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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 Sept 18 – Sept 24		
MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Mitzi Schmidt
TUE	8:00 a.m.	+ Betty Corbett
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	+ Annie Drastata + James R. and Evelyn J. Dornak
THU	8:00 a.m.	+ Darryl Novak
FRI	8:15 a.m.	+ Linda Wallis
SAT	5:00 p.m.	+ Milton and Angeline Schoenfield
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	+ Marie Hrnair + Parishioners Intentions Mass will not be celebrated so our families can enjoy the picnic



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. - Sirach 28:2

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023

A Message From Our Pastor

We are just one week away from our Parish Picnic. In some ways, it seems overwhelming that it is already here. There is still so much to be done to prepare and ensure the success of this major fundraiser for our parish. It is also, and perhaps more importantly, an opportunity to come together as a community to show the bond we have through our faith in a God who comes to save us, and who nourishes us through St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church.

While there is much work to do this coming week, and especially on Sunday itself, so much has already been done! My deepest and sincerest thanks to all who have stepped up already. It definitely gives me a sense of peace seeing and experiencing the support you have for our parish. If you have not already been asked, please consider helping out. Many hands make light work.

Particularly, I want to acknowledge all of the work and generosity surrounding the Mega Drawing. From organizing and purchasing the fifty prizes, printing and distributing tickets, selling tickets far and wide, and sponsoring the raffle itself, many hours have been poured into this raffle. We have already received \$51,500 in sponsorship. That means, that with only \$8,500 more, the raffle will be completely underwritten!

So again, thank you to all who have been involved already, thank you to all who are planning to help, and thank you to all of you who will step up and decide to lend a helping hand this week. It is going to be a great time and I look forward to seeing you there!

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, Eugene Graham, Cindy Junek, Bill Culver, Carl Siglock, Shirley McMahon, Cindy Schmidt, Edith Farish, Kristi Baker, Joy Roppolo, 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 Kappellmann, Austin Tice, Pat Cunningham, Gary Holub, Daisy Zella, Laura Thane, Larry Livanec, Blair Ross Couey Jr., Barbara Junek, 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, Albert Socha, Clifton Bram, Alvin Merta, Dolores Resendez, Patsy Mican Smith, Melodie Kacal, Larry Grubbs, Eleanor Mican, Julia Rodriguez, Evelyn Dybala, Darlene Kahanek, Nancy Kacal, Marilyn Goerig and the homebound.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPT 23 & SEPT 24

· **SATURDAY— 5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Essie Leslie

Cantor: Jeanette Hunter

Altar Servers: Faith Korenek, Connor Purrell, Michaela Purrell

Hospitality: Steven and Wendy Korenek

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Dennis Edwards, Gwen Edwards

· **SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.**

Lector: Angela Dornak

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

Hospitality: Roy and Janice Smaistrila

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Bolcik, Michael Feagin

· **SUNDAY— 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Romona Stepan, Ceci Triska

Cantor: Carol Smolik

Altar Servers: Beck Hoelscher, Louise Hoelscher, Kaelyn Netardus

Hospital/Meridian: Aaron Faas

Hospitality: Bruce Allgayer, Jimmie Triska

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Jason Hoelscher, Kevin Pavlas, Mary Kay Price, Ron Price

Vocation Prayer Cross: Ron and Mary Kay Price

CLOW:

· **SUNDAY— 6:00 p.m.**

6:00 P.M. MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED!

Let us all gather at the Columbus Club Hall for our annual parish picnic and time of fellowship with our family, friends, and out of town guests!

FIRST READING - Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

SECOND READING - Philippians 1:20-24

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL - Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage,

he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Key Scriptural Passage...

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you seventy-seven times." (Matt 18:21-22)

Questions for Discussion:

Adult: When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

Child: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

Readings For The Week (Sept 18- Sept 23)

Monday.....1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday.....1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday.....1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday.....Eph 4:1-7/Mt 9:9-13
Friday.....1 Sam/3:1-10/Lk 5:1-11
Saturday.....1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Flowers - September 17

Main Altar, Ambo, St. Joseph - In loving memory of *Evelyn and Lucian Kainer, Patty Kainer Duncan, and Ellwood Hermansen* given by family.

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar - In loving memory of *James R. and Evelyn J. Dornak* given by Angela Dornak.

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Deacon Joseph Blackburn, Aaron Padilla, Shane Goertz, Caleb Krischke, William Pettus, Alex Woods, Nelson Lagos

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Rosary Congress In The Diocese of Victoria - Oct 1-8

The Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress will begin on Sunday, Oct 1. From that time and continuing for seven days, the rosary will be recited during Eucharistic adoration every hour somewhere in the diocese.

Bishop Cahill has announced the 2023 intentions for our diocese. 1. in reparation for the sins of bishops and priests. 2. in reparation for sins against the Holy Eucharist, and for an increase and awareness of the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. 3. for the gift of peace, especially in Ukraine and 4. for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our families.

Diocese of Victoria at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Blue Mass 2023 will be on Friday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by *Bishop Brendan Cahill*. This Mass honors and lifts up in prayer all first responders, public safety personnel, and their families. All the faithful are invited to take part in this special liturgy.

Sacrificial Giving

9-10-23 \$11,672.00

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 Srubar* 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, *Sgt Kurt Korenek*, PD - Cy Fair ISD, *Kaci Korenek* USMC

BARBECUE SLICING**Chairperson: Bobby Peter (541-3235)**

8:00 a.m.- Aaron Faas, Joseph Liska, Robert Leopold, Russell Leopold, Greg Leopold, Eric Merta, Doug Trochta

More workers are needed for the Barbecue Slicing.**BINGO****Chairperson: Sandra Knesek (541-9305)****Callers: Brenda Harp, Sandra Knesek**12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. - Stacey Charbula, Patsy Baker, **need 2 volunteers**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Annette Balcar, Nancy Fucik, Lacey Knesek, **need 1 volunteer**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **need 2 or 3 volunteers****BOOTH BUILDING****Chairperson: Glenn Buenger 979-637-6264****Workers are needed for Booth Building. Please call Glen.****CAKES - DESSERTS****Chairperson: Lillian Bartek (541-3288)**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Lillian Bartek, Theresa Harton, Nelda Schmidt, Sylvia Little, Veronica Marek, Tish McAlister, Carol Novosad, Elaine Strnad, Karen Wells, Genevieve Hicks

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lillian Bartek, Theresa Harton, Nelda Schmidt, Ardis Bacak, Mary Ann Cerny

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lillian Bartek, Nelda Schmidt

COUNTRY STORE**Chairpersons: Kathy Helterbride (332-2322)****Rose Marie Janak (533-6567)**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Stacey Krausky, Josephine Rucka, Jeraldine Socha, Delores Dornak, Betty Parma, Bettie Konvicka

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Janet Holub, Irene Nohavitzka

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. - Pat Sanders, Rose Marie Bain, Lillian Bartek

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Rose Marie Janak, Kathy Helterbride

TICKET SALES**Chairperson: Janiece Holub (979-332-0092)****Inside:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon -

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ron and Mary Kay Price

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Andy and Margie Swoboda

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Susie Orsak, Jacob Eide

Outside: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Martha Bartos, Patrick Bartos

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. - Cline and Christine Johnson

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Vlasta Bartos, Joseph Bartos

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Bill Goerig, Will Goerig

PLATES TO GO LINE**Chairpersons: Randy and Joy Janak (541-7976)****Workers:** Wayne & Diane Bard, Brick & Mary Berberich, Jan Dornak, Gwen Edwards, Rose Ann Fuechec, Randy Hill, Dennis & Carol Korenek, Stephen & Pat Korenek, Stan Labay, Grant Lange, Jeanette Macha, Sandra Koenig, Robert & Sharon Shafer, Theresa Staff, Jeanette Stock, Jim & Matthew Van Antwerp, Kyle & Riley Wallis, Marian Peter**More workers are needed for the plates to go line.****\$1.00 RAFFLE WORKERS****Chairperson: Randy and Becky Mitchell (578-1504)**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Randy and Becky Mitchell

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - John and Cathy Hrnair

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Bonnie Collins, Becky Mitchell

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Randy and Becky Mitchell

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Picnic**Sunday, September 24, 2023****Barbecue beef and sausage****dinner. Dine in or plates to go.**

\$14.00 per plate. Huge indoor auction,

silent auction, bingo, cake walk,
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Thank you to the following families and individuals who had donated toward the cost of meat for the picnic meal. The total thus far is **\$12,960.00.**

Joseph Peters, M/M Ben Altenhoff, Clyde Reynolds, Ardis Bacak, M/M Stephen Korenek, M/M Gary Charbula, M/M Chris Dettling, M/M Wayne Bard, M/M Gerry Mikeska, Barbara Junek, M/M Wesley Strnad, Frances Livanec, M/M Richard Ottis, M/M Michael Orsak, M/M August Malik, M/M Joe Freeman, Delores Prihoda, M/M John Winter, Glenn Frels, Robert Blume, Elizabeth Ramos, M/M Emil Carlson, George Mondrik Jr.

It is requested that each family bring 2 cakes/or desserts to the picnic. They are needed for: Cakes/ Dessert booth for desserts inside. Also cakes/ desserts are needed for the cake wheel and the country store. Also a dozen or two of individual wrapped items for the to go plates.

Let's keep that cake wheel spinning!

Calendar of Events...**Monday, September 18**

- 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.
- RCIA Inquiry at 6:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Mtg. Room.

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

- KC #2490 community blood drive from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club Hall.
- CCE Grades K-12 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 24

- St. Philip parish picnic at the Columbus Club Hall.

St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner for September 8 is *Les Huber*.

Women's ACTS Retreat... October 19 thru Oct 22, 2023 at the Cathedral Under The Oaks in Weimar. Registration forms are available in the church office or by contacting: *Sandra Kachmar* at 979-332-3536, *Mary Kay Price* at 979-541-6738 or *Nelda Schmidt* at 979-541-4933. Cost is \$150.00 per person, however finances should not prevent anyone from registering. Scholarships are available.



Adorers Needed: We are needing adorers for **Monday** from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m., **Wednesday** from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., **Thursday** from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., and **Friday** from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please pray and answer God's call. For more information, call Janet Holub at 543-6130.

Knights of Columbus #2490 will hold a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 20 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club Hall. Contact Richard Raun74@gmail.com. Free socks for donors.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

To All KJZT members: Queen of the Holy Rosary No. 72 cordially invites you to attend our 100th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 15 in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall. Welcome is at 11:30 a.m., lunch and fellowship at 12:15 p.m. RSVP number attending to *Rose Marie Janak* 979-533-6567 or *Kathy Helterbridle* at 979-332-2322 by September 30, 2023.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY needs your help!!! We are needing more individuals, couples, students, and families to help in this ministry at all the weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 543-3770 and offer to help.

**Defending Innocent Life...**

Abortion, the murder of unborn children, has been legal in the United States since 1973. For five decades we have witnessed the slaughter of millions of sons and daughters to Moloch. Do not think that with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* by the Supreme Court, those who promote, participate in, and profit from abortion are going to stop their relentless war on the innocent. Abortion is demonic, and the devil never sleeps. The annual Life Chain, always the first Sunday in October, is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness of pro-life Americans standing in solidarity with the unborn to raise public awareness of the horror of abortion. Participation is a very small sacrifice we can offer up to express our support for innocent life and to show God we repent for allowing this to have taken place in our country.

The El Campo 2023 Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 1, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the intersection of Jackson (Business 59) and Mechanic (Highway 71) in downtown El Campo. We will gather in the Mikeska parking lot across from Rioux Hardware near HEB at 1:45 pm, and signs will be available for participants. Contact Reene Terrell at 543-3091 if you have questions.



News from the Cemetery Committee of Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery... Please remember that only one flower arrangement and only one perpetual or religious light is permitted per grave space. We ask that you please pick up your flowers off the graves beginning Monday, **September 25**. All graves will be cleaned and anything in violation will not be saved. Please do not add put any new flowers until after **October 15**, in order that we may prepare the cemetery for All Souls Day. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting with the upkeep of the cemetery. Let us work together with Kirk to maintain the beauty of our cemetery.

Catechetical Sunday - September 17, 2023

This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; He wants to lighten them.



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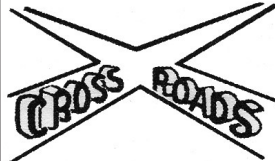
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