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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.

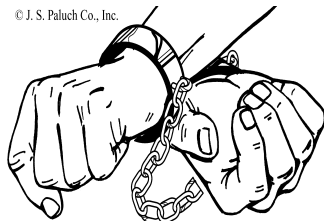
Sacrament of Marriage: Please register at the parish office as soon as possible, but at least six months prior to anticipated date.

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 August 28 – September 3		
MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Freddie Wittig
TUE	8:00 a.m.	+ Minerva Garza
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	+ Annie Drastata + Tony and Frances Court
THU	8:00 a.m.	+ Bobby Little
FRI	8:15 a.m.	+ Clara Gottselic
SAT	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	+ Willie J. Balcar + Frank and Mary Ann Stavena
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	+JoAnna Schwartzkopf, Frankie Sat-sky Parishioners Intentions + Linda Wallis

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time...

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

- Matthew 16:19

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPT 2 & SEPT 3

· **SATURDAY– 5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Ruthie Buzek

Cantor: Tommy Marek

Altar Servers: Brooklyn Leopold, Kyle Leopold (**Need Volunteer**)

Hospitality: Need Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Martha Bartos, Tish McAlister

· **SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.**

Lector: Donna Shelton

Altar Servers: Brynn Charbula, Talynn Charbula (**Need Volunteer**)

Hospitality: Michael Feagin, (**Need Volunteer**)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Margaret Anderson, Jerry Shelton, Mike Smaistrila

· **SUNDAY– 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Glenn Frels, Susie Gaines

Cantor: Daniel Berglund

Altar Servers: Breckyn Drapela, Paisyln Drapela (**Need Volunteer**)

Hospital/Meridian: Jason Zalman

Hospitality: Frank Jalufka, Frank Kacal, Joe Kocurek, Phililp Kocurek

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Kimberly Couvillion, Mike Couvillion, Mary Kay Price, Ron Price

Vocation Prayer Cross: Irene Nohavitza

· **SUNDAY– 6:00 p.m.**

Lector: Riley Wallis

Cantor: Abby Wallis

Altar Servers: Addison Koudela, Alli Koudela (**Need Volunteer**)

Hospitality: Need Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Lynn Cox (**Need Volunteer**)

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023

A Message From Our Pastor

It has been a busy week here in our parish! You might have noticed the new windows at the rectory. This project was begun before it was announced that I would be coming here to St. Philips to be your pastor, so thank you, Fr. Michael! Not only do they look great, but the energy efficiency has given the air conditioners a chance to actually cool the building and retain the cool air, bringing a welcomed relief from the heat for Fr. Samuel and I.

The sound-system project remains ongoing. Perhaps you have seen the eight speakers that have been installed, located in the windows of the church. There will be an additional eight speakers installed over the next few weeks while we wait for the motherboard, that remains back ordered. Please, pray with me that this last piece of equipment will arrive as they have promised, and we can be using our new system by the end of September.

You can see that the baptismal font project is underway. On Tuesday, we chipped out all the tile to expose any possible damage. Initially, we thought we had identified the leaks and that the wood substructure was generally intact. However, on Wednesday, discovery revealed that almost the entire pedestal that held the upper bowl was rotten. Rebuilding it would necessarily cause damage to the lower pool. And so, we have entered a new phase. Our first step was to remove the entire baptismal font and pool, a process that revealed additional and extensive water damage throughout the entire area, in and around the font. With it now gone and damage repaired, we can begin the discussion on how to move forward.

Lastly, on Thursday they installed carpet in the confessionals. Hopefully, with the carpeted floors and mounting some of the sounds, boards that used to be in the loft, onto the dividing walls, we can solve the acoustical problem in our confessionals.

This is our church, our place to encounter the living God in his Word and Sacrament, it was here before us, and will be here after us, so let us do our part to care for it, we are all in this together.

With the tenderness, compassion, and mercy of the loving Savior,

-Fr. Dalton

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, Leonard Hubenak, Jennifer Martin, Irene Sedlock, Brandy Kubena, Eugene Graham, Cindy Juneck, Bill Culver, Carl Siglock, Shirley McMahon, Cindy Schmidt, Edith Farish, Kristi Baker, Joy Rop-polo, Lorrie Goodman, L. C. Koehne Jr., 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 Kappelman, Crawford Leonard, Austin Tice, Pat Cunningham, Gary Holub, Daisy Zella, Laura Thane, Larry Livanec, Blair Ross Couey Jr., Barbara Juneck, Darrell Nohavitza, Dorothy Faas, Walter and Stephanie Stepan, Louise Kubena, Billy Berry, Stephen Gaines, Gerald Ripple, Regina Kaspar, Calynne Reckaway, Ginger McMasters Preite, John Scogin, Amelia Lyford, Betty Hlavinka, Jesse Wheeler, Candace Janecka, Douglas "Bubba" Dornak, Elaine Janik, Wayne Bard, Albert Socha, Clifton Bram, Alvin Merta, Dolores Resendez, Patsy Mican Smith, Melodie Kacal, Larry Grubbs, Eleanor Mican, Julia Rodriguez and the homebound.

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

SECOND READING - Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good

and pleasing and perfect.

GOSPEL - Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Key Scriptural Passage...

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15-16)

Questions for Discussion:

Adult: Which church leader has most influenced your personal faith?

Child: What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?



Readings For The Week (Aug 28 - Sept 2)

Monday.....1 Thes 1:1-5,8-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday.....1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday.....1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday.....1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:24-51
Friday.....Deut 7:6-11/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday.....1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Pro-Life Corner...Let's not pretend that abortion isn't about the mass slaughter of innocents. Life is sacred and we should take a position of being against abortion. It is wrong to take human life. Human life starts at conception. Abortion should be listed as a weapon of mass destruction against the voiceless.

Flowers - August 27

Main Altar and Ambo: In loving memory of *Nancy Richards* and *Christina Hoelscher* given by Dr. John and Susan Richards.

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Prayer for Rain...Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

Saint Rose of Lima Feast Day - August 23...

Born to Spanish immigrants to the New World. A beautiful girl and devoted daughter, she was so devoted to her vow of chastity that she used pepper and lye to ruin her complexion so she would not be attractive. Lived and meditated in a garden, raising vegetables and making embroidered items to sell to support her family and help the other poor. Dominican tertiary in 1606. Mystic.

Visionary. Received invisible stigmata. Suffered from assorted physical and mental ailments. First saint born in the Americas. Founder of social work in Peru. Great devotion to Saint Catherine of Siena.

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Pray For Those Serving In The Military and Law Enforcement

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Church Picnics in the Area...

Sept 3 - St. Mary festival at the Nada Community Center. BBQ beef and sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m. Dine in or plates to go. \$12.00 per plate. Auction, country store, music, games, and drawing.

Sept 3 - Sacred Heart Parish picnic at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. Country fried chicken, stew dinner at 11:00 a.m. \$13.00 per plate. Auction, bingo, country store, games, music, and drawing.

Sept 3 - Shiner Catholic Church fall picnic at the KC Park in Shiner. Fried chicken, stew, and sausage dinner. Auction, bingo, country store, games, music, and drawing.

Sept 3 - St. Mary Catholic church parish picnic in High Hill. Fried chicken and stew dinner at 11:00 a.m. \$13.00 per plate. Auction, games, music and drawing.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center is offering a 12-week Ignatian Retreat entitled: "Finding Christ in the World" beginning Wed, August 30 - Wed., November 29. It is facilitated by Sister Digna Vela, OVISS. The participants making this retreat will pray at home each day with a given scripture passage and meet for one hour each week in a group to share. They will meet at Incarnate Word Convent on Wed. mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or on Wednesday evenings on Google Meet 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Brief notes help move the retreatant into prayer around 12 themes. A stipend of \$100 for the 12 weeks includes a \$40 workbook amounting to \$5/week. The retreat is limited to no more than 10 persons. Call early to secure a space. To register or inquire about the retreat, call Sister Digna Vela, OVISS, at 361-485-0866 or email amormeuscenter@gmail.com.

Caregiver Support Group... The Emmaus Center will begin the Ministry of Love support group for caregivers. Caregiving is a ministry of love that can be mentally and physically exhausting. This support group will provide supportive and spiritual resources for self care. The group will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory's Cathedral Center in the St. Gabriel room. Please call 361-212-0830 for more information and to register.

In Memoriam, Former St. Philip School Teacher...

Sister Gregory aka Sister Margaret Ann Verzywyelt, CDP (Congregation of Divine Providence, San Antonio TX) died Sunday, August 20, 2023 at the Congregation nursing home; she was 88. Believed to be the last surviving CDP Sister who taught at St. Philip School (SPS). Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. Thank you to Father Marcus A. Valenta, Mr. R. H. Hancock and his daughter, Mrs. Dan Gillelan, a graduate of Our Lady of the Lake College, for approaching the CDP in 1949 for nuns to staff SPS, per the History of St. Philip Parish [posted on the Parish website].)

—Angela Dornak, SPS Class of '72

St. Philip School Library Donation April-June 2023

In Memory Of:

Allan Zieschang: Frank, Michelle, Elizabeth, Emily Wilson

Growing in Faith...What to do when God feels distant...

There are times when God seems so close that we are filled with a glorious feeling of love. At other times he can seem so distant it's as if he has turned his back. God lets this happen for our good. Still, that distant feeling can be hard to bear.

Look for a cause. Some we cause distance to crop up between us without even realizing it. We may have become overly-confident of our spiritual strength and yielded to temptations. Or we neglected prayer or Sunday Mass.

Pray your way back. Distance can lead to discouragement, but don't let that keep you from prayer. Reaching out to God is the surest way to find your way back. Enlist the help of the saints or the Blessed Mother.

Meditate on what you know. Regularly repeat God's promises of salvation, Jesus's pledge of eternal love, memories of God's past blessings, anything that reminds you of his love. Focus on these beautiful thoughts over and over.

Seek Reconciliation. A common cause for distance is unconfessed sin. Are you weighted down by a fault or sin you are avoiding facing? Consider making a full Confession and seek the Sacrament regularly. Perform an act of penance, such as fasting, to take the focus off yourself. Then you will find he has been beside you all along.

A Word From Pope Francis...

It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

Angelus, Rome, July 12, 2020



Strength for the Journey 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 lost a child, and will walk this grief journey with you whether your loss is recent or in the past.

Monthly meetings take place from 6:30-8:00 pm at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 108 S. 6th Street, Ganado.

Meetings include the opportunity to pray, listen to presentations by clergy and other parents who have lost a child, and meet others on the grief journey. Participants are not required to share anything, and may just remain silent and listen if they'd like.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Sept 12, Nov 14, and Dec 12, 2023.

Please also save the date for a weekend retreat **Oct. 13 - 15, 2023** at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. information, please contact Patricia Hoelscher 979-257-9984, phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org Or Deacon Larry Hoelscher 979-578-3934

Growing in Faith... One Minute Meditation...

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." (Pope Francis)

Calendar of Events...**Monday, August 28**

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Friday, September 1

- Patriotic rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 3

- Blessing of expectant parents after all the Masses.

- Second collection is for Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University.

St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner for August 18 is *Anthony and Nancy Collins*.

The St. Philip School Booster Club will have their catered meal fundraiser on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 11:00-12:30. Pickup at St. Philip Parish Hall on Depot Street. \$13.00 per plate.

St. Philip the Apostle Church Bible Study...2023 Fall Semester. Please join us for the new bible study we will be offering this fall. **Make authentic connections with other women. Refuel and refresh. Learn more about God.**

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point...

This study explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

- * How do I get my priorities in order?
- * I've been going thru the motions in my spiritual life - how does it relate to my day-to-day life?
- * How do I get to know Christ in a personal way?

Monday Mornings beginning Sept 11 - St. Philip Meeting House from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact *Dot Hermansen* (979) 541-3023 or *Rita Hancock* at (979) 541-7475.
Tuesday Evenings beginning Sept 12 - Mikeska Fellowship Center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact *Linda Bolcik* (979) 541-3172 or *Angie Socha* (979) 541-6385.

Invite Someone to Join the Catholic Church...

- ♦ Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?
- ♦ Do you have a spouse or a friend who is non-Catholic and has expressed a desire to become Catholic?
- ♦ Does your non-Catholic spouse or friend want to better understand the Catholic Church?

The RCIA is a process of 26 to 28 weeks in length, providing information about Catholic Church Doctrine and beliefs as well as a formation process in the faith.

Inquiry classes begin September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room.

**St. Philip the Apostle Parish Picnic**

Sunday, September 24, 2023

ONLY (28) DAYS REMAIN UNTIL OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!!

What can I do for our Parish Picnic?

1. Sell or purchase the \$100.00 drawing tickets.
2. Make or donate an item for the live and silent auctions.
3. Bring two cakes, one for the dinner and one for the cake wheel.
4. Volunteer to work at the picnic. Call Terry Priesmeyer at 578-1550.

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Everyone is invited to join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

The 6:00 p.m. Mass will not be celebrated on Sunday, September 24.

WE ARE NEEDING A CHAIRMAN FOR THE CAKES AND DESSERT BOOTH AT THE PICNIC. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT 543-3770.

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a Welcome Brunch for *Fr. Dalton* in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 10 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We are looking for Bulletin Sponsors. If you would like to place an ad please Contact Leslie Farquhar at 979-543-3770 or apostle@stphilipapostle.org

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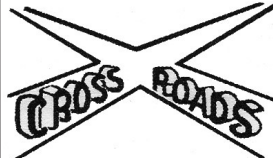
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