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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 April 24 – April 30

MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Jason Kachmar
TUE	8:00 a.m.	+ Frank Bubela
WED	1:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	+William and Mark Smajstrla +Lane Priesmeyer/CCE Closing Mass
THU	8:00 a.m.	+ Adolph and Emma Mladenka
FRI	8:15 a.m.	+ Linda Wallis
SAT	5:00 p.m.	KJZT living and deceased members
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Parishioners Intentions + Gary Kana + Johnnie Marek

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Third Sunday of Easter

You have made known
to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy
in your presence.

-Acts 2:28

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 29 & APRIL 30

· **SATURDAY— 5:00 p.m.****Lector:** Cecilia Polasek**Cantor:** Lea Hynes**Altar Servers:** Beck Hoelscher, Louise Hoelscher, Thauh Nguyen**Hospitality:** Steven and Wendy Korenek**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Jason Hoelscher (Need Volunteer)· **SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.****Lector:** A. J. Kresta**Altar Servers:** Parker Eide, Jade Thibeaux, Jude Thibeaux**Hospitality:** Zachary Edwards, Denise Flagg**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Michael Feagin, Mike Smaistrila· **SUNDAY— 10:00 a.m.****Lector:** Glenn Frels, Dot Hermansen**Cantor:** Diane Bard**Altar Servers:** Kathryn Lutringer, Katelyn Netardus**Hospital/Meridian:** Aaron Faas**Hospitality:** Gerry Mikeska, Stanley Sellers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Mary Kay Price, Ron Price, Claudia Raun**CLOW:** Stacey Charbula· **SUNDAY— 6:00 p.m.****Lector:** Juliann Little**Cantor:** Sophia Perez**Altar Servers:** Duncan Harris, Evelyn Harris, Caroline Little**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Wayne Bard, Lynn CoxThird Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

A Message From Our Pastor

Father's Formed.org Suggestion of the Week

MOVIES – DEVOTIONAL

Via Lucis: The Stations of the Resurrection



We praise God for the gift of the Eucharist—Jesus' body and blood, soul and divinity—that our second graders receive for the first time this weekend. May His blessing remain with them. Receiving the Eucharist this year is special because we are in the midst of the year of Eucharistic Revival. The bishops of the United States encourage a renewed sense of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and its importance in the life of the Church.

The USCCB website has a wonderful article on the Reception of Holy Communion at Mass that can change the way we look at our procession forward to receive the Eucharist. It can also heighten our joy for those who begin to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The article speaks of the procession, "as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem." The action of coming forward and receiving the Eucharist is a testament to our communion as one body of faith living in this world anticipating eternal life with God in Heaven. We are not as if standing in the supermarket line awaiting our turn to receive. Mass is a faithful act of the whole of the body not one person's individual profession of faith.

Christ invites us through the words of the priest: "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." We are called forward to receive the life giving wellspring that is Jesus in the Eucharist. This invite is the cause or our joy for those receiving for the first time. By the pilgrimage to the altar, "we join the countless ranks of all the baptized who have gone before us, our loved ones, the canonized and uncanonized saints down through the ages, who at their time in history formed a part of this mighty stream of believers." New receivers are now joining these ranks to receive the font of life as a body of believers.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Pray For The Sick...

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FIRST READING - Acts 2:14,36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

SECOND READING - 1 Peter 2:20-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the

cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL - John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Key Scriptural Passage:

While he was at the table with the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:30-31)

Questions for Discussion:

Adult: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Child: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

Readings For The Week (April 24 - April 29)

Monday.....Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday.....1 Pt 5:5-14/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday.....Acts 8:1-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday.....Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday.....Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday.....Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Flowers – April 23

Main Altar and Ambo: In loving memory of *Lane Priesmeyer* given by the Wayne Priesmeyer family.

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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Pro-Life Corner...Did you know that aborted babies are being used for experimentation? And for cosmetic products? One abortionist said "A baby is becoming property. We kill, keep or sell the property." Is this really any different than what Hitler did?: We must stop this modern day Holocaust. Please pray to end abortion.



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Those Going Home to God...

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Next weekend, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs.



Teen Acts Retreat... Attention all teens that just finished Freshman year to graduating Seniors, who would like a Spirit filled weekend and would like to make new friends. *"His We Are"* Psalm 100:2. We would like to invite you to join us for an extraordinary weekend on the next Teen ACTS retreat June 15-18, 2023.

To guarantee your reservation, please remit payment for the retreat deposit fee amount of \$50.00 to St. Philip. Full payment of \$200.00 is due by May 31, 2023.

Application forms may be picked up at the St. Philip church office or on the website.

Catholic Rural Life... April: The Blessing of Seed and Rain... Our health and our lives depend on the sprouting of seeds and water to ensure their growth. Through the nurturing of seeds, then harvesting and eating of their produce, we receive God's blessings. Saving some of the new seeds allows us to continue this miraculous cycle each year. Just as seeds cannot grow without water, so the cycle of rain blesses us, and allows the water to be replenished in the ground. From the beginning, You called us to the honored task of being workers in your garden. Let us seek God's guidance in planting seeds of love in our lives that will grow through the years into the living words of your Son.

Let us pray... Loving God, the Spirit of Life hovered over the waters and began the great work of creation. Bless the waters of this earth. Let them fall again from the sky at the proper times so that our gardens and fields may yield abundantly and all growing things may thrive. Bless also the seed, pregnant with life.

Let them show us the Easter mystery of new life coming from death and burial. May they burst forth soon with verdant growth from earth, rain, and sun. Through the rain and these seeds, bring us to a new awareness of your presence in and around us, as we joyfully live in the knowledge of eternal resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We would like to thank the following families and individuals for their memorial donations for the Easter flowers in loving memory of: J.P. Anderson, Henry & Hattie Staff, Parents of Andy & Margie Swoboda. Flowers memorials also given by Gerry & Donna Mikeska, Eugene & Gerry Graham, and Arliss Treybig.

The annual District #7 meeting and family day will be held Sunday, May 7 at the Mikeska Fellowship Center with Society #84 as host. Adult and youth registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. A meal will be served at 12:00 noon with the business meeting to follow. All KJT members and their families are extended a personal invitation to share the day with us. Come join us for family fun and fellowship.

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Growing in Faith...Powerful Gifts of Eucharistic Devotion... As the "source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love: The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining—personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' -impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and protects from mortal sin.

Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

Wisdom and guidance: As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34) Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



Calendar of Events...**Sunday, April 23**

- First Communion Mass at 12:00 Noon.

Monday, April 24

- Men's Bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.

Tuesday, April 25

- Upper room prayer group will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

- CCE Grades K-12 at 6:30 p.m. Closing Mass at 7:00p.m.

Sunday, April 30

- Second collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner for April 14 is *Ronnie and Reneau Gold*.

Church Events in the Area...

April 29 - Holy Family Catholic Church Spring Gala at the Family Life Center in Wharton. Social hour at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m., auction and dance. Pre-sale tickets only. \$50.00 per ticket. For more information contact Gary Hlavinka at 979-533-1625 or Irene Hlavinka at 979-531-9412.

April 30 - St. Michael Church in Weimar Springfest at the Veterans Memorial Park. Fried chicken and sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m. Dine in or plates to go. \$12.00 per plate. Auction, games, bingo, music, and raffle drawing.

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 Sun, June 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and end at 12:00 noon on Tues, June 13, 2023. The second session will begin on Wed, June 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and end at 12:00 noon on Fri, 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.

Emmaus Center Roast & Toast... SOLD OUT!

The Emmaus Center Roast & Toast has reached capacity. Thank you to all who purchased seats. Thank you to *Father Tommy Chen* for sitting in the Hot Seat this year. For

information on how make a monetary donation to help underwrite expenses, please go to: www.victoriadiocese.org/roast-toast.

**Amor Meus Center Workshop... Saturday, April 29**

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, at Incarnate Word Convent, is hosting the workshop, "Who is a Mystic? Living Contemplatively in a Busy World" on Saturday, April 29, facilitated by *Jeannette Easley*, Director of Ruah Spirituality Center in Houston. She will give a presentation on what it means to be a mystic and give examples of them through the centuries. The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please park in the front of the convent. Free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call 361-575-7111.

St. Philip Catholic School is seeking to fill a position on the School Advisory Council to begin in June. Obligations include monthly meeting attendance, with occasional special sessions necessary for a three year term. If you are interested in giving of your time and talent to our local Catholic School, please call Leslie at the parish rectory at 543-3770.

Adorers Needed: We are needing adorers for Wednesday from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and also Thursday from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Please pray and answer God's call. For more information, call Janet Holub at 543-6130.



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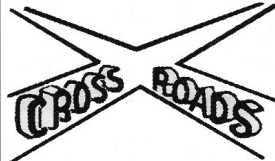
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