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Spring

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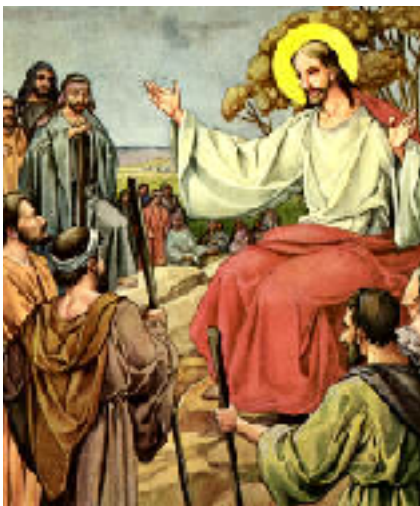
Thank you for spending time with us today!

We know that these are unprecedented times and many of you are looking for a measure of spiritual comfort and peace. We are encouraged that you are here and are praying for you. Please feel free to look around our website, follow us on social media, and join our Masses and programs.

## New Parishioners

Welcome home!

If you are ready to register, you may at [www.stphilipcs.com/parish-registration](http://www.stphilipcs.com/parish-registration). For further information please contact our pastoral associate, Amy Viertel, at [amy@stphilipcs.com](mailto:amy@stphilipcs.com).



## Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 9, 2021

This Sunday all the readings remind us that we are caught up in the great mystery of love. The very life and essence of God is love; and God, who calls us and loves us first – before we are ready or able to respond – pours out his love on us with profound generosity. Since God has been so generous with us, how can we be stingy – especially since love comes from God and not from us? We are invited to receive, to treasure this great gift and then to live and spread it throughout the world, especially toward those who are hardest to love, our enemies.

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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents should make arrangements with the parish office prior to the birth of the child.

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the parish office to make preparations at least six months prior to the date. New baptismal certificates must be obtained from the home parish showing that the couple are free to marry.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Families should notify the parish office of members admitted to hospitals and convalescent facilities. For emergencies call (254) 754-1221.

**VOCATIONS:** Anyone considering a vocation to the religious life should speak with our clergy or contact Rev. Greg Gerhart at (512) 949-2430 or: [fr-greg-gerhart@austindiocese.org](mailto:fr-greg-gerhart@austindiocese.org)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** | Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/Ps 98:1-4/1Jn

4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Monday** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6a & 9/Jn 15:26-16:4

**Tuesday** | Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3,7-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday** | Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2,11-14/Jn

16:12-15

**Thursday** | Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-7,8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mk

16:15-20

**Friday** | Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday** | Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3,8-10/Jn 16:23-28

## TV MASSES

6:00am, KWTX - *REBROADCAST*  
of last week's Mass

9:30am, CW - *LIVE BROADCASTS*

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

This past week many of our youth and a few of our adults received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon their lives in the sacrament of Confirmation. Many of us will be tempted to do one of two things - to think of confirmation as a Catholic graduation or as something that we have chosen. While our actions are important and taking a bold new step forward against temptation and indifference is certainly part of the sacrament, it is not at the heart of Confirmation. Confirmation is first and foremost the action of the Holy Spirit, a prayer, during which God confirms and deepens what He has done in our lives. We open our hearts and God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, pours in. Take a look at the way the sacrament is given - an imposition of hands. Pope Benedict reminds us that this is a protective gesture, "The Lord takes responsibility for me. He does not spare me the wind and the weather, but he protects me from real evil." I find this to be helpful because it reminds me that it does not all depend on me. God steps in, starts and then does most of the work.

Fr. Ryan

### POTLUCK SOCIAL

Excited to announce that our *First Sunday Potluck Social* is making a comeback beginning next month! Mark your calendar for the first Sunday of June and join us after Mass for food & fellowship.

### DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Meeting of the Waco Deanery will meet on Wednesday, May 12th at 10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waco. Lunch will be served. Thank You!

### QUILTERS FROM THE HEART

Quilts from the Heart quilting group will meet on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at St. Louis in Grace Hall. We welcome newcomers and will teach you how to quilt, supplies are provided. Our quilts are donated to Providence Hospital for patient distribution. For questions, please call Clara Jean Matustik 254-772-8885. Thank you!



*Come and Be Set Apart*

NOW ENROLLING FOR  
FALL 2021

PreK-3 through 12th Grade



Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? At Catholic Charities of Central Texas, our counselors promote the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of our clients. For health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, all counseling sessions are offered through our "virtual therapy" portal. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6150 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

This month's GATHER will be held at the home of Joy Biniok on Sunday, May 16th @ 5pm. Joy's address is 1522 Old Crawford Rd., Crawford, TX. Bring your favorite dish to share and a lawn chair. GATHER is open to ALL the women of St. Philip. It is a monthly get-together that provides us with an opportunity to visit, laugh, pray & eat. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at Amy@StPhilipCS.com

### SAVE THE DATES FOR ST. LOUIS CHURCH VBS

Come and Join the fun at VBS this summer from June 21st-25th at Bishop Louis Reicher Lower Campus from 9:00am-3:00pm. All students entering Kinder – 5th grade are invited. Cost per student is \$125 which includes the cost of entrance to the ZOO on Friday, June 25th. Discounts available for families with multiple students. Registration begins May 10th. For questions please contact Zulma at zulma@stlouiswaco.com. Thank you!

### SAVE THE DATES - SUMMER CAMPS

#### CAMP ST LOUIS:

Camp St. Louis will be from June 21st - 25th for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. This weeklong day camp will be jam packed with fun and faith. We will have different talks and activities each day, as well as field trips throughout the week, including a trip to a water park!

#### LEGACY PHASE:

This time of going deeper for 9th - 12th grade high school students from July 14th-16th will be hosted in the evenings at the St. Louis parish. Each night will include moments to build lasting friendships and to enrich their faith, as well as times of epic fun, like glow in the dark challenges and adventures!

More details, such as pricing and specific start and end times will be shared soon. Parents, if you are interested in helping or volunteering for these events, please email us at youthministry@stlouiswaco.com.



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