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Community Mission Statement... *We, the people of God of Saint Philip the Apostle, in the loving and evangelizing spirit of St. Philip, form a family community that challenges each of us to proclaim and live the gospel messages of Jesus Christ in the world through worship, evangelization, Christian formation and service.*

Sunday Eucharist Schedule

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day and Weekday Schedule

Holy Days (check the Bulletin)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, First Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Friday during School Season 8:15 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration and Rosary

Perpetual Adoration Monday 8:30 a.m. until Friday 5:00 p.m.
Rosary 30 minutes before 5:00 P.M. Saturday Evening Mass
and 7:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.;
by appointment and season schedule during Advent and Lent

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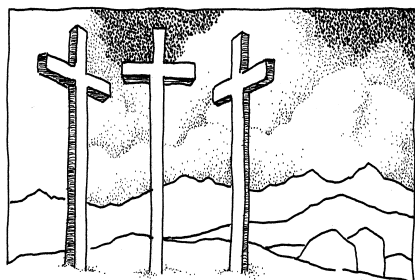
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Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: Call the Parish office when a family member is sick and would like a visit or would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

New Parishioners and Status: Welcome to St. Philip Parish! Call or come by the Parish office to register. Also notify us when moving out of the parish or when you have a change of family status and address.

Mass Intentions March 13 – March 19

MON	8:00 a.m.	Betty Hlavinka (Healing)
TUE	8:00 a.m.	+ Johnnie Mican
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Priest Intention + Frankie Cernoch
THU	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI	8:00 a.m.	+ Eugene and Irene Benavidez
SAT	5:00 p.m.	+ Tiffany Alford
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Parishioners Intentions + Edward and Gertrude Hubenak, Henry and Adela Priesmeyer + Rosalie Kollaja



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Third Sunday of Lent

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 18 & MARCH 19**SATURDAY– 5:00 p.m.****Lector:** Tish McAlister**Cantor:** Kathy Bodungen**Altar Servers:** Beck Hoelscher, Louise Hoelscher**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Nancy Pasak, Need Volunteer

SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.**Lector:** Donna Shelton**Altar Servers:** Talynn Charbula, Brynn Charbula**Hospitality:** Zachary Edwards, Terry Priesmeyer**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Jerry Shelton, Need Volunteer

SUNDAY– 10:00 a.m.**Lector:** Jim Van Antwerp, Ceci Triska**Cantor:** Lea Hynes**Altar Servers:** Breckyn Drapela, Paislyn Drapela, Matthew Van Antwerp**Hospital/Meridian:** Mark Merta**Hospitality:** Dennis Korenek, Jimmie Triska**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

John Hancock, Rita Hancock

CLOW: Jessica Drapela**SUNDAY– 6:00 p.m.****Lector:** Juliann Little**Cantor:** Jenna Holik**Altar Servers:** Jude Thibeaux, Jade Thibeaux**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Lynn Cox, Need Volunteer

*Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023*

A Message From Our Pastor
 Father's Formed.org Suggestion of the Week
LENT

FORMED In the Word

Reflecting on our death and life in eternity gives us focus in our lives here on earth. We are a people living the mission Christ set out for us in the Gospels. The Lenten call to reflect on the Gospels is an encouragement to reflect on the life of Jesus whom we seek to follow closely. In the Gospels, we see Jesus going on mission to bring God's truth and love to all and have them grow in faith in the loving true God. This mission that Jesus began is our Christian way. Just as at the end of each Gospel, Jesus sends the apostles on mission, we who are baptized into Christ are sent on this very mission—to bring God to others, and in turn, others to God.

A story is told about the then Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, giving a different perspective on Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." He reflected that instead of Jesus standing on the outside knocking to get in, he is standing on the inside knocking to get out. To go out into the world that all may know the saving love of God. Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*, that Christians not think of themselves merely as *disciples* of Jesus but as *missionary disciples*. The many examples we have in the apostles and the various people healed by Jesus who all brought many to God by proclaiming His the goodness.

The four Gospel writers portray Jesus on mission to build up followers to continue his mission. Jesus not only calls his disciples to mission, but he also modeled it for us. He has sent his Spirit to dwell in us and aid us on mission. It is our turn. In the words of Pope Francis from his encyclical: "So what are we waiting for?"

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Pray For The Sick...

Annabelle Van Deursen, Anton Tupa, Dolores Priesmeyer, Melody Macha, Milton & Henrietta Machacek, Kristen Lezak, Abby Goerig, Carly Walker, Lisa Respondek Holt, Helen Hicks, Leonard Hubenak, Jennifer Martin, Charles Maerz, Irene Sedlock, Garret Davis, Brandy Kubena, Eugene Graham, Cindy Juneke, Bill Culver, Carl Siglock, Shirley McMahon, Cindy Schmidt, Edith Farish, Kristi Baker, Joy Roppolo, Lorrie Goodman, L. C. Koehne Jr., Donna Vasek, Lawrence Korenek, Linda Vaclavick, Sandra Munoz, Frank Kacal, Cindy Blaha, Kim Underwood, Vicky Pavlu, Margaret Waters, Rickie Wiesner, Gail Zaruba, Kim Peikert, Douglas Hansen, Sue Maxwell, Frances Kappelmann, Crawford Leonard, Austin Tice, Pat Cunningham, Gary Holub, Regina Merta, Daisy Zella, Laura Thane, Larry Livanec, Blair Ross Couey Jr., Barbara Juneke, Darrell Nohavitz, Dorothy Faas, Walter and Stephanie Stepan, Louise Kubena, Billy Berry, Ashley Anderson, Anton Dybala Jr., Stephen Gaines, Gerald Ripple, Regina Kaspar, Calynne Reckaway, Carolyn Cernoch, Ginger McMasters Preite, John Scogin, Riggs Macek, Amelia Lyford, Betty Hlavinka and the homebound.

FIRST READING - 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

SECOND READING - Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL - John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

Key Scriptural Passage:

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)



Questions for Discussion:

Adult: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Child: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

Readings For The Week (March 13 - March 18)

Monday.....2 Kgs 5:1-15/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday.....Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday.....Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday.....Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday.....Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday.....Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Those Going Home to God...**

LaVerne Wendel

"Life has changed, not ended"

Welcome the Newly Baptized...

Camilla Almaguer

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Area Church Dinners...

March 12 - St. John Altar Society annual chicken dinner and spring festival at the Taiton Community Center. Fried chicken, dressing dinner at 11:00 a.m. \$12.00 per plate. Dine in or plates to go. Country store, bingo, cake walk, games, auction and drawing.

Signs of the Season... The Scrutinies... This week and the two following weeks, we celebrate the Scrutinies. Their purpose is "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect, to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." (RCIA 141). While specifically designed for those who are entering the Church, all of us can benefit from the scrutinies by examining our hearts and consciences for both healing and strengthening.

Do You Want To Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from judges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl... Please note that each Sunday of Lent we will have a second collection at each Mass that is designated for *Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl*. This program allows us the opportunity to share through almsgiving to the poor and less fortunate around the world.

Prayer for Week Three of Lent...

Father, as we continue our Lenten penance, help us remain faithful to the penitential practice we have chosen. We know you are always with us, offering us your grace. Your presence is a comfort and help to us. Increase our hope so we can always have confidence in your providential care for us. Your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, have mercy.



Pro-Life Corner... Do yourself and the unborn babies a big service; learn the language of abortion. Discover that 'intra-uterine tissue' or 'potential life' or fetal tissue or the product of conception all mean the same thing—an unborn human child. Don't be fooled by word salads. Do what you are able to help end abortion.

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Deacon Ryan Kapavik, Deacon Luke Prihoda, Aaron Padilla, Shane Goertz, Caleb Krischke, Joseph Blackburn, William Pettus, Jacob Pyatt, Alex Woods, Nelson Lagos

Update on the sound system... The sound company ordered the sound system and are waiting on a few components that are on backorder. They know we are ready for it and have assured me that as soon as the system is received we will schedule its installation. I understand the frustration with the current situation that makes it difficult to hear and comprehend what is being said in the church. Please pray for a speedy reception of the components and smooth install of the system that will improve our experience of liturgies and events in the church.

Lenten Practices: Almsgiving... Cultivating a spirituality of abundance might seem contrary to Lent. Yet, it is helpful to remember that everything is a gift from God—our lives, relationships, talents, possessions—and our deepest identity is that we are beloved by God. When we believe this, we are freed from trying to measure our worth by any other means. We come to realize the beauty of enough: we have enough, and we are enough with all our imperfections. As a result, we can let go and give away. This is almsgiving.

"Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world." - *St. Teresa of Avila*.

**A Prayer for Lent****From the Catholic Rural Life Prayer Book**

DEAR Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over.

**Flowers - March 12
Lent - No Flowers****Sacrificial Giving**

3-5-23	\$7,025.00
Maintenance	\$685.00
Rice Bowl	\$198.00

Calendar of Events...**Sunday, March 12**

- Our second collection will be for Operation Rice Bowl.
- Please pick up a paper bag for the Blessing Cup food drive.
- Lenten retreat talk at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 13

- Men's bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Lenten retreat talk at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

- Women's bible study at 6:00 p.m.
- Upper room prayer group will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Lenten retreat talk at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

- No CCE classes - Spring Break.

Friday, March 17

- Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

- Our second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.
- Please return your bag for the Blessing Cup food drive.

St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner for March 3 is *Brian Hyek*.

Adorer Needed: We are needing an adorer for Thursday from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. For more information, call Janet Holub at 543-6130.

Parish Food Drive...The parish is sponsoring a food drive for the Blessing Cup Storehouse as part of our Easter preparation. Paper bags will be available the weekend of March 12 and should be brought back the weekend of March 19.



Mark Your Calendar... We are going to Steubenville Lone Star!! REFUGE 2023

Who can attend? – Teens 9th-12th grade – The date is June 23-25, 2023 at the Irving Convention Center. The cost of the retreat is \$195. The additional cost for hotel and transportation will be figured once we get a number of teens that will be attending. If you would like join us, a \$50 deposit is due by March 22. We are looking to having a fundraiser once we know how many young people will be attending. Please contact *Ana Rodriguez* (979)637-0106 if you have any questions. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* - Matthew 11:38

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 15 - No School Stations of the Cross. Spring Break.

Friday, March 17: 6:00 p.m. in church.



Signs of the Season...The Color Purple...The deep purple color that fills the Church during Lent symbolizes Christ's suffering and death, but because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ's kingship and resurrection.



**PARISH
LENTEN
RETREAT**

**March 12, 13,
and 14, 2023**



Presented by

*Father Augustine Owusu-Pepurah,
parochial vicar at St. Robert Bellarmine Church*

7:00 p.m. Rosary followed by Personal Silent Prayer, Exposition, Talk, Benediction.

(Sunday, March 12)

Retreat Talk at 7:00 p.m. - Church teaching on sin in all aspects of our lives in today's society.

(Monday, March 13)

Retreat Talk at 7:00 p.m. - Beatitudes and how to live them out.

(Tuesday, March 14)

Retreat Talk at 7:00 p.m. - How to live a faithful life with God in our world today.



Camp David is a fun-filled retreat for junior high age youth (students entering 6th grade through completing 8th grade). A trained staff of high school and college youth, supervised by qualified adults from throughout the diocese, offer caring relationships to assist these young people throughout the retreat. Two different overnight sessions will be offered. The first session will begin on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and end at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The second session will begin on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and end at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 16, 2023.

Camp David Elementary Day... A fun-filled retreat for third graders (those entering third grade) through fifth graders (those exiting fifth grade). A trained staff of high school and college youth, supervised by qualified adults, from throughout the diocese offer caring relationships to assist these young people.

Rocky Mountain High Retreat...This unique, weeklong retreat, in the heart of the San Juan Mountains near Pagosa Springs, Colorado, is an opportunity for high school age young people to take time away from their daily routine. They will experience the wonder and grandeur of the great outdoors and spend time reflecting on important issues of life, faith, family, and friends. A trained staff of qualified adults, from throughout the diocese, offers caring relationships to assist our youth on their journey. Small group discussions, presentations on key topics, unique prayer and liturgical experiences, plus a wild and crazy raft ride on the Animas River in Durango (water levels permitting), help make this an unforgettable week.

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