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**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Rother  
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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

## **~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~**

**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.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please register at the parish office as soon as possible, but at least six months prior to anticipated date.

**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 27 – April 2**

MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Edwin and Marjorie Popp
TUE	8:00 a.m.	Rebecca Cotton (Special Intention)
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Priest Intention + Werner and Jimmie Pavlik
THU	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	+Clarence Priesmeyer, Lane Priesmeyer
FRI	8:00 a.m.	+ Ellwood Hermansen
SAT	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners Intentions + Charlie and Martha Kulcak
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Parishioners Intentions + Leo Popp + Wayne Zabodyn

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Out of the depths I cry  
to you, O Lord; Lord,  
hear my voice.

- Psalm 130:1

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 1 & APRIL 2****SATURDAY– 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Cecilia Polasek

**Cantor:** Jeanette Hunter

**Altar Servers:** Faith Korenek, Michaela Purrell, Connor Purrell

**Hospitality:** Steven and Wendy Korenek

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Martha Bartos (Need Volunteer)

**SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Debbie Mahoney

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth Juranek, Paul Juranek (Need Volunteer)

**Hospitality:** Denise Flagg, Anthony Ott

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Lisa Bubela, Mike Smaistrila

**SUNDAY– 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Madsen Raun, Susan Richards

**Cantor:** Kathy Bodungen

**Altar Servers:** Beck Hoelscher, Louise Hoelscher, Kathryn Lutringer

**Hospital/Meridian:** Mike Couvillion

**Hospitality:** Chris Pustejovsky, Randy Waligura

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Kimberly Couvillion, Mike Couvillion

**CLOW:**

**SUNDAY– 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Riley Wallis

**Cantor:** Abigail Porter

**Altar Servers:** Caroline Kelly, Madilyn Kelly, (Need Volunteer)

**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Lynn Cox, Need Volunteer

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 26, 2023*

**A Message From Our Pastor**

Father's Formed.org Suggestion of the Week

**PROGRAMS – FORMED NOW**

*FORMED Now! Understanding Palm Sunday*



Gospel of Matthew: Much of the narrative of the Gospel of Matthew, as well as Luke, draw upon the earlier written Gospel of Mark. Matthew describes Jesus' mission not only about doing, but also teaching. At the beginning of his ministry, with the call of the apostles, Jesus, "...went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people" (Mt 4:23).

Three verses later we see Jesus moved by the crowd gathered with him, and he begins teaching them. Matthew fills up three chapters describing the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. "When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes" (Mt 7:28-29).

Jesus teaches and then heals. Matthew takes the next three chapters to tell of the various healings Jesus performed all the while continuing to teach because, "...his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt 9:36). Everywhere he went, Jesus coupled his miracles with a teaching lesson which drove the Truth deeper into the people's heart.

As his ministry nears its end, Jesus makes a shift to begin commissioning his disciples to take up the mission. Their teaching mission was localized to continue teaching the people of Israel. This was to prepare them for the great commission, which would come at the end of Matthew's Gospel when Jesus would send them to all nations. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20a). The Gospel ends with Jesus' promise to be with us "...until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20b).

**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, Irene Sedlock, Garrett 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 Kappellmann, 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) Dettling, Jesse Wheeler, Butch Taylor and the homebound.

**FIRST READING** - Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

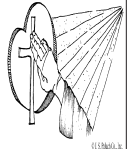
**SECOND READING** - Phillipians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue con-

fess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL** - Matthew 26:14-26:66

The Passion of Christ is not simply a record of Jesus' suffering and death. It is a process through which all of us must go, indeed, are privileged to go. The reason we undertake the annual lenten pilgrimage is to get somewhere. Easter is that somewhere, but there is no Easter without Jesus' passion. Neither is there an Easter in our lives without our sharing in that Passion. But to what sort of passion are we summoned? Are we to be betrayed, abandoned by friends, condemned, and put to physical death? For some of us, the answer may be yes. But for all of us, the passion we are called to share mirrors Jesus' passion in a way that, while not so concrete, is nonetheless very real. We are called to share the passion of letting go of selfish desires, of grasping, of being pretentious, of wearing masks. The Passion of Christ calls us to become vulnerable as Jesus was vulnerable, to wear our hearts on our sleeves, to forgive rather than to seek revenge, to call out resolutely for wholeness and not for division, and to give ourselves over completely to life.



**Key Scriptural Passage:**

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:25-26)

**Questions for Discussion:**

**Adult:** How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

**Child:** What do you hope for after your life on earth is ended?



**Readings For The Week ( March 27 - April 1)**

Monday.....Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday.....Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday.....Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday.....Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday.....Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:331-42  
Saturday.....Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

**Sacrificial Giving**

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**Flowers - March 26  
Lent - No Flowers**

**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

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**Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians...**

On April 6, at the celebration of the Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. With your continuous generosity, and a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our Diocesan Services Appeal campaign. Please assist your parish and our diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes.



**Pro-Life Corner...**To cause another person to die intentionally is not an act of mercy as some insist, but an act of murder. God is the giver and taker of life, not man.



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

*Shirley O'Briant  
"Life has changed, not ended"*



**Welcome the Newly Baptized...**  
*Ezra Hardin, Brax Eggemeyer*

**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 Mican, 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 Mican 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 Five of Lent...**

Father, we are grateful that you call us to be your children. The sacrifice of Jesus makes it possible for us to call you Father. Help us to be faith children, giving you worship, honor and praise. We offer our Lenten penance to your honor and glory. Reform our lives. Your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, 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 *Robyn Jeffrey 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 days of preparation.

## 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. to 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](mailto:phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org)

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection...April 7**

*Pope Francis* asks parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous.**

We would like to thank the following families and individuals for their memorial donations for the Easter flowers in loving memory of: Jimmy Borak, Charlie & Martha Kulcak, Leo & Evelyn Borak, Joe & Leona Orsak, Pius & Martha Leopold, Stanley Kruppa, Ed & Frances Kruppa, William & Julia Olsovsky, Wilbert John Kainer & Veronica, Lucian Livanec, Ann, Joe, & Butch Zajicek, Victor Dybala, Robert F. Merta, Johnnie & Tillie Smaistrila, Albert & Clara Wied, John E. & Betty Williamson, Joe & Tim Leopold, Julius & Estelle Valicek, Joe R. Janak, Alfonse & Rosie Cerny, Werner & Jimmie Pavlik, M/M Leo J. Triska, M/M Calvin Kleypas Sr., Edward & Albina Ondrias, Wilber Hensley, Richard & Lucy Hubenak, Frank & Millie Matlock, Emil Matlock, Larry Matlock, Peggy Matlock

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**LENTEN  
MISSION**  
WITH FR. AUGUSTINE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH:**  
HOLY EUCHARIST

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH:**  
HOLY SPIRIT

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH:**  
CONFESSION

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EXPOSITION AT 7PM  
MISSION AT 7PM

**Easter Mass Schedule...Note Mass Times Changes...**  
Please take note of the Mass times for the **Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. Mass for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, begins at **7:45 p.m.** Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at **7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** There will **NOT** be a 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

**Important Holy Week Rehearsals...**

**Holy Thursday:** Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 5, at 6:15 p.m. for oil presenters and 6:30 p.m. for *altar servers and all lay ministry*.

**Good Friday:** Rehearsal is Thursday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m. for *altar servers and all lay ministry*.

**Easter Vigil:** Rehearsal is Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. for *altar servers and all lay ministry*.

**Calendar of Events...****Monday, March 27**

- Men's bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Reconciliation from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 28**

- Reconciliation from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Women's bible study at 6:00 p.m.
- Upper room prayer group will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- KC meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 29**

- Stations of the cross at 8:15 a.m. in the Church.
- No CCE classes/ No Holy Hour.

**Thursday, March 30**

- Reconciliation from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 31**

- Reconciliation from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Stations of the cross at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 2**

- Our second collection will be for Operation Rice Bowl.
- KC spring picnic at 11:00 a.m.
- Blessing of expectant parents at all the Masses.

**St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner**  
for March 17 is *Paula Cipriano*.

**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.

**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.

**Stations of the Cross**

**Wednesday, March 29** at 8:15 a.m. in the church with St. Philip school children.

**Friday, March 31;** 6:00 p.m. in church.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ...**

**April 2...** Blessing and distribution of palms at all Eucharistic celebrations. Commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem with procession at 10:00 a.m. Mass.



**Chrism Mass...** All parishioners are invited to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria. It is at this Mass in which Bishop Cahill will bless the oils for the sacramental use in the parishes of the diocese. Come and celebrate with the Bishop.

**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 **10:00 a.m. - Noon on March 28, 31, and April 3**, 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 ending times for reconciliation.*

**Thank you from Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery Committee...** A huge "Thank You" to *Chris Kana* for creating the beautiful spring arrangements at the cross in our cemetery. Thank you, *Chris, Julie Strnadel* and *Hubert and Mary Jane Kaiser* for your contributions.

**A Prayer in Planting Time...**

Dear Lord, You are wonderful in everything you do. In marvelous ways You take the full, rich life of the plant and carefully fold it into tiny seeds. You form the seeds according to many different shapes and sizes and colors, so that man can know what kind of growth will come of them. When they are placed the earth they may look dry and dead, but when they are watered by the life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun, they lose all their lifeless look and grow in an almost miraculous manner. By the power You gave them, they take the dead minerals of the earth and build up the nourishing, tasty foods that men need to sustain life.

This week, dear Lord, we will plant these seeds of (wheat, corn, or whatever it may be) that You have given us. Bless them, and watch over them, and bring them to the full growth and rich harvest that You wish to bless us with.

But, should You not allow them to come to full harvest, we accept Your will humbly. We trust that You will nevertheless watch over us and make the seeds of grace that You have given us grow to flower and fruit in the full Christian life that You intend for us here and hereafter. Amen.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2490*****SPRING FESTIVAL***

**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.

There will be a cake walk, auction and raffle drawing.

Contact Richard Raun at 979-541-3775 or Timmy Drapela at 979-332-2768 for raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

KC #2490 contributes to the school's budget and helps the church and school with various projects and blood drives. Please help support those that support St. Philip School and Church.

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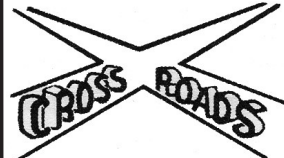
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