THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024** 

#### 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.

#### **MASS 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.

#### 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.)

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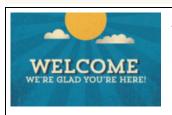
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## If you are a new visitor to our church today, welcome!

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 online registration form at st-phil.org.

#### **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 Jaskey (cjaskey@st-phil.org; 630-543-1754) a week prior to desired publication date.





## Please give a warm St. Philip's welcome to the following people who joined our parish community in the last month:

The Tirado/Torres Family

Ms Rita Dattilo

The Hager Family

The Meeks/Waychoff Family

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 15 to 21, 2024				
Monday 4/15/24	8:00 a.mMass (Church) 6:30 p.mLegion of Mary (Vesting Room)			
Tuesday 4/16/24	8:00 a.mMass (Church) 8:30 a.mConfessions following Mass (Church) 7:00 p.mKnights of Columbus Meeting (Rectory) 7:00 p.mFollowing Christ (Room 1)			
Wednesday 4/17/24	8:00 a.mCommunion Service (Church)			
Thursday 4/18/24	8:00 a.mMass (Church) 3:00 p.mSchool Children's Choir Practice (Church) 7:00 p.mTraditional Choir Practice (Church)			
Friday 4/19/24	8:00 a.mSchool Mass with Children's Choir (Church)			
Saturday 4/20/24	9:00 a.mRE First Eucharist Practice (Church) 4:00 p.mConfessions (Church) 5:00 p.mMass (Church)			
Sunday 4/21/24	8:00 a.mMass (Church) 9:00 a.mFollowing Christ Retreat (Church, Room 1) 10:00 a.mMass with Traditional Choir (Church)			

As you may have noticed, we have a new Good Friday cross that's now in the narthex as well as a beautiful, new book stand by the celebrant's chair. Fr. Binu and the entire parish wish to thank Ken and Gail Smith for their donations. Ken graciously designed and crafted both with Gail providing research on crosses. These are wonderful additions to our art and environment, and we are truly grateful.







Also, we wish to thanks all those who worked so diligently in creating beauty in our church building for the Lenten season, Triduum, and Easter. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## **Bishop Hicks' Column**

April 2024

#### **FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES**





CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Recently, my "movie whisperer" colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, "Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!"

When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.





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The Easter egg hunt was a big success as you can see below. Fun for all ages! It was made possible by everyone who donated eggs, helped assemble them, and created this great time. Thank you to all who helped and all who participated!













### Happy Solar Eclipse Day from the Kindergarten class!

You can check out the video on St. Philip the Apostle School's Facebook and Instagram pages.







## CAROL SCHUBERT Director of Faith Formation

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The Religious Education office would like to thank all of our program volunteers who generously contribute their time, talents, and treasures. These volunteers include catechists, classroom aides, special event coordinators, security staff,

and office staff. We are so inspired and grateful for all you do.

RE First Eucharist practice will be **Saturday**, **April 20th**, **at 9:00 a.m.** First Eucharist for students in Religious Education will be **Saturday**, **May 4th**, **at 11:00 a.m.** Please remember in your prayers the all of the students who will celebrate their First Communion this year.

It's that time of year again to go on another Vacation Bible School adventure with the children of St. Philip the Apostle Parish! This year's theme is SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God! It is scheduled for Monday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to Noon each day. Please return the registration form no later than May 10, 2024, or until all spots fill up. Space is limited so please register early!



If you are interested in volunteering to be a crew leader or craft/game helper, please contact the Religious Education

Office. Fourth and fifth grade students may sign up to be a VBS helper if accompanied by a parent or grandparent who is volunteering—an adult for every child. It's sure to be a *fin*-tastic time immersed in God's word!

The St. Philip the Apostle Religious Education Program is sponsoring their annual Mothers' & Fathers' Day Mass Intention Fundraiser on the weekends of April 27/28 and May 4/5 in the narthex.

For a suggested donation of \$10/name, you will be able to remember that special mom and dad (either deceased or living) with a monthly Mass intention (under the notation Mothers' / Fathers' Day

For a suggested donation of \$10/name, you will be able to remember that special mom and dad (either deceased or living) with a monthly Mass intention (under the notation Mothers /Fathers Day Mass Intention Recipients) for a year. Mass cards will be available for presentation to the recipients, mothers /fathers names will be listed in special inserts in the Mothers /Fathers Day Sunday bulletins, and their names will be in the binder by the votive candle stand in the church.

Don't want to wait in line to write down your loved ones' names? Fill out the information below, include your donation (checks made to St. Philip the Apostle Parish), seal it in an envelope marked "RE Office," & drop it in the offertory basket. If you need a gift card, pick one up in the narthex on the weekend of April 27/28 and May 4/5.

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ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP:

FAMILY NAME:

## St. Philip the Apostle Parish Vacation Bible School SCUBA - DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD!

June 10-12, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day

Please fill out this registration form below with information about each child enrolling in Vacation Bible School.

Students from PreK4 (4 years old by June 1, 2024) to Grade 3 (2023/2024 school year) may attend.

The fee is \$50 per child. Checks should be made to **St. Philip the Apostle Parish**.

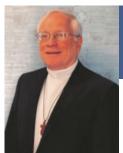
#### The registration deadline is May 10, 2024, or until all spots fill up.

Please return your completed form and payment to St. Philip the Apostle Religious Education Office located at 1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison 60101.

For more information, please call 630-543-1754.

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## DEACON PHILIP HEITZ, OFS Director of Liturgy & Adult Faith Formation Marriage/Baptismal Preparation

Soon we will be celebrating Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conferring of special charisms (gifts) not only on the Apostles, but also on the numerous persons who were present. Scripture describes the unusual gifts of healing, prophecy, teaching, exhortation, etc. that were given to those early disciples,

and our tendency is to consider that time of special graces to have ended with the deaths of those early disciples of Jesus. We now recognize that assumption is certainly not the case, and events have confirmed that the Holy Spirit remains actively involved in our lives.

We easily recognize that the Holy Spirit imparts grace in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, but in practice, those graces seem to be inert and not clearly revealed in the lives of most of us. Few of us realize the importance of activating those dormant gifts in helping us live as intentional disciples on our journey toward a heavenly reward.

You may be familiar with the word "charismatic" or been aware of "charismatic" Masses or "healing" Masses, but have no direct understanding about them. Charismatic prayer groups are active in our diocese, and our parish was blessed to have one for over 40 years.

In 1901, Pope Leo XIII prayed for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In preparation for the Second Vatican Council, Pope St. John XXIII prayed in 1962, "Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen."

The Second Vatican Council stressed the importance of the "universal call to holiness." Jesus, "preached holiness of life to each and every one of His disciples of every condition." The Council further taught that Jesus gives both the call and the ability to fulfill it because Jesus, "sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them." Once the universal call to holiness was proclaimed by the Pope and the bishops, it was up to

the people to respond to this call, and to ask God for grace to fulfill it.

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The history of the Life in the Spirit is interesting, and will be explained further in coming articles. May the Spirit be an inspiration for your daily life.

ministry ochedate for April 20 & 21, 2024		
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Lector: Dave Schwichtenberg Extraordinary Ministers: Jennifer Panzeca, two needed Altar Servers: Mason Lofton, one needed Ushers: Jim Panzarella, Mike Provinzino, two needed Celebrant: Fr. Binu Varghese	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Lector: Pamela Reith Extraordinary Ministers: Ethan Fachet, Deacon Phil Heitz, Anthony Amato Altar Servers: Carli Fachet, Ryder Reyes Ushers: Dan Fachet, three needed Celebrant: Fr. Binu Varghese	
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Lector: Ralph Scavone Extraordinary Ministers: Nanette Truppa, Rich Truppa, Mark Calabrese, Rosa Calabrese, Michael Bruntz Altar Servers: Vinny Calabrese, Damiano Memushaj Ushers: Angela Addante, Pat Corcione,	

Dave Marshall, Rudy Tamondong, Trinh Tran

Celebrant: Fr. Binu Varghese

Ministry Schedule for April 20 & 21, 2024



#### Knights of Columbus Council #650 Damen-Hildebrand

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The Knights of Columbus will be selling Challenge coins numbered from 1-250 when all coins are sold, we will draw a number from 1-250. Must have coin to win. After the number is picked, we will let everyone know the winning number by our Facebook page, our website, bulletin, and church announcements.

Questions, please call or email Mike Bruntz 708-415-7719 or unclmike63@aol.com



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Encounters between Jesus and his disciples are prevalent in the recent readings for Mass in this early part of the Easter season. Jesus bestows his peace upon them in each of the instances and reassures them that he really is alive by showing his wounds and sharing a meal with them.

Have you had an encounter with our Risen Lord? We can all answer yes to this question. Whenever we receive the Eucharist, we have a very personal interaction with Jesus. After all, we hold him in our hands and take him into our very being. In doing so Jesus fills us with his peace and the assurance that he will be with us always, just as he promised. Sadly not everyone has this opportunity or belief that we have; many think that this union with our Lord is merely a ritual act.

For we who believe in the Word of God have been blessed with the Real Presence of Christ, body, blood soul and divinity available to us whenever we attend Mass. This interaction of the human and divine is the source and summit of our faith and our lives.

John 3:16 says that God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son and anyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

Jesus continues to reveal himself in this way, in what looks like bread and wine. He also reveals himself in those around us, in the good deeds that they perform, in the opportunities that we have to extend his love and peace to others who are less fortunate than we are, and those in need. In these works of mercy and compassion, the love of God dispels the darkness of our world. As we continue as the disciples did as we approach the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us

remember that we are the hands and feet of

Christ alive in the world today.

Peace, Deacon Sean

Weekend Offertory for April 6/7, 2024
Actual Offertory: \$14,404
Budget Offertory: \$13,187
Favorable/(Unfavorable): \$1,217

Fiscal Year to Date - July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024

Actual Offertory: \$513,080 Budget Offertory: \$540,670 Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$27,590)

Fiscal Year to Date - Current Year Vs. Prior Year Current Year to Date Offertory: \$513,080
Prior Year to Date Offertory: \$516,292
Favorable/(Unfavorable): (\$3,212)

**Easter 2024 Actual Collection:** \$22,587 **Easter 2024 Budget Collection:** \$26,000 **Easter 2023 Actual Collection:** \$25,850

Thank you for your generosity!



#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 15 8:00 AM Todd Ressa

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 8:00 AM Mary Bauer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 8:00 AM Marilyn Corrado

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19 8:00 AM** Dianne Grant
Rosolino Di Tusa
Florence Di Tusa

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
4:00 PM Individual Rite of Penance
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**4th Sunday of Easter

**8:00 AM** Mother's Day Mass Card Recipients Jakob Bachmeier

**10:00 AM** Salituro Family Marc Stolfe
Gerald P. Brady Leo De Fazio
Jonathan Laxamana Kazimerz Bien

Rest in peace...

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

Zygis Poderys

Our sympathy to his friends and families.



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



Jenny Bellezza,
Tania Brewer,
Ray Bugielski,
Alison Carey,
Toni Cheloni,
Brian Cherry,
Tim Kullum Cherry,
Sylvia Culotta,

William Czerniak, Jack D'Angelo, Rosanna DePinto, Michael DeStefano, Leo Di Fazio, Elios Gallardo, Todd Gardener, Anna Marie Gubenko, Lucas Hameau, Anita Harshbarger, Tom Hemstreet, Ifrena Holtz, Judy Jaskey, Zachary Kasper, Joyce Klein, Kroll Family, Domenico Latrofa, Shirley Legaspi, Janet Lombardi, Sandra Lundgren, MacMillan Family, Diane McLaren, Cindy Miles, Rosemarie Miller, JoAnne Moberg, Rhodes Modelski, Vito Montana, Sam Mulay, Geri Mulcahy, Avery Quarles, Cindy Reboletti, John Rossi, Rita Seidl, John Silvestri, Bill Slovik, Wanda Slupik, Josephine Smith, Louis Sommesi, Bella Sosa-Cortes, Mary Taschetta, Raymond Troksa, Zarko Vecerkovic, Diana Waden

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 cjaskey@st-phil.org.

## PRAY FOR OUR \* \* \* \* \* \* MILITARY

Please pray for all of our young men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

Richard Avila, Marines Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force Elijah Burgins, Marines Emiliano Carrazco, Marines Kevin Catano, Marines Steven J. DeMarco, Army Matthew Deimling, Army Jack Domek, Marines Adam Dorney, Army Samantha Fallon, Navy Diego Feros, Army Blaze Galardy, Air Force Martin Garcia, Army Mark Jastowski, Marines Dylan Johnson, Army José Juarez, Navy Paul Keppler, Navv Ben Krause, Marines C. J. Loveland, Air Force Trevor Martin, Marines

Kristofferson Marzo, Army Andrew Maslanka, Army Matthew Maslanka, Army 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 email cjaskey@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.

Liturgical Ministries: We need men, women, and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Please contact Deacon Philip Heitz, OFS if you are interested.

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 have low-gluten hosts available 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.

Today's gospel passage follows the story of Cleopas and his companion encountering Christ on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples invite the man to dine with them, not realizing he was Jesus. At the blessing and breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes were opened, and they recognized that the one sitting around the table was their risen Savior. Soon after, Jesus startles another group of disciples who also did not recognize him at first glance. Their reactions beg the question: what keeps us from recognizing Christ in our midst? How can our senses be opened—through prayer, sacred encounters, and acts of service so that we are ready to greet Christ when he comes again? (Source: Living Liturgy)





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