

st. philip the apostle parish

1233 W. HOLTZ IN ADDISON, IL

JANUARY 19, 2025 | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Fill the jars with water."

John 2:7



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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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.



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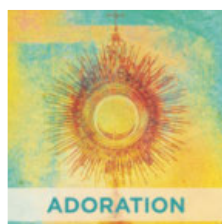
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THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on **January 26th** at **10:00 a.m. Mass.**



First Friday Eucharist Adoration

February 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. Philip the Apostle Church

All are welcome. The church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please take the opportunity to spend some quality time with our Lord. You may stay for any amount of time. Feel free to contact Deacon Phil with any questions.



Senior Socialites

All Seniors are WELCOME!

Thursday, February 13
from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
in Room 1.

Theme: St. Valentine/
Red, Pink, & White.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



Throughout this year, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer, and with special activities in Rome, various groups of peoples. We have been asked to do the same. On January 24-26, the World of Communications will be remembered. How have the activities of Communications assisted all people in becoming "neighbors" to each other? How have we used Communication tools and techniques to better our life and the life of all peoples? Do you know someone who works in the World of Communications? If so, this would be a good time to thank them for their service to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 20 to January 26, 2025

Monday 1/20/25	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>No School & Parish Offices Closed</i> 8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 6:00 p.m.-St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Room 2)
Tuesday 1/21/25	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-Confessions following Morning Mass (Church) 7:00 p.m.-Contempo Choir Practice (Church) 7:00 p.m.-Adult Faith Formation: Gospel of Matthew (Room 1) 7:00 p.m.-Knights of Columbus Meeting (Rectory)
Wednesday 1/22/25	8:00 a.m.-Communion Service (Church) 4:30 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades K-5 5:45 p.m.-RE Choir Practice (Church) 6:30 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades 6-8
Thursday 1/23/25	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 3:00 p.m.-Children's Choir Practice (Church) 7:00 p.m.-Traditional Choir Practice (Church)
Friday 1/24/25	8:00 a.m.-School Mass (Church) 6:00 p.m.-Boys Basketball Games (Gym)
Saturday 1/25/25	<i>St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive</i> 8:15 a.m.-Legion of Mary (Vesting Room) 9:00 a.m.-Boys Basketball Games (Gym) 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.-Confessions (Church) 5:00 p.m.-Mass with Contempo Choir (Church)
Sunday 1/26/25	<i>St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive</i> <i>Catholic Schools Week</i> <i>School Open House</i> <i>11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</i> 8:00 a.m.-Mass with Traditional Choir (Church) 9:00 a.m.-OCIA (Room 1) 10:00 a.m.-Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word & Children's Choir (Church) 12:00 p.m.-Baptisms (Church)

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



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

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

GALA

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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 at: school.st-phil.org/spartan-gala-2025

Discover St. Philip the Apostle School at our

OPEN HOUSE

- Take a guided tour
- Meet with current families
- Meet the Principal & Faculty
- Visit the classrooms



- Learn about our Before & After Care
- Begin the application process for 2025-26 school year
- Enjoy a Light reception

Please sign up here for the Open House or to request information:



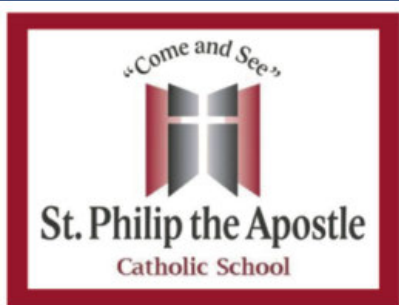
Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Interested in our school? Sign up for more information: school.st-phil.org/request-info

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School Spotlight

The Christmas Concert was magical and a wonderful time was had by all. More photos, clips, and the full concert are available on the school's social media accounts. Thank you students for sharing your joy. You inspired us this Christmas season and continue to all year long!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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Its hard to believe that we are approaching the end of January already. It won't be long and Ash Wednesday will be arriving on March 5 this year.

As I was looking at my Catholic Calendar on my desk, I noticed the term "Proper Psalter II " for this Sunday the 19th. I researched what a "Psalter week" means and found that it refers to a cycle of 7 days when the entire book of Psalms is prayed during the Liturgy of Hours.

Each day focuses on a specific section of Psalms rotating through different sections of the week. The Liturgy of the Hours is a daily prayer practiced by the Catholic church that includes morning prayer, mid-day prayer, evening prayer and night prayer. Specific Psalms are chosen each day and can vary depending upon the liturgical season, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

Wishing everyone good health and safety during this slippery winter season. God Bless all!!



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 Francesco Gallo, a student from St. Philip the Apostle School. Please keep Francesco and all of our students in your prayers as they continue their preparations toward adulthood in the Church.

Dear St. Philip the Apostle Parish,

I am Francesco Gallo and Confirmation plays a very big role in my life. I am going to make my Confirmation next year so I must start preparing now. Preparing for Confirmation can take a very long time. Confirmation can help me grow in faith. It also strengthens my faith in God. There are many reasons Confirmation is important. There are so many things about Confirmation that I would love to write about. One of the things is that there are so many reasons that make me feel like I am ready for Confirmation. I also have a plan on how I am going to live my life more faithful after I am Confirmed. My family can also help me become closer to God.

Confirmation is a big part of my life. So if I want to have a good Confirmation I have to be ready to become closer with God. Getting ready for Confirmation can take a long time so that's why we are starting right now. We are learning about the Saints we picked. This is a very important part because we picked these saints because we relate to them. I picked St. Michael the Archangel because he is the protector of God's church and the protector of humans. This relates to me because I feel I am the protector of my family. I have to make sure my siblings are safe. Especially when my dad is not home then it's my responsibility to keep my family safe. I feel ready to be confirmed because of all the practice we have done and all of the learning we have done on this. I have prayed to God about who to pick for my sponsor and for my Saint. I picked my Nonna for a sponsor because she is a great example for me. She never says anything bad about anyone. She is always talking about God. She goes to church about 3 times a week. She prays a lot and reads the Bible almost every day. I feel I am ready for Confirmation also because of her, when I picked her to be my sponsor she started crying that's how much it means to her. I realized how much a big deal this is from that. Confirmation is a huge part of my life right now so I must be prepared. Getting confirmed is a huge responsibility because you are closer with God. You must have a plan on how you can keep growing your relationship with God after. I already have a plan. My plan is to pray every day at least three times a day. I would also like to go to Church every Sunday. I also want to fulfill what I think God wants me to do with my life and that is to become a very good soccer player. I think that that is my vocation from God. If I want to become a great player though I have to stay close with God. God is the reason I am even alive right now. He is the reason we all are alive. Why would anyone not praise the one who made them? I have no clue, but through all the people saying God's not real, I know he is. With Confirmation I will have a better bond with God.

One big thing that has helped me get closer to God is my family. My younger brother and sister have helped me prepare for Confirmation because they are always happy and when they're happy I am happy. Being happy is very good for getting ready for Confirmation. You don't want to be sad during Confirmation. My parents and older sister also play a huge role because they have already gotten confirmed. So if I have a question they can help me. They also helped me pick my saint. They gave me ideas of people who I relate to. With their help, I can participate in God's mission more after Confirmation because they might get me a Bible, a rosary, or take me to church, pray with me but I can also pray by myself, and last but not least we can add holy images or decorations to our house. I have also done a lot of service experiences. One of them was VBS aka Vacation Bible School. We had a lot of fun, and learned about Jesus. But learning about Jesus is fun so it was amazing. I love doing it, I have done it for so many years now. Another service experience I have done is Feed My Starving Children. The boys and I did that and it was so fun. It was super fun, but we were also helping people in need. For all we know we could've saved someone from dying of starvation. We worked very fast, but very neat. The last service experience I did was work at the concession stand at the school volleyball game. All of these things were very fun, but were for a good cause.

Confirmation brings people closer together and closer to God. I am so ready for Confirmation. I feel I have a great relationship with God right now and I'm ready to make it stronger. I can't wait to make my confirmation. We have done so much to get ready for this experience and there's still more preparation to come. Now, after Confirmation I will have an even better relationship with God. After Confirmation I hope to keep building my bond with God. I will go to church, pray, read the Bible, I just want to do anything I can do to get so close to God right now with how the world is right now. My family also is very religious so that helps me with my Confirmation. They help me get prepared on top of the preparation I do at school. My siblings and parents guide me through my struggles and are always helping me. Service experiences are amazing and so much fun to do. I hope to keep doing them even after Confirmation. Another person that has helped me get ready for Confirmation is my sponsor. My nonna has done so much, she just inspires me to want to pray or read the Bible. Saint Michael the Archangel also inspires me. He is an amazing saint. I relate to him because he is the protector and sometimes I feel I am the protector of my family. Confirmation is so important to me and my faith and I hope that everyone including me has a great Confirmation experience. From, Francesco Gallo



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One of the goals of any Catholic parish is to create living saints. That's certainly a goal foremost in our minds here at St. Philip's. Unfortunately, for many of us that goal appears to be an unattainable pipe dream not in step with reality. Naturally, if we don't believe a goal is reachable, and not even reasonably possible, we won't have any interest in pursuing it.

My belief is living sainthood is not only possible, but an absolute necessity. We intellectually recognize that everyone who reaches heaven is automatically a saint. Each one of us wants (and expects) to eventually get to heaven, but do we actually live that expectation, or do we fall into the numerous traps our secular society lays out for us?

Too often we assume living saints have to go without food, walk barefoot, pray in church 12 hours a day, and never even think a cross word about anyone. That assumption is obviously false. St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Therese of Lisieux) became a saint having done none of those things. She lived a short life and never traveled far from home, yet has been designated patroness of missionaries. Her book, *The Story of a Soul*, is famous for explaining her "little way" to sainthood. Here's something she wrote:

"Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistles of Saint Paul in the hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of the first epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, that the Church is composed of a variety of members, and that the eye cannot be the hand. Even with such an answer revealed before me, I was not satisfied and did not find peace.

I persevered in the reading and did not let my mind wander until I found this encouraging theme: *Set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will show you the way which surpasses all others.* For the Apostle insists that the greater gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I had found peace of mind.

When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognized myself in none of the members which Saint Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favorably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed I knew that the Church had a body composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then, nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly I have found my place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction."

Ministry Schedule for January 25/26, 2025	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Lector: Fran Schwichtenberg Extraordinary Ministers: Bonnie Daniello, Janet Baier, Carol Cesario Altar Servers: Natale Panzeca, one needed Ushers: Michael Grigsby, Jim Panzarella, Mike Provinzino, Dave Schwichtenberg, one needed
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Lector: Karyn Ustas Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Ferenzi, Mary Kent, Judy Alber Altar Servers: Franklin Meeks, one needed Ushers: Dan Fchet, Ethan Fchet, Mike Gawlik, Jack Ochocinski, one needed
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Lector: Valerie Kosinski Extraordinary Ministers: Ann McGreal, Deacon Sean McGreal, Annamarie Corcione, Louise Russo, Rosa Calabrese Altar Servers: Emilio Accolti, Joseph Ibarra Ushers: Angela Addante, Pat Corcione, Joe Bien, Dave Marshall, Rudy Tamondong

Prayer for the Miraculous

O God beyond my understanding,
 Bring Your soul-stirring power into my life today.
 In the places where people are saying, "It can't be done"
 or "There's no solution," act in such a way that responds:
 "There is a way, and there is a God, and He loves me."
 Amen. ©LPi

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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We have entered into the Ordinary Time of our liturgical calendar, a time of following the ministry of Jesus. In our second reading today we hear of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This reading is associated closely with the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament is part of the three sacraments of initiation, along with baptism and Eucharist, which bring us completely into the life and discipleship of Jesus and our faith.

We all possess gifts that we are aware of, however we all also have gifts that are yet to be realized. We never really know how much more we can grow in understanding of what we are capable of until an experience arises that opens us up to a new horizon or opportunity to be something more than we are already.

Have you ever considered an aspect of our lives that we never thought we could be good at and then we come through that situation finding out that we could do what was needed?

In keeping an open heart to the grace of God and an open mind to those around us this is possible. Jesus tells us not to worry about the things of this world, but to place our trust in our heavenly Father. When our trust is in God, His Holy Spirit will provide us with what is needed to do the will of our Father.

All that happens in our lives is part of God's plan to benefit us and all His people. When we act in the spirit of love, God enables us to do great things for His glory. All that occurs has a purpose and in learning from these events, we touch the lives of others creating a bond of love, trust, and compassion.

Let us pray that we will be ever open to God's presence in our life and to allow His will to be done through us.

Peace, Deacon Sean



Addison Community Blood Drive

Saturday, Jan. 25
 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Good Samaritan
 United Methodist Church
 960 Army Trail Blvd.
 Addison, IL 60101
 Community Room

To schedule your appointment or for more information contact Judy Socha at 630.628.1959 or call vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit us at vitalant.org and use group code: ORDOG106. Or, SCAN QR Code.

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Actual Collection: \$45,249

Budget Collection: \$52,000

Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$6,751)

Actual Collection: \$45,249

Prior Year Collection: \$48,521

Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$3,272)

Weekend Offertory for January 11/12, 2025

Actual Offertory: \$10,740

Budget Offertory: \$12,323

Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$1,583)

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

Actual Offertory: \$323,057

Budget Offertory: \$345,040

Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$21,983)

Fiscal Year to Date - Current Year Vs. Prior Year

Current Fiscal Year to Date Offertory: \$323,057

Prior Fiscal Year to Date Offertory: \$337,872


Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$14,815)

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For more information call or email Mike Bruntz at 708.415.7719 or undcmike63@aol.com

An Evening for Women: LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Sunday, January 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Margaret Woods Hall - St. Peter the Apostle Church | 551 N. Rush Street | Itasca

As a new year begins, women are invited to an evening of reflection intended to focus on fulfilling God's purpose for life. Often, day-to-day life can be a distraction from understanding and embracing what is meant of the gift of being a woman — wife, mother, daughter, etc.

Ainish Philip, a lay evangelist with AFCYM USA, will offer her insight for women at all stages of life.

Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.



Ainish Philip, stands out as a devoted Catholic lay evangelist. Driven by her belief that "only the word of God can touch their hearts," Mrs. Philip continues to inspire with her unwavering dedication to evangelism, embodying a life of faith, sacrifice, and service.



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.

During this season of Ordinary Time, the liturgical color is green, a color that represents new life and growth. What new life do we notice appearing within our hearts and our community? How are the lessons God has taught us in the other liturgical seasons providing a lens for new insights and development in our relationship with Christ and our neighbors? *Living Liturgy*



Bishop Hicks' Column January 2025

From Jubilee to Jubilee: A Path of Celebration and Renewal



A year ago, we launched the 75th Jubilee for the Diocese of Joliet. Gallantly, we announced we did not want this milestone to be a "one and done" event. Instead, we committed ourselves to a yearlong commemoration to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to the future with hope.

Not only did we accomplish our goal, but we also did it exceptionally well. Throughout 2024, we spent the year catechizing, evangelizing, and putting our faith into action with podcasts, blogs, calendars, banners, interviews, special prayers, intentions, psalms, a curriculum for our schools and religious education programs, service projects, a speaker series, regional Masses, and participation in the Eucharistic Revival. We kicked off our Jubilee celebration in December 2023 with an all-Diocese mass and the unveiling and blessing of a new statue of our patron saint, Saint Francis Xavier, at the front entrance of our pastoral center. We concluded our Jubilee celebration this past December with an all-Diocese mass and a beautiful commemorative book. By all accounts, our yearlong Jubilee celebration was beautiful, well-organized, creative, faith-filled, uplifting, and robust.

With great faith and trust in the Lord, we now take our next steps into year 76 and beyond, following in the footsteps of Christ as Missionary Disciples. I have been asked, "Bishop, do we need to wait 25 years to celebrate another Jubilee?" Here's the good news: while our local diocesan Jubilee has concluded, a new universal Jubilee has just begun

Pope Francis has gifted our worldwide Church by declaring a Jubilee year titled *Spes Non Confundit*, which in English means "Hope Does Not Disappoint." It began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026.

The theme of this universal Church Jubilee is *Pilgrims of Hope*, promoting peacebuilding in a world threatened by war, terrorism, poverty, and climate change. Our world needs true hope more than ever, and the Holy Father wisely recognizes that. He said, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring."

During this Jubilee year, we are invited to make a pilgrimage to Rome to visit holy sites, perform pious works, and seek opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and other ways to strengthen and revive our faith. If you plan to travel to Rome during this Jubilee year, please consult the *U.S. Visitors to the Vatican* website at www.pnac.org/visitorsoffice/about-the-visitors-office/, which provides information to help you plan your pilgrimage for a truly prayerful experience.

While the Pope is excited about visitors to Rome during this special year, he also understands that, realistically, most people are not able to travel to the city of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Therefore, he encourages us all to celebrate in our local churches and communities.

In solidarity with the universal Jubilee year, we will be offering the following Masses here in the Diocese of Joliet:

- **Jubilee Mass for Deacons:** February 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- **Jubilee Mass for Persons with Disabilities:** June 1, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Cathedral
- **Jubilee Mass for Priests:** September 16, 2025 (for priests only during Convocation)
- **Jubilee Mass for Grandparents:** October 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- **Jubilee Mass for Consecrated Life:** October 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Blanchette Catholic Center (Invitation Only)
- **Jubilee Mass for Catechists:** October 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral

Pope Francis has asked that the Jubilee of 2025 be a "great symphony of prayer" throughout the world. Just as we prayed our beautiful 75th anniversary prayer for the Diocese of Joliet throughout 2024, let us now join the Holy Father in praying the Jubilee year of Hope prayer:

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity*
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.
To you God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM Lillian Keppler

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM Dorothy Klemm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Paul and Mary Novosel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Judy Steidele

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

4:00 PM Confessions until 4:30 PM

5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday

Father's Day Mass Card Recipients

Lynn Monardo / Sandi Milazzo

Gloria Amante / Sue Valentino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Charles Nemecek / James Maurer
Lillian Keppler

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

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



**Stanley Robert
Blackwell**

Pietra Fricano

Lillian Keppler

Dorothy Klemm

Julia Principata

Our sympathy to their friends and families.

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	Judy Jaskey	Geri Mulcahy
Ray Bugielski	Rose Mary Kasper	Avery Quarles
Alison Carey	Zachary Kasper	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 Moloy	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 (pheitz@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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There are many gifts but the same Spirit. Gifts are not ranked, not greater or lesser, and gifts are different. We might not recognize our own gifts, wishing we had the gifts of someone else instead. And yet the Lord delights in each one of us—as individuals and in our differences. The gift of differences allows us to stand in solidarity with one another, caring for one another in wisdom, in discernment, in knowledge, or in speech. Because we are different, we are called together to be in community; our communities should not be composed of persons who are all the same. Communities are called to diversity by God's design. *Living Liturgy*

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