

# st. philip the apostle parish

1233 W. HOLTZ IN ADDISON, IL

FEBRUARY 9, 2025 | The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"When they brought their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and followed him."*

Luke 5:11



## Worship Schedule

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

### ROSARY

Monday-Friday at 8:30 a.m.

### ADORATION

First Friday of each month  
From 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## WELCOME!

*We're Glad You're Here*

If you are a new visitor today, welcome!

If you would like more information or would like to register in the parish, please contact any of the staff members or fill out a simple online registration form at [st-phil.org](http://st-phil.org).



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## 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.

## Senior Socialites St. Valentine's Day Gathering

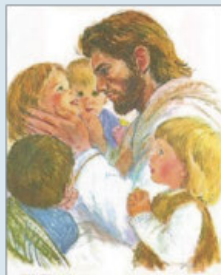
FEBRUARY 13, 2025 IN ROOM 1  
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH

All are welcome! Come enjoy a feast, some time of prayer, and and of course fun and games. A nominal free-will donation of \$5 is requested to help defray the cost of our meal. Anyone over 55 is welcome to the festivities. Can't wait to see your festive red, pink, and white attire!



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy  
of the Word will be on  
**February 23rd**  
at 10:00 a.m. Mass.



It is typically held at 10 a.m. Masses on the second and fourth Sundays of the month depending on holidays. The goal for a separate Liturgy of the Word with children is to help them hear God's message in a way they can participate. This is a liturgical experience that opens young people to hear and respond to God's Word in a special environment just for them. All children 5-9 years of age can participate!

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 10 to February 16, 2025

<b>Monday</b> 2/10/25	8:00 a.m.-Communion Service (Church) 6:00 p.m.-Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee (Gym)
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/11/25	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-Confessions following Morning Mass (Church) 7:00 p.m.-Adult Faith Formation: Gospel of Matthew (Room 1)
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/12/25	8:00 a.m.-Communion Service (Church) 4:30 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades K-5 4:30 p.m.-RE First Eucharist Parent Meeting 5:45 p.m.-RE Choir Practice (Church) 6:30 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades 6-7 6:30 p.m.-School & RE Confirmation GIFT Night IV with Confirmation Sponsors
<b>Thursday</b> 2/13/25	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 12:30 p.m.-Senior Socialites (Room 1) 3:00 p.m.-Children's Choir Practice (Church) 6:30 p.m.-Parent Association Meeting (Library) 7:00 p.m.-Traditional Choir Practice (Church)
<b>Friday</b> 2/14/25	<i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Diocesan Institute Day - No School</i> 8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 9:15 a.m.-Art & Environment (Church) 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.-iReady Training
<b>Saturday</b> 2/15/25	8:15 a.m.-Legion of Mary (Vesting Room) 11:00 a.m.-Confirmation (Church) 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.-Confessions (Church) 5:00 p.m.-Mass (Church)
<b>Sunday</b> 2/16/25	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 9:00 a.m.-OCIA (Room 1) 10:00 a.m.-Mass with Traditional Choir (Church)

Full Parish Calendar: <https://localendar.com/public/stphiliptheapostle>



## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

February 9, 2025  
from 8:30 a.m.  
to 12:30 p.m.

← This Sunday!



St. Philip the Apostle School

# SPARTAN GALA

*Join us for a night filled with Dining, Dancing, Open Bar, Silent Auction, Raffles and more!*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2025  
6pm to Midnight

THE EMPRESS  
200 E. Lake St., Addison IL

Cocktail Attire

Celebrate With Us!  
Reserve Your Seats by February 14

\$120/Ticket or \$1,200/Table of 10

# GALA

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### BRONZE 150

*1/3 Page Ad in Event Program  
Logo & Link on Event Website  
Logo & Link on Social Media  
Signage & Mention at Event*

### SILVER 250

*1/2 Page Ad in Event Program  
Logo & Link on Event Website  
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Signage & Mention at Event*

### GOLD 500

*Full Page Ad in Event Program  
Logo & Link on Event Website  
Logo & Link on Social Media  
Signage & Mention at Event*

### ENTERTAINMENT 1,000

*Signage by DJ Booth at Event  
Logo & Link on Event Website  
Logo & Link on Social Media  
Signage & Mention at Event*

### PROGRAM ADS

*50 Half Page Ad      100 Full Page Ad*

Contribution can also be sent to 1233 W. Holtz Ave., Addison, IL 60101 c/o Gala 2025.  
Checks must be made out to St. Philip the Apostle School.

Any questions? Visit our school website  
For tickets, sponsorships or donations



[www.school.st-phil.org/spartan-gala-2025](http://www.school.st-phil.org/spartan-gala-2025)

## Bishop Hicks' Column February 2025



### *The Gift of Imagination*



Whenever I fly, I frequently do three things. First, I always pray a rosary—that's a given! Then, I catch up on some work or necessary reading. Finally, I relax a bit and watch a movie. I admit I am quite conscious that, by wearing my Roman collar, many people in the seats around me take note of the movie I have selected. The last thing I want is for them to go home and tell their family and friends that they witnessed a Catholic bishop praying a rosary and then watching a super-violent or unseemly movie!

On my most recent flight, I selected the family-friendly movie *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. It is a heartwarming film about the power of imagination and the beauty of creativity. The hero of the story is Harold, a young boy who is gifted with a purple crayon that allows him to bring his drawings to life. As he sets out on an adventure, Harold learns valuable lessons about courage, problem-solving, and the responsibility that comes with shaping the world around him.

Spoiler alert: toward the end of the movie, Harold finds a touching letter from the author who created him. In it, he reads:

*"Dear Harold, one day you might want to know why I made you. I wanted to show folks that, with a little imagination, you can make your life whatever you want it to be."*  
This film reminds us that, like Harold, we all have the ability to create, dream, and make a difference in this world through our imaginations. How true!

Our imagination is truly a gift from God, allowing us to see beyond what is and dream of what could be. We are made in the image of God, and our ability to imagine and create reflects His divine nature. This gift allows us to participate in our Creator's ongoing work of beauty and goodness in the world.

Perhaps you are familiar with *Ignatian Contemplation*, also known as *imaginative prayer*. Through this method, St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches us to pray using our imaginations. This practice encourages us to place ourselves inside a biblical scene, using all our senses to experience the story as if we were truly there. If you have never used this form of prayer, I invite you to try it using these basic steps:

- Imagine yourself in a scene from Scripture, such as being present at Jesus' birth, walking with Him along the road, or witnessing His miracles.
- Engage your senses by seeing the setting, hearing the voices, feeling the textures, smelling the surroundings, and experiencing the emotions.
- Interact with Jesus directly by listening to His words, speaking to Him, and experiencing His love.

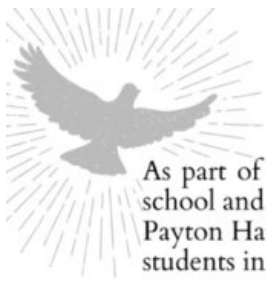
After an imaginative prayer experience, St. Ignatius invites us to reflect on what we felt, learned, or heard. In other words, we can ask ourselves, *"How did God speak to me through my imagination?"*

Faith itself requires the gift of imagination. It gives us the ability to believe in what we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1). Imagination allows us to trust in God's plan, envision a better future, and hold onto hope even in difficult times. It also builds our capacity for compassion and empathy by helping us put ourselves in others' shoes and understand both their joys and struggles. This ability to see the world from different perspectives strengthens our call to love one another, just as Christ taught.

Of course, like all gifts, we can misuse our imagination. According to John Lennon, we can *"imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try."* Why would we do that? Sometimes our world or life experiences bring us to imagine sad, evil, and immoral things. Yet God gifted us with our imaginations so that we may be fully alive and joyful through, with, and in Him.

So, I invite you to imagine the Holy Trinity—being in the presence of God the Father and feeling His eternal love, peace, and mercy; walking and talking with Jesus; and experiencing the Holy Spirit descending upon you, filling you with wisdom, strength, and courage. Imagine there is a beautiful heaven, teeming with saints, angels, and your loved ones in God's eternal presence.

Ultimately, imagination is a sacred gift that allows us to create, love, hope, and draw closer to God in all that we do. Please join me in imagining a Church and a world where every heart is filled with God's love and mercy, abounding in kindness, respect for life, justice and peace for all people—now and forever!



# Letters to the Parish

## Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

As part of their preparations for Confirmation on February 15, 2025, the eighth-grade students from the school and the Religious Education Program wrote letters to St. Philip parishioners. The letter below is from Payton Hartsfield, an eighth-grade student at St. Philip the Apostle School. Please keep Payton and all of our students in your prayers as they continue their preparations toward adulthood in the Church.

Dear St. Philip the Apostle Parish,

My name is Payton Hartsfield and I would like to share a little bit about myself as I adventure into the journey of Confirmation. Being in eighth grade means that I get to make my Confirmation this year. I am very excited because it means that I have completed all of the sacraments that I can at this age and from years before. I am also very happy to be receiving my Confirmation at St. Philip because it means that I have made all of my sacraments here. Just thinking about graduating this year is unbelievable because I can still remember walking into my preschool's three year old class like it was yesterday. All of the fun memories I have made makes me happy that I have joined St. Philip early in life because most of the memories happened here. My family and I have always been so generous to St. Philip and they always return the favor.

Throughout my whole life my family has always shown me the right way in life. I can tell that they raised me right because of the way I act with others and how I react to situations. When I was little, every Sunday I would go with my grandma to church. I would always be so excited because I got to see all of the people singing and looking like they were enjoying where they were. I remember I always got to put the money in the baskets that they would bring around and it would fascinate me so much. All my life my family has shown me the right way because they put me in a private school. They did this because they knew about their strong belief in God and knew that I would have the same. While I am preparing to receive Confirmation my family has been with me the whole time. They are always asking me if I need more service hours and if I know everything about my saint. I am thankful for them because I know I couldn't do it without them.

I want to receive my Confirmation because it means that I will be even closer to God than I was already. I also want to receive my Confirmation because it will mean that I have completed all of my sacraments at St. Philip. I was baptized at St. Philip's and it is also where I received my Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Being Confirmed will mean a lot to me because it marks the last sacrament I will make before I leave this school. I think that I am ready to be Confirmed because I know that the Holy Spirit is ready to be in me. I am ready because I believe that God is preparing me. I think that God is getting me ready for this big accomplishment in my life. Receiving my Confirmation means a lot to me because it is the last Sacrament of Initiation that I need to accomplish.

I chose my older cousin to be my sponsor because she has always been there for me and makes sure that I am always okay. Any time I am feeling a little down she comes by me and makes me laugh. Even if I am sitting in my room bored it's like she can sense that I'm not feeling that great because she will send me funny videos or pictures of us when we were younger. I am grateful for her because it's like she knows exactly how I felt when she was this age. I chose her as my sponsor because she always knows the right thing to say. Every time my family has a gathering and she is there we disappear into another room and just talk to each other or go on our phones because we get that sometimes you just need a minute away from everyone and need time alone. My cousin is my sponsor because she is just like me and we will always be close.

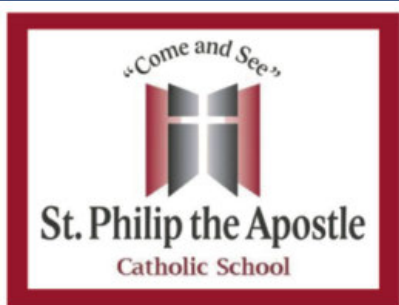
My saint is really important to me because she is the patron saint of headaches. I picked St. Teresa of Ávila because I get a lot of migraines. I know that if I pray to her she might help me. She could help me stay focused when I have headaches and possibly make them go away or hurt less. I also chose her because I liked her story. I liked how she decided to pick a religious life over a married one. I like this because she went with what her heart wanted. St. Teresa of Ávila also cared for people. I can care for people too with the service hours I give for my Confirmation. So far I have helped my mother's work and washed all of the school chairs to help. This has helped me with my service hours because I have learned how much time people spend doing little things in life. I have realized that it takes more time and effort to accomplish something. Sincerely, Payton Hartsfield

As part of their journey preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, our school & RE students have each created their own personalized "Coat of Arms," highlighting who they are, their values, and their faith.

Be sure to view them on display in the hallway near Room 1 and the Gym before Confirmation on February 15th!

*May God bless our Confirmandi!*





## School Spotlight

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



St. Philip the Apostle School began Catholic Schools Week with a beautiful and inspiring Mass. The service brought the community together in faith, setting a meaningful tone for the week of celebration and learning.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

#### JUBILEE YEAR 2025 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



On February 8-9, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with those who are in the Armed Forces, Police Service, and Security Officials. We all depend on these women and men to keep us safe and come to our aid when we are in trouble. We know they will be ready to do whatever is needed to shield us and help us to feel secure. Whenever you see one of these civil servants, do stop to thank them for their unselfish service to all people.



**PAMELA REITH**  
 Director of Religious Education

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We are so excited for the St. Philip School & Religious Ed 8th graders that are going to make their Confirmation next Saturday. Our new Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies will be the presider distributing their third Sacrament of Initiation. We are grateful to Bishop Spies and look forward to meeting him.

Confirmation is receiving the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: WISDOM-to feel God's presence beside you. UNDERSTANDING-to follow God's way. COUNSEL-to advise on the teachings of the church to enlighten and guide. FORTITUDE-to stand up, have courage, be strong in the teachings of the church. KNOWLEDGE-to know right from wrong. PIETY-to worship God and pray. Acts of reverence and charity. FEAR OF THE LORD-being in awe of the mighty works of our God! Giving God Respect.

Please pray for our Confirmandi that these seven gifts will help to form and strengthen them for God's will the rest of their lives.

Last Wednesday, our 6th & 7th grade RE boys attended a Father/Son Retreat with Bill Johnson. We are thankful for Bill's inspiring presentation and also grateful for our Deacon Sean McGreal for joining and giving his inspiring example. Thank you to all the dads that attended and your desire to show your sons an example of your presence in their faith journey.

In a couple of weeks, February 26th, our 6th & 7th grade girls will experience a Mother/Daughter Retreat with Betsy Fons. Also, a reminder to the 2nd grade parents, there will be a First Eucharist Parent meeting with me on February 12th at 4:40 p.m.

Lastly, Jane Truchan and I would like to thank the anonymous person or persons who requested a Mass last Sunday for both of us. We were humbled and grateful for your kindness. God bless you and your family!

### Father/Son Retreat





**DEACON PHILIP HEITZ, OFS**  
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 Marriage/Baptismal Preparation

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Last week we started to read what St. Augustine wrote about prayer. Today, we read more from him.

“Let us always desire the happy life from the Lord God and always pray for it. But for this very reason we turn our mind to the task of prayer at appointed hours, since that desire grows lukewarm, so to speak, from our involvement in other concerns and occupations. We remind ourselves through the words of prayer to focus our attention on the object of our desire; otherwise, the desire that began to grow lukewarm may grow chill altogether and may be totally extinguished unless it is repeatedly stirred into flame.

Therefore, when the Apostle says: *Let your petitions become known before God*, this should not be taken in the sense that they are in fact becoming known to God who certainly knew them even before they were made, but that they are becoming known to us before God through submission and not before men through boasting.

Since this is the case, it is not wrong or useless to pray even for a long time when there is the opportunity. I mean when it does not keep us from performing the other good and necessary actions we are obliged to do. But even in these actions, as I have said, we must always pray with that desire. To pray for a longer time is not the same as to pray by multiplying words, as some people suppose. Lengthy talk is one thing, a prayerful disposition which lasts a long time is another. For it is even written in reference to the Lord himself that he spent the night in prayer and that he prayed at great length. Was he not giving us an example by this? In time, he prays when it is appropriate; and in eternity, he hears our prayers with the Father...

Excessive talking should be kept out of prayer but that does not mean that one should not spend much time in prayer so long as fervent attitude continues to accompany his prayer. To talk at length in prayer is to perform a necessary action with an excess of words. To spend much time in prayer is to knock with a persistent and holy fervor at the door of the one whom we beseech. This task is generally accomplished more through sighs than words, more through weeping than speech. He *places our tears in his sight, and our sighs are not hidden from him*, for he has established all things through his Word and does not seek human words.”

**Called & Gifted Charism Workshop**

Discover your gifts and how God may be calling you to use them!

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**  
**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**  
 2003 Hassert Blvd, Naperville, IL 60564  
**8:30am-3:30pm (lunch included)**

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you!

This workshop is sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet, hosted by Holy Spirit parish, and led by the Catherine of Siena Institute. Since its founding in 1997, the Siena Institute has worked with over 100,000 Catholics in hundreds of parishes on 5 continents.

Register for just \$35 by 2/19/25  
<https://ip.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/d2xj49j>

Questions? Contact Martha Torres at 815-221-6128 or mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org

Ministry Schedule for February 15/16, 2025	
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>Lector:</b> Fran Schwichtenberg <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> Carol Cesario, Judy Alber, Bonnie Daniello <b>Altar Servers:</b> Natale Panzeca, one needed <b>Ushers:</b> Michael Grigsby, Jim Panzarella, Mike Provinzino, Dave Schwichtenberg, one needed
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Lector:</b> Dennis Baier <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> Deacon Phil Heitz, Janet Baier, Vincent Panzeca <b>Altar Servers:</b> Natale Panzeca, one needed <b>Ushers:</b> Dan Fachel, Ethan Fachel, Jack Ochocinski, two needed
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Lector:</b> Jennifer Calabrese <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> Rosa Calabrese, Mark Calabrese, Lilly Katavic, Annamarie Corcione, Louise Russo <b>Altar Servers:</b> Vinny Calabrese, Izabella Trujillo <b>Ushers:</b> Angela Addante, Pat Corcione, Joe Bien, Dave Marshall, Rudy Tamondong

**Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church?**  
 Interested in serving as a Lector, Communion Minister, Usher, or Altar Server? Please contact Deacon Philip Heitz, OFS if you want to answer the call...





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The call of Christ to Peter and the others to a life so different than they could ever imagine may seem like something that we could never do. In fact you may feel a form of relief that Jesus called them to help lay the foundation of our faith for us. Thinking about it may make us grateful that they answered and followed so we could just belong without putting ourselves in their place.

When you truly look at your life, there were moments when God called you to a mission of sorts: when we come to the realization of what we want to do for a living, who to marry, to have children or to live a single life, or to be involved in a ministry. If we place Christ at the center of our being, then we can see how He has guided us to where we are in this moment.

Trying something different than what we have planned to do, or thought was what we wanted, can be difficult to do. We all get into our comfort zones; we feel like we are doing enough, and we are content with life. The disciples were probably at this point in their lives before they heard and met Jesus. Then their lives changed and were never the same again. They accomplished things they never thought possible. What's to say that that same experience cannot be our experience?

If we remain open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, he can change our lives in ways we have yet to imagine. We all have talents and gifts that still have potential we are not aware of. The only way to fully use all that we have been given is to embrace the unknown that God leads us to, trusting that He is in control and will enable us to succeed no matter where we are in life.

Peace, Deacon Sean

**Weekend Offertory for February 1/2, 2025**

**Actual Offertory:** \$12,037

**Budget Offertory:** \$12,323

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** (\$286)

**Fiscal Year to Date - July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025**

**Actual Offertory:** \$354,782

**Budget Offertory:** \$382,008

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** (\$27,226)

**Fiscal Year to Date - Current Year Vs. Prior Year**

**Current Fiscal Year to Date Offertory:** \$354,782

**Prior Fiscal Year to Date Offertory:** \$368,858

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** (\$14,075)

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

**Thursday March 6th, 2025**

**Time: 6:30 to 9:30 pm**

**PAISANS PIZZERIA**  
2901 Ogden Ave Lisle, IL 60532



**Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet**

Bishop Spies was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Joliet on June 1, 2002, by Bishop Joseph L. Imesch at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois. Following ordination, Bishop Spies ministered for many years in the Diocese.

Over the past 18 years, Bishop Spies has given his time and offered ministry in a number of other roles including Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Dean of the Will County Deanship of parishes and priests, Institute of Priestly Formation spiritual director, Cursillo weekend retreats and spiritual leader, and Be Healed weekend retreats and spiritual leader.

Throughout his various ministries, Bishop Spies values the ability to meet and connect with people in a way that allows others to better know Jesus Christ. His life goal is to be known as "one who loved and taught others to love."

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**The Coldest Night of the Year**



The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us on February 22, 2025 at 5:00PM in Villa Park as we raise funds for Catholic

Charities' Kathy Paulsen Hope House Shelter.

**Kathy Paulsen Hope House** is an 18-bed homeless shelter in Villa Park, providing a temporary safe haven for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. During their stay, program participants work intensively with case managers to secure stable employment and permanent housing. Hope House empowers residents to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability.

**To learn more,** visit: <https://cnoy.com/location/villapark> or call 815-724-1140. It's FREE to participate, so team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to look closer... because it's cold out there.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

*Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

**8:00 AM** (Communion Service)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**8:00 AM** Mary June & May O'Brien

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**8:00 AM** (Communion Service)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**8:00 AM** Dorothy Kosmal

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

*Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius*

**8:00 AM** The People of the Parish

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**4:00 PM** Confessions until 4:30 PM

**5:00 PM** Anticipated Mass for Sunday

Vittorio Cariou / Ernesto Ridolfi / Lynn Monardo

Sue Valentino / Nick Ferri / Jack Hayden

Sandi Milazzo / Antonio Bongiovanni

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**8:00 AM** Mark Trzaska / Elaine Rocha

Father's Day Mass Card Recipients

**10:00 AM** The People of the Parish



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

***Dorothy Kosmal***

Our sympathy to her friends and family.

### Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,  
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me.

When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength.

Help me to leave everything and follow you.

Amen

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## In Our Prayers

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

Rudy Alber	Lucas Hameau	Vito Montana
Jenny Bellezza	Anita Harshbarger	Bill Montroy
Tania Brewer	Ifrena Holtz	Sam Mulay
Pat Bugielski	Rose Mary Kasper	Geri Mulcahy
Ray Bugielski	Zachary Kasper	Avery Quarles
Alison Carey	Garrett Klein	Cindy Reboletti
Jennifer Carlsen	Joyce Klein	John Rossi
Toni Cheloni	Kroll Family	Steve Ryba
Brian Cherry	Domenico Latrofa	Rita Seidl
Tim Kullum Cherry	Shirley Legaspi	John Silvestri
Reverend Al Corbo	Janet Lombardi	Bill Slovik
William Czerniak	Sandra Lundgren	Wanda Slupik
Jack D'Angelo	MacMillan Family	Josephine Smith
Michael DeStefano	Rose Maglio	Louis Sommesi
Anna Marie Falak	Diane McLaren	Bella Sosa-Cortes
Leo Di Fazio	Cindy Miles	Larry Spino
Rosalia Di Girolamo	Rosemarie Miller	Mary Taschetta
Elios Gallardo	JoAnne Moberg	Raymond Troksa
Todd Gardener	Rhodes Modelski	Zarko Vecerkovic
Anna Marie Gubenko	Ashley Moley	Diana Waden

Please get permission from family members or the person who is ill before requesting that their name be added to the prayer list. To add a name, please call 630-543-1754, or email cjaskey@st-phil.org.

**PRAY FOR OUR**  
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**MILITARY**

Please pray for everyone currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

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

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**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.

**Pulpit Announcements & Bulletin Deadlines:** Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions. Please submit pulpit announcements to Deacon Phil Heitz (pheizt@st-phil.org; 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the Thursday preceding the desired weekend. Please send bulletin submissions to Cathy (cjaskey@st-phil.org) a week prior to desired publication date.

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Today, Jesus has interrupted Peter from his work, but Peter chooses to help Jesus anyway. When Peter lowers his nets once more, his nets come up so full that they are bursting at the seams. What if Peter had said no and told Jesus to get back to the shore so he could get back to work? But this wasn't what the usually impatient Peter did; he listened to Jesus who asked something which seemed unreasonable. And his whole life changed. (*Living Liturgy*)

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