



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

June 6, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Parish Office

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Mailing Address

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Office Location

2308 3rd Street
Huffman, TX 77336
Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Pastor

Rev. Richard Barker

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tues & Thurs: Noon
Wed & Fri: 9:00 am
First Sat: 9:00 am

Adoration

Wed: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm
Or by appointment

Feast of Corpus Christi

My dear parishioners, “the eucharistic sacrifice is the source and the summit of the whole of the Church's worship and of the Christian life”. [*Eucharisticum Mysterium* 3 1967] The word eucharist (Gk. *eucharistein*) invokes both *voicing* and *offering* thanks to our loving heavenly father. With this in mind, we take great care to participate in Mass with fidelity and observable devotion. This obviously embraces how we pray and sing hymns of praise to God. For God sees, God knows.



Certainly the meaning of Holy Eucharist is profound.

Its human and divine significance can never be mastered by human understanding or language. In truth, at our most eloquent, we Christians merely point to God's unfathomable gift of himself to his human creatures. Nevertheless, we may confidently witness to the miracles, large and small, God works in our lives and how we have been blessed.

Mortal man's ingenuity and industry, though reflecting to some degree the resplendent light of God's creation, cannot substitute for the love of God in our lives. Nor can imagination and enterprise validate humanity's existence in the absence of fidelity to true religion and cherishing a moral society. On all sides, we observe how self-worship and instant gratification are applauded. Our social media is awash with sensuality and consumption. The exploitation of spirituality is very troubling.

The great multitude of disoriented and lost souls needs a priest, indeed a universal Church of Catholic priests to plead pardon for them before God. They need priests to make atonement and reparation for them through the merits of holy Mass. People everywhere need priests to implore God to grant the world more time in the hope that a few more souls may be saved. My prayer is that you

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY AT ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Archdiocese Galveston-Houston Updated Pandemic Protocols

On May 19, Archbishop DiNardo changed the pandemic protocols effective May 22.

- Beginning May 22 at the Pentecost Vigil Mass, social distancing is no longer required during liturgical celebrations, and parish Churches and chapels may be filled to 100% of the building's occupancy load.
- Masks and face coverings will also not be required.
- Also starting May 22 at the Pentecost Vigil Mass, the temporary suspension of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue is removed. Holy Communion may be received on the tongue, or in the hand, at the communicant's discretion.
- However, the temporary suspension of receiving Holy Communion in the form of the Precious Blood from a common chalice remains in effect until further notice.



Women's Guild: New Officer Installation

On May 11, the new Women's Guild officers were installed for a two-year term, 2021-2023. Pictured below are: Left to right, Carol Asher-Treasurer, Kathy O'Donnell- President, Pat Pabst - Vice-President, and Mary LeJeune-Secretary. Congratulations to these ladies for their commitment to serve as officers for the next two years.



Dianne Truitt was honored for her eight years of service to the Women's Guild. She served two terms as President and two terms as Secretary. Her dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Maureen Rode, former President, presented Dianne Truitt some flowers and a small token of the Guild's appreciation.

We welcome all women of St. Philip to join this great organization. We work together for the love of our parish. We will resume our monthly meetings in September. Watch for meeting updates in the bulletin and online.

Upcoming CCE Events!

- ◆ Registration for 2021—2022 CCE School year is ongoing. All registration information and online form can be found at <https://stphiliphuffmantx.org/religious-education>
- ◆ AYC, Adolescent Youth Conference: July 30—August 1

Vacation Bible School Decorating Starts Wednesday, June 9!

- ◆ Adults are still needed to be Crafts, Music, Games, Pre-K, Skit, Snack, and Bible leaders. High School and older are needed to be Group leaders and Asst. Rotation Leaders.
- ◆ Middle School (current 6th grade and up) are needed to be co-leaders and helpers.
- ◆ **VBS will run Monday June 14 – Friday June 18 from 9:30am – 12:30pm.**
- ◆ Decorating will be Wednesday June 9 – Friday June 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm each day.



Women's Guild Cookbook Sale

COWBOY STEW! FORGOTTEN COOKIES! THE CALIFORNIA LOUIE! AND SO MANY MORE!

The Women's Guild has put together a beautiful cookbook with equally delicious recipes from our own parishioners.

All proceeds go directly to the Women's Guild. The money raised will fund the guild in all the work they do to support the parish. The guild provides personal service to the care of the sanctuary and sacristy, provides the flowers that adorn the altar, coordinates the receptions after special services, as well as many behind the scenes parish activities.

Cookbooks are located in front of the glass display case at the main doors. The cost of each cookbook is \$10.00.

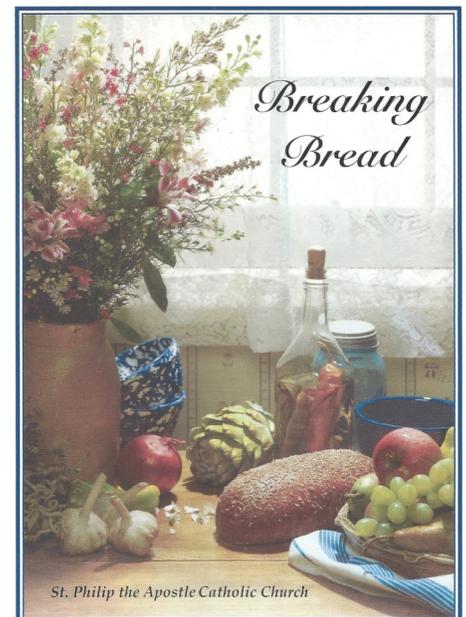
Checks should be made out to: St. Philip Women's Guild with memo: Cookbook

Payments can be made at the parish office or mailed to:

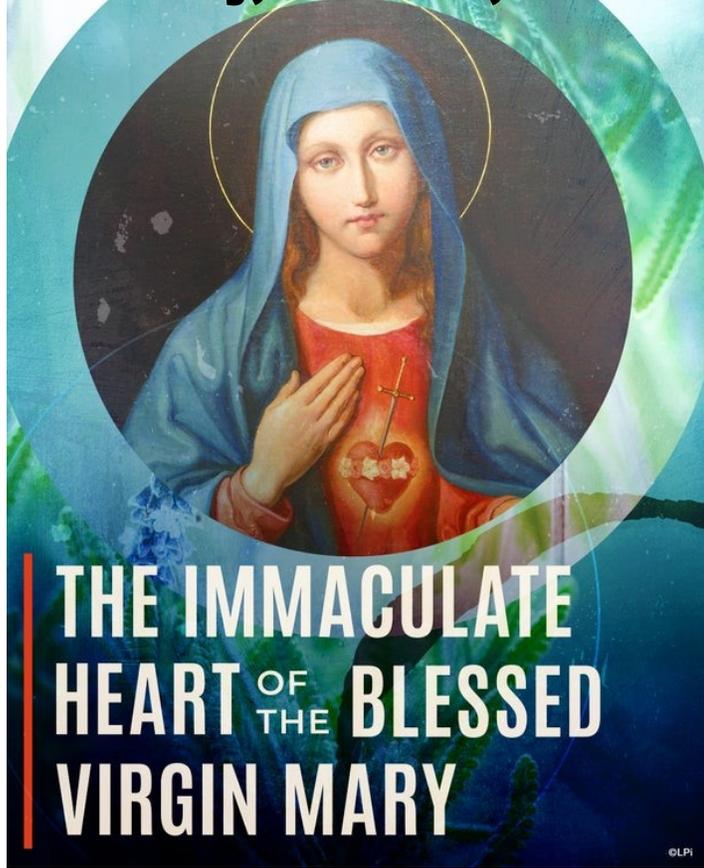
Carol Asher, Women's Guild Treasurer

24243 Red Deer

Huffman, TX 77336



Saturday, June 12, 2021



The Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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Children's Liturgy

St. Philip was truly blessed to begin and maintain a Children's Liturgy program at the 8:30 am Mass. Thank you to Nikki Metzler and Becky Pursell for all the hard work they put into making this a success. It took a lot of dedication to find and implement a program that would be fun, but also reverent and meaningful to the young parishioners at St. Philip. From making sure they had beautiful linens and a special Lectionary just for them, not a detail was missed in order to make the Children's Liturgy program something the kids will learn from and remember. Our dedicated group of parent volunteers have worked together to make there was a well prepared "team" ready to engage the children every Sunday.

We are so excited to bring in Jessica Schneider as the new lead of Children's Liturgy. We will adjust our schedule for the summer months, but are using this time to brainstorm and prepare for a full return in the Fall. We always welcome new volunteers to our team. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica at jmarrs7@hotmail.com. You will get as much from volunteering as the kids do participating! We hope to have you join us!

TODAY!

**Summer Schedule:
June 6, July 4, and August 1
Weekly Celebration of
Children's Liturgy resumes:
September 12, 2021**



Knights of Columbus Sylvester Leonard Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 9794 is honored to award the 2021 Sylvester Leonard Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each to three graduating high school seniors.



Rebekah Butler, Lone Star College
Erin Canavan, Blinn College
Robby Taylor, The University of Texas

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients!

Journey in the Catholic Faith

JCF will resume our regular meeting schedule of meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, using emmausjourney.org, NAB version.

Upcoming Dates	Readings for
June 9	June 13
June 23	June 27
July 14	July 18

For more information, contact Ray & Deb at : 719-660-8880 or rdkessler@stphilip.cc.

Please accept this invitation to ALL. We would love to have you join us!

AYC 2021 ~ July 30 - August 1

The Archdiocesan Youth Conference is Cardinal DiNardo's official gathering of the young Church of Galveston-Houston. It gives high school youth (incoming 9th grade through graduated 12th grade) the opportunity to celebrate their faith, learn about their role in the local Church, lead them into a deeper relationship with Christ and challenge them to live out their faith as Disciples of Christ when they return home.

When: Friday July 30 - Sunday Aug 1.

Registration Cost: \$240. This includes conference registration and hotel cost. \$10 additional will be needed for dinner Friday night which is not provided as part of the conference. Scholarships are available up to a max of \$100 from the diocese. Let me know if you would like an application. Scholarships are solely need based and the deadline to apply is June 20.

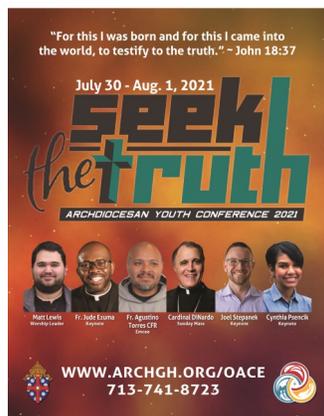
Deadline: On-line registration must be completed by Wed. June 23.

How to Register: The registration link is: <https://archgh.cventevents.com/AYC2021> Please email

bpursell@stphilip.cc for the parish voucher code, required for registration and for more information for this spiritually enriching weekend.

Check out the fun!

[AYC 2021 Promo Video - YouTube.](#)



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Where: Your Home (Virtual on-line Experience)

When: June 25 -27 2021

Marriage Enrichment

Once again, Worldwide Marriage Encounter will come to your home via a virtual, on-line presentation.

This will be a special time to do something that can help make your marriage closer, and happier. Couples will look at themselves, their behaviors and attitudes, and their relationship with their spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways on areas that can deepen their intimacy and connectedness. This Weekend will help couples in good marriages to communicate even better and experience more joy. You will be able to participate from the comfort of your home by logging onto this virtual weekend.

PLAN NOW, to be a part this event.

Follow link for review: <https://youtu.be/ciC8-oLVJ9w> or go to www.houstonme.org or call 713-482-1791. Application fee of \$100.00, but no one is turned away for lack of funds.

A Weekend to Help You Connect on a Deeper Level

Stay Aware of Scams



We live in a world of constantly evolving technology. Technology that races to step-up and meet our needs, sometimes before we know we need it or are skilled at using it. Criminals and scam artists, however, are very skilled at using these new technologies and our lack of competence in them to their advantage. Below is a list from Representative Dan Crenshaw of tips to keep in mind when dealing with possible, fraudulent communications. **As always, St. Philip or Fr. Barker will never email or text parishioners asking for money or assistance of any kind.**

- If you have to pay for a prize you've supposedly won, then it's not a prize.
- Federal agencies will **NOT** call you threatening jail time if you don't pay taxes or debt right away.
- Legitimate businesses will give you time to think and **NOT** pressure a quick decision while they have you on the line.
- Be wary of those who try to have you make payments via wire transfer, cash or gift card.
- Do **NOT** give out any personal information to a person who calls you claiming to be your bank, government agency, etc. Hang up and call that business yourself to verify that they actually contacted you.
- Do **NOT** call the numbers or follow links on pop-up ads.
- Do **NOT** give your information to callers saying your social security number has been compromised or that there is a criminal charge against you.

A good way to end a suspicious phone call if you are feeling pressured to give out information:

"Thank you for letting me know, I will call back and take care of this."



More tips can be found at [FTC's Consumer Information Page](#)

Ways to Give to St. Philip



Scan QR code.



Place in the collection basket at Mass.

Mail your check to:

St. Philip the Apostle
PO Box 2363
Huffman, TX 77336

Use our mailing address to set St. Philip the Apostle as a vendor in your bank's online bill pay.



Download the MyParish app, set St. Philip as your Church, and tap the "Giving"

Feast of Corpus Christi

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will see and hear for yourselves how God’s Spirit works in your family and the Church. *You are not powerless to live the Word of God and participate fully in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!*

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the origin and fulfillment of the Church’s glory. By the sovereign word of our High Priest, the son of the eternal father, the Holy Spirit changes the very substance of bread and wine into the living Flesh and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Isn’t it *through, with and in Christ* that all nature has been created? Cannot God then *change* nature itself by the same power he wielded to create it (Saint Ambrose)? Therefore God alone makes what is ordinary *extraordinary*: “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.’” [Jn 6:53]

The Mass reconciles what is divided. It heals what is broken. The Mass gathers in the name of Jesus what has been scattered by the work of the devil. We are

privileged to witness the great miracle of faith in every eucharistic celebration. This is the lesson of our *liturgy*, which is a way of saying, the *way we worship God*. Our loving God created you to love him, to seek and find him. He created you to worship him. Indeed, God grasps the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist like a pen to inscribe a word of divine love and life on your heart.

Human love, if it is to be perfected, attains fulfillment through the self-giving sacrifice of one who lays down his life for his friends: “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” [1Jn 3:16] Again I will say, the path to God is love and love alone. And having found God, we gather to celebrate the most holy Eucharist, the heavenly banquet of his love! My dear friends, I give you the joy of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the most holy Body and Blood of the Lord.

Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.
Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker.
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St. Philip Ministry Event Schedule

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” [Heb 13:16]

Date	Event	Day	Time	Location	More info (pg)
Upcoming	CCE Future Dates	Check website for details			3
June 9, 2021	Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF)	Wednesday	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Parish Hall	5
June 14-18, 2021	CCE Bible School	Mon. thru Fri.	9:30am-12:30pm	Upcoming	6
June 23, 2021	Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF)	Wednesday	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Parish Hall	5
July 4, 2021	Children’s Liturgy	Sunday ₇	8:30 am	St. Philip	4

Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, May 29

4:00 pm - + Ronnie LeJeune +

Sunday, May 30

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00 am - June Cipriano

Daily Masses

Monday, May 31

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, June 1

+ Robert and Frances Prejean +

Wednesday, June 2

+ Bobby Prejean +

Thursday, June 3

Fr. Barker

Friday, June 4

Fr. Barker

Sunday Masses

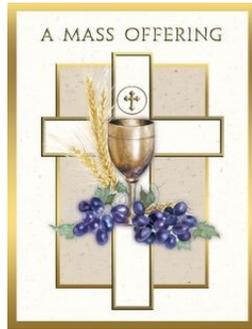
Saturday, June 5

4:00 pm- + Kathleen Crabtree +

Sunday, June 6

8:30 am- People of the Parish

11:00am- John Norrell



To have a Mass offered, please call our St. Philip parish office at (281) 324-1478. We will let you know what Masses are available in the liturgical calendar. Mass intentions may be requested for most weekday and weekend Masses.

Request a Prayer

Did you know that you can request prayers for a loved one or for any special intention by using our parish app? Simply open the myParish app and choose the **PRAYERS** button. At the bottom of the screen, choose **PRAYER REQUEST**. Fill out the form and your prayer request will be sent to our Prayer Warriors group. We will also add your loved one to our prayer list which is always found on p. 8 of our Spirit and Truth Newsletter. You are always welcome to call or email the parish office with any prayer requests.



(This is not for Mass Intentions. If you'd like to offer a Mass for someone, please call the parish office.)



Pray For...

Graces, Strength and Healing

Sylvia Hale, St. Philip Parishioners

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on the following dates:
Friday, July 2 - Observance of Independence Day

Throughout the summer, we will strive to keep our Parish Office open daily to serve you, our parishioners, and also our staff and vendors. Exceptions are possible, of course, due to vacations and various contingencies. Regardless, we will regularly check email and phone messages. During June, July and August, we recommend you call (281) 324-1478 before you visit our Office to make sure someone is here to welcome you. Keep in mind that St. Philip is seeking a part-time weekday office employee (paid position).



Altar Flowers Given

*In Memory of Wilbert Stelly,
Grandfather of Carlie Richard
By The Richard Family*



All are invited to sponsor a bouquet in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a joyous occasion. The donation for a bouquet is \$50.

Available dates to sponsor a bouquet can be found in the "Altar Flowers" binder on the display case next to the main front doors. Please fill in the information for the date you choose, and using one of the "Altar

Flowers" envelopes found in the back of the binder, please drop your donation in the collection basket during Mass.



Office Secretary Position Available

SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Huffman, TX (Lake Houston area) is seeking a part-time office employee who is able to work in a Christian faith-based office environment. The office employee must be dependable and understand the level of confidentiality expected of the position. Organization and communication skills are a must, as the part-time office work job is part of the larger, office team in place.

Responsibilities:

- Committed to part-time working hours of Monday–Friday; 9 am – 2 pm
- Collaboration with office team to ensure all office needs are understood and met
- Professional relationship with Pastor, parish ministries and parishioners
- Solid understanding of Catholic practices in order to assist and/or guide parishioners and guests
- Office tasks include filing, answering the phone, and welcoming visitors

Required:

- Must be a practicing Catholic
- Computer proficiency in MS Office applications and Google apps
- Communication with Pastor, ministry leaders, vendors, and office team
- Organizational skills

Please direct all inquiries and resumes to: Fr. Richard Barker at pastor@stphilip.cc
We look forward to hearing from you.



Music Director Position Available



SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Huffman TX (Lake Houston area) seeks a Choir Director who is a skilled keyboardist. This is a paid faith-based position requiring 20 hours weekly. A resume and two interviews with audition are required.

The Music Director /Keyboardist is responsible for developing a strong teaching-based Catholic music program, leading adult choir practice, 3 weekend liturgies and important occasions such as weddings, funerals, quinceaneras, and occasional support for Continuing Christian Education.

St Philip provides a state of the art sound system, grand piano, electronic keyboard, pipe organ, office and practice area.

Please direct all inquiries and resumes to: Father Richard Barker: pastor@stphilip.cc

We look forward to hearing from you. +++

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

If you have been participating actively *at least six months* after registration in the parish, you may ask for an appointment with the pastor or pastoral associate to begin marriage preparation. Marriage preparation requires six months.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Children age 6 or younger, the following documents **are required** before baptism date may be scheduled: parish registration, birth certificate, and baptism class certifications. Godmother and Godfather must be in good standing as practicing Catholics.

If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may call the parish office to begin baptismal preparation.

FUNERAL SERVICES

To ensure that parish ministers can assist you, please call the parish office **before** setting dates and times for funeral services. Regarding personal spoken remembrances at funeral liturgies, St. Philip parish adheres to the policies of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment. Please call our office to make arrangements.

Please call our **Church office at (281) 324-1478** if you are in need of these sacraments.

Parish Ministries Contact Information

Pastor - Rev. Richard E. Barker

Mailing Address: PO Box 2363, Huffman TX 77336

Parish Phone: (281) 324-1478

Parish Fax: (281) 715-5533

Parish E-Mail: parishoffice@stphilip.cc

Parish Website: www.stphiliphuffmantx.org

Bulletin Submissions: spirit_truth@stphilip.cc

LITURGICAL

Altar Servers

Father Richard Barker
pastor@stphilip.cc
(281) 324-1478

Sacramental Ministry

Fr. Barker
pastor@stphilip.cc

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Jessica Schneider
jmarrs7@hotmail.com
281-324-1478

Communion to the Homebound

Kathy O'Donnell

Adornment of Sanctuary

Disciples of Jesus and Mary
Bonnie Sulkowski
(281) 508-5198

Music Core Team

Jan Williams
jwilliams@stphilip.cc
(713) 419-8097

Valerie Sivil
(713) 202-1310

Usher Ministry

Gary Aldrich
usher@stphilip.cc
(832) 586-6430

SOCIAL OUTREACH/CONCERN

Mary's Blessings Team

*For financial assistance
please call (832)-764-9814*

Marie Hohmann
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(281) 360-9032

Prime Timers (55+)

Claudia Herron
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primetimers@stphilip.cc
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Rosemont Assisted Living

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(281) 324-1478

Transitions Ministry

Susie Cleary
sccleary@stphilip.cc
(765) 490-1369

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Disciples of Jesus and Mary

Laitly Spiritual Formation

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Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face

Prayer Group

Janet Hays
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Knights of Columbus

Ray Kessler, Grand Knight
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(832) 644-8078

Women's Guild

Kathy O'Donnell
kod333@comcast.net

Prayer Ministry

MyParish App - Prayers
Or email prayer requests to
parishoffice@stphilip.cc

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCE Office

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First Sacrament Coordinator

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CCE Registrar

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