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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.
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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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Sacrament of Baptism: Please inform the Parish office at least six months before due date. Further instructions and baptismal materials will be provided at the Parish office.

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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 20 – March 26

MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Leon Cranek
TUE	8:00 a.m.	+ Jesse Parmenia
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Priest Intention + Alvin Korenek
THU	8:00 a.m.	+ Bobby Little
FRI	8:15 a.m.	+ Brandon Janak
SAT	5:00 p.m.	+ Holub-Hundl deceased family members
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Betty Hlavinka (Healing) + Mike Mustachia Parishioners Intentions



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Fourth Sunday
of Lent

The Lord is my
shepherd; I shall
not want.

-Psalm 23:1

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 25 & MARCH 26

· **SATURDAY– 5:00 p.m.****Lector:** Essie Leslie**Cantor:** Daniel Berglund**Altar Servers:** Annie Aertker, Alexandra Martinez**Hospitality: Need Volunteers****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Dennis Edwards, Gwen Edwards

· **SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.****Lector:** A.J. Kresta**Altar Servers:** Abigail Garrett, Millie Garrett**Hospitality: Need Volunteers****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Mark Merta, Susie Priesmeyer

· **SUNDAY– 10:00 a.m.****Lector:** Judy Barrett, Paul Barrett**Cantor:** Carol Smolik**Altar Servers:** Duncan Harris, Evelyn Harris, Katelyn Nertardus**Hospitality/Meridian:** Dale Kight**Hospitality:** Frank Kacal, Frank Jalufka, Joe Kocurek, Philip Kocurek**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Madysen Korenek, Ramona Stepan

CLOW: Stacy Amestoy· **SUNDAY– 6:00 p.m.****Lector:** Slade Saha**Cantor:** Riley Wallis**Altar Servers:** Wyatt Prasek, Pierson Prasek**Hospitality: Need Volunteers****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Lynn Cox, Need Volunteer

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

A Message From Our Pastor

Father's Formed.org Suggestion of the Week

BOOKS – EXPLORE THE FAITH

The Imitation of Christ by Thomas á Kempis

Gospel of Mark: The Gospels describe Jesus as a man on mission. The Gospel of Mark begins with the preaching of John the Baptist preparing the way for the coming of the Christ. Mark quickly moves into the ministry of Jesus with his Baptism in verse nine of the first chapter. Within a few verse we find out that Jesus' mission will be to preach with Godly authority and heal with Godly power. His calling of the apostles was that his mission would not end with his death.

At his baptism, Jesus comes out of the waters and sees, "the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him" (Mk 1:10). The Spirit drove him out in the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus prevails over temptation and the devil's cunning demonstrating the power of God greater than the devil himself. This great power is shown immediately with Jesus going about an intense healing campaign by driving out demons, and healing the sick, diseased, and physically disabled.

Mark sets the foundation of Jesus' authority in the telling of his power over the body and physical realm. When Mark moves into telling of Jesus' teaching the wonder of the people is put to rest and the reader can see that he teaches with rightful authority. He gathers the twelve around him that they witness the power and authority of God within him. Jesus becomes the model for them of Christian discipleship, and when the height of God's power is shown in his death and resurrection, the apostles are commissioned to continue what Jesus started by teaching "every creature" with his authority and accompanying signs. These faithful eleven would continue Jesus mission and pass this mission on to others. We are now the disciples entrusted with this mission.

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 Junek, 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 Junek, 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, Albertha (Birdie) Detling, Jesse Wheeler and the homebound.

FIRST READING - Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

SECOND READING - Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL - John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there,

that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Key Scriptural Passage:

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Eph 5:8-9)



Questions for Discussion:

Adult: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

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

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Readings For The Week (March 20 - March 25)

Monday.....2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21
Tuesday.....Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday.....Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday.....Ez 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday..... Wis 2:1,12-22/Jn 7:1-2,10, 25-30
Saturday..... Is 7:10-14,8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those Going Home to God...

Johnnie Bartosh

"Life has changed, not ended"

Welcome the Newly Baptized...

Caroline Orr



Pray For Those Serving In The Military and Law Enforcement

Nathan Cox LCRA Ranger, Zachary Elledge, IT1 US Navy, Lance Corp. Casey Winfield, USMC, David Haugh US Army Staff Sgt., Robert Drapela, Coast Guard, Zachary Montello Master Chief Sub-Lant Lance Corp., Mason Miller USMC, Spec. Christopher Alford, U.S. Army, Chris Bird, Texas Game Warden Wharton County, Lane Kocian Air Force, Shannon Sruhar Sheriff, Clint Savino Chief Deputy WCSO, Captain Larry Hensley, WCSO, Captain Jason Miccan, WCSO, SRO Jeffery Pfeil, ECPD, Greg Pasak Travis County SO, James Scott DOJ, James Sanders Houston PD, Ivan Jaramillo Private #2, Arthur Debo ECPD, Braden Miccan ECPD, SR Reece Mazel, Navy, Joseph Dornak, Private E2, Billy Edmiston, Infantry Marine, Brenden Norman Coast Guard, Colton Holub Army, Hunter Koudela WCSO, Jonathan Elledge, Staff Sgt. U.S. Air Force

Prayer for Week Four of Lent...

Father, we need your compassion, forgiveness, and mercy. We are weak and stray from your grace into sin. It is only with your help that we are able to do the right thing. We depend on your help. Teach us to recognize your grace and goodness in our lives and the lives of those around us. Your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.



RCIA News... The candidates who are completing their period of preparation to be received into full communion in the Church at the Easter Vigil are: *William Bobbitt, Clay Harris, and Heather Peck*. Catechumens are *Robin Jeffries and Ellen Bain*.

Please continue to pray for these candidates and catechumens, May they continue to draw near to the Lord and experience His care as they continue on their faith journey and their final weeks of preparation.



Read-a-Thon

St. Philip School Read-a-Thon...

For 42 years, our annual Read-A-Thon has been helping students improve their reading skill, while raising money for our school endowment fund to supplement our school budget and help keep tuition as low as possible.

One of the greatest benefits of the program is the focus on family reading. This is a great time to visit the library together and read favorite books as a family.

I know that working together, we will live up to the challenge of keeping St. Philip School a place where students are educated to know, love, serve God and others for many years to come.

Please contact a member of the read-a-thon committee for any additional information.

Gwen Edwards-Principal

Important Read-a-Thon Dates...

Read-a-Thon Kick off: Friday, March 10

Reading Lists Due: Thursday, March 23

Money/Donations Due: Wednesday, April 5

Awards Assembly: Thursday, April 20



Read-a-Thon Committee: *Rhea Prasek, Andrea Wallis, Tristan Krennek, Jessica Drapela, Ginger Harris, Misty Tarver, Stacy Ermis, Natalie Irby, Jessica Queen, Sarah Aertker, Alex Holub*

Pro-Life Corner... Abortion has become a slippery slope from which infanticide and euthanasia are snowballing. The gift of life itself is now unimportant; it's the 'quality' of life that counts in this way of thinking. It's a way of legally getting of alleged 'social problems' such as the aged or retarded. We must not allow this to continue in our country.

Growing in Faith.....Preparing hearts for Easter joy...

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

Purifying our hearts: Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits that lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

Opening up to love: Mother Teresa wrote, "Have you seen... how (Jesus) looks at you with love?... Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

Put love in action: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another." (John 13:34) God commands us to love as we've been loved, because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (corporal or spiritual.) Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout Lent and beyond.

Strength for the Journey

A Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost their child

Strength for the Journey... Saturday, April 15, 2023

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Family Center in Hallettsville from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.) Snacks and lunch will be provided. There will be a good will offering basket.

Coping with the death of a child is very difficult. Parents are in a place they have never been before, often overwhelmed by the grief that follows. Grief does not end in a prescribed number of days, weeks, months, or years. We are a group of parents who have suffered the loss of a child, and will walk this grief journey with you, whether your loss is recent or in the past. This day will include an opportunity to listen to other parents whose children have died, speakers, clergy, as well as meeting others on their grief journey. Participants are not required to share anything this day and may remain silent and listen if they would like. Our team realizes it takes strength and courage to walk through the doors of this retreat.

For more information, contact *Pat Hoelscher* at 979-257-9984 or phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Calendar of Events...**Sunday, March 19**

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

Monday, March 20

- Men's bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- CDA rosary at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

- Stations of the cross at 8:15 a.m.
- CCE grades K-12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Hour at 8:15 p.m.

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training at 9:00 a.m. in the church for new and current ministers.

Sunday, March 26

- Our second collection will be for Operation Rice Bowl.

St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner for March 10 is *Jason and Kristin Brown*.

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.

Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services March 19
This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees and relief work of the Holy Father. Please be generous.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 22 at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym with St. Philip school children.
Friday, March 24; 6:00 p.m. in church.



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 22th. 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 11:28

The season of Lent is all about conversion: changing our hearts and turning away from sin toward God. Our sacramental practices, such as reconciliation, help us change old habits and lead life differently than before. We understand this journey not just as individuals but also as a community.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates God's action in our lives, the reality of God's forgiveness. It also celebrates what God hopes for us: to be a forgiving and reconciling people. In light of God's unconditional love for us, we realize that we fall short, get lost, miss the mark-that is, we sin in our living and our loving. We repent, ask for forgiveness, and take actions to put things right. Perhaps our biggest challenge with this sacrament is to truly believe that we can be, and are, forgiven.

Reconciliation Schedule - Leaving The Light On For You... In order to accommodate work and extra-curricular schedules, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available not only during the day but on the following evenings during Lent: **7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on March 27, March 30, April 3, and April 4.** *Please be mindful of the 9:00 p.m. ending times for reconciliation in the evening.*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training on Saturday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m. in church. **The training is for current ministers as well as those who would like to join this ministry.** We are looking to offer the Precious Blood for those who want to receive both species. We need more ministers.



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Sunday, April 2 at the Columbus Club Hall on Armory Road. BBQ chicken, sausage, giblet rice, and pinto beans dinner at 11:00 a.m. Dine in or plates to go. \$12.00 per plate.

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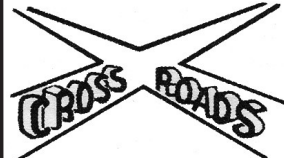
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