Him. No one group of people can be everything to everyone; we are all imperfect individuals and even imperfect groups, but when we pull together for the common good we can be perfect. This perfection comes from acknowledging that the talents of others can help us achieve our goals. We are all made in the image of God, and we are all unique in talent and ability. In overcoming the differences that exist in our minds, we open our hearts to see the image of God in our fellow person—uniting us to do God’s work and to bring His peace to our world.

The first reading might be what Jesus was talking about when he scolded the disciples. They wanted to stop an exorcist whom they didn't know. In both cases, whether prophesying or driving out demons, someone wanted them to stop. The persons doing those things were not members of the group. In the gospel, the disciples objected simply because they didn't know the ones who were casting out demons. Back in Moses' days, the two "renegades" were actually on the list, they just weren't present with the rest gathered around Moses. Both Joshua and the disciples of Jesus thought they should control who could do God's work and who couldn't. The temptation to control things is pretty common, but we can't be truly at peace till we allow God to be the one in control. God loves all people, even those who don't know him. So if we see someone who has a spiritual gift, it could be God's way of helping that person to know about His love. There are many non-Christians who are very generous or patient or wise, who could come to faith if they realized that God was acting through them. You don't have to bowl them over with evangelistic fervor. Just the observation that you see God's love in them might get them thinking about their faith. The Apostles Creed reminds us that the Church is catholic, or universal. All are welcome, because Jesus died for everyone. As Moses said in the first reading, wouldn't it be great if God sent his gifts of the Spirit to them all? Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**Collection for September 18/19, 2021**
- **Collection:** $11,151
- **Budget:** $13,115
- **Difference:** ($1,601)

**Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22**
- **Collection:** $152,938
- **Budget:** $157,385
- **Difference:** ($4,447)

**Maintenance Fund Collection YTD:** $22,267

May God bless you for your generosity!

St. Philip the Apostle On-Line Giving Link
https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/3124
Questions? Call 630-628-0900 x103.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]
ABORTION ALTERNATIVES: Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Herminia Venturina / Bruno Family
John Tedeski / Ralph, Shirley, & Steve Rocco
Wayne Berg / Umile & Teresa Ruffolo
Giuseffi Family / Francesco Savaglio
10:00 AM (Same as 8:00 a.m. names)

Let us remember in prayer
our deceased relatives,
friends, and parishioners,
especially:

Patricia Clark
Mary June Hayden

Our sympathy to their friends and families.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH PET BLESSING
Sunday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m.
In front of the church
Please leash or cage all pets for their safety.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in and
those who are healing & convalescing...

Jackson Becker, Jenny Bellezza,
Fr. Steve Bondi, Alison Carey,
Brian Cherry, Tim Kulm Cherry,
Sylvia Culotta, William Czerniak,
Jeff Dela Cruz,
Michael DeStefano, Leo Di Fazio, Todd
Gardener, John Garrett, Lucas Hameau, Anita
Harshbarger, Ifrena Holtz, Natalie Hyba, Judy
Jaskey, Jim Lambert, Shirley Legaspi, Janet
Lombardi, Roy Lombardi, Sandra Lundgren,
Sandi Milazzo, Cindy Miles, JoAnne Moberg,
Vito Montana, Geri Mulcahy, Aver Quarles,
Beverly Quinn, Frank Reid, John Rossi, Bud
Schubert, Dale & Stella Shamberg, Bill Slovik,
Wanda Slupik, Daniel Spratt, Mary Taschetta,
Ann Treccia, Jim Wright.

Please get permission from family members or the person
who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to
the prayer list. To add names to the list, please call
630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are
deleted from the list after six months unless a request is
made for a perpetual listing.

PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY

Richard Avila, Marines
Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force
Elijah Burgins, Marines
Emiliano Carrazco, Marines
Steven J. DeMarco, Army
Matthew Deimling, Army
Jack Domek, Marines
Adam Dorney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Joseph Frost, Army
Blaze Galardy, Air Force
Martin Garcia, Army
Mark Jastowski, Marines
José Juarez, Navy
Paul Keppler, Navy
Ben Krause, Marines
C. J. Loveland, Air Force
Drew Loveday, Marines
Kristofferson Marzo, Army
Andrew Maslanka, Army
Matthew Maslanka, Army
Bradley Melson, Marines
Anthony Milazzo, Navy
Ryan Mills, Air Force
Billy Moncatch, Marines
Jason Okara, Army
Enrique Ospina, Marines
Adam Ostrander, Navy
Cole Parent, Marines
Randall Petrbok, Air Force
James Roman, Marines
Ryan Ruizol, Navy
Andrew Tarchinski, Army
Patrick Tobias, Air Force
Isaiah Wuich, Marines

To add a name to the list,
please call 630-543-1754 or
e-mail bnicolai@st-phil.org.
Baptism Information: Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

Marriage Information: Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

Parish Registration: New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls: Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.