



Saint Philomena Parish



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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Misa en Español 6:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5PM

Confessions

Por Cita

By appointment. Please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

Llame a la parroquia

Anytime by request; please phone the parish office at the onset of serious illness or before surgery, rather than waiting for a crisis.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 7:30 AM
Tuesday 7:30 AM
Wednesday No Morning Mass
-Misa en Español 7:00 PM
Thursday 7:30 AM
Friday 7:30 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Please send all bulletin-related items to:
Michelle at: adminassist@stphil.com

❖ **Deadline for bulletin inserts is the preceding Monday by 3:00 PM. Inserts are subject to approval.**

❖ **Deadline to include names for Mass Intentions is two Fridays before the date of the intention.**

New Parishioners! If you attend Mass regularly at St. Philomena, we invite you to register with our Parish. Registration forms are located at the Main Entrance of the Church or in the Parish Office.



From the desk of
Kara Montplaisir
 kara@stphil.com
 206-878-8709
Confirmation



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all candidates and parents!

So that you know, confirmation classes will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

It is very, very important that you complete and turn in the following assignments:

Saint report, Gift of the Holy Spirit worksheet, and the theology of the body chapter 3 worksheet. These will be due on January 9th, along with any other assignments that you have not yet turned in. Failure to complete these assignments may result in not being confirmed. Please feel free contact me if there are any questions or problems. We know what a busy time of year this is.

kara@stphil.com

Upcoming dates:

January 14—January 15 On site retreat

January 30—Class

February 6—Last Class

February 20—Rehearsal at St. James Cathedral

February 24—Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm, St. James Cathedral

Thank you!

Rev. Stephen Woodland and Kara Montplaisir

The next week at St. Philomena

Sunday, Dec. 26th.

No Scheduled Events

Monday, Dec. 27th.

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 28th.

7:30AM

Prayer Service

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

No Scheduled Events

Thursday, Dec. 30th.

No Scheduled Events

Friday, Dec. 31st.

5:30PM

Bilingual Mass

CHU

Saturday, Jan 1st.

10:30AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass

CHU

1PM

Mass

CHU

NO EVENING MASS



LEGION OF MARY

A voice of one crying in the desert:
 prepare the way for the Lord.

We follow the Shepherd as He
 searches for the one that was lost.

We listen to those who do not know
 Him. We stand by the Cross of those
 baffled by trials and struggling in
 darkness. We are the Legion of Mary.

Contact Delores Rybacki

206-878-5827

for more information





Greetings from the Religious Education Office. The RE Office is responsible for the following ministries. Religious Education programs from grades K-12. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. We are also responsible for Adult Faith Formation to include Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Other than receiving any sacraments, all are welcome at any time. Just call the parish office at 206-878-8709 or email Miss Holli at holli@stphil.com.

Our classes have concluded for this year as well. We will resume classes on January 4th and we will delve into the Sacraments and begin our series on the Sacraments with Fr. Mike Schmidt.

Many thanks to Mrs. Mary Torres for her presentation on our Blessed Mother. Mary's devotion to our Lady is unwavering and an inspiration to us all.

Next classes/Próximas clases

Pre-Baptism Classes

English Baptism classes are *normally* offered the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish UCR.

English-

(English, 2 parts)

No December Class

Next available class January 5 & 12, 2022

Both classes must be attended.



Parents & Godparents are required to attend.

Español-

La Sigiente Clase Febrero 5th.

No clase en Enero

No Baptismos en Enero

(Español, Una Clase Desde)

5:45-9PM

Los Padres y Padrinos Deben asistir a clase



Pregnancy Aid serves pregnant women and families with babies and small children.

We provide maternity clothes, baby and children's clothes, diapers, car seats, baby equipment, toys and books, all free of charge. We welcome

donations and always need diapers and new volunteers. Our office is at 730 S. 225th. in Des Moines and is open from 10 to 1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The St. Philomena School Community would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas**. Our best Christmas gift is the gift of Father Woodland. He is the ultimate pastor. He knows the people in the school community and he enjoys being part of the school community. He is relatable, reliable and caring. He is the shining star on top of our Christmas tree! We are also blessed to have Kara, Deacon Jerry, Michelle, Isabel and Holli as our parish staff; they go above and beyond for the school. Finally, we are grateful to the St. Philomena parishioners who make this a wonderful parish community. We want to thank you for your unending support and your dedication to Catholic education, you all represent the true meaning of Christmas and we are thankful!!

We offer you the Christmas prayer:

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

We hope you take the time to spend with your family, enjoy all your blessings and thank God for all that he has given you. We ask that he keeps you safe and in his loving care. **Merry Christmas!!**

St. Philomena School will be on Christmas vacation from Monday, Dec. 20th through Fri., Dec. 31st. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Thank you so much for your support of the **Wreath Sales!** For the first time in our 12 year history of doing the wreath sales we completely sold out of everything! We will have financial information for you after the New Year.

Our **Splash online Auction** will be Thursday, March 17th through Saturday, March 19th. Watch the bulletin for details!!

Please follow St. Philomena School on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!!

SCRIP News:

Scrip is sold Mondays from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

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Serving God By Serving Others

St. Philomena Parish Youth Ministry
Dr. Steve Morissette Youth Minister
For all students in 6th-9th grade

Upcoming Youth Group Dates:

Sun., Jan. 16th
Sun. Jan. 23rd.
Sun. Feb. 6th
Sun. Feb. 27th

The St. Philomena Parish Youth Group is an opportunity for students in 6th through 9th grade to get together on a Sunday afternoon. The mission of our Youth Group is to provide the students with various events and activities that strengthen and deepen their relationship with God and with their peers. There is also an emphasis on service and the commitment to help others. We meet usually twice a month on Sundays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Youth Group is for any St. Philomena Parish student in 6th through 9th grade.

Please join us for the Youth Group on Sun., Jan. 16th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We will meet in the parish hall. All participants must wear a mask.

Mass Intentions

I came across the following in the journal The American Organist. It was composed by Jon Acuff and it has appeared on the website stuffchristianslike.net. I thought it was wonderful, and expressed beautifully the kind of hospitality to which we as Christians might aspire.

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, que no hablan ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

"We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli, or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism.

"We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like 'organized religion.' We've been there, too.

"If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or whose grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

"We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!"

May you all enjoy a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

With all my love,

Rev. Stephen Woodland

Saturday, 8:30am 10:30am	Dec. 25th. For All The Faithful For All The Faithful	SI SI
Sunday, 8:30am 10:30am	Dec. 26th. Bob Kinsey John A. Johnson Hannah Corn Johnson Jose Pagdangahan Juanchito Almonte	RIP RIP RIP RIP RIP
Monday, 7:30am	Dec. 27th. Juanchito Almonte Bob & Sue Hale	RIP RIP
Tuesday, 7:30am	Dec. 28th. Juanchito Almonte	RIP
Wednesday, 7:00pm	Dec. 29th.. Por Todos los Fieles	SI
Thursday, 7:30am	Dec. 30th. Marcia Nanea Juanchito Almonte Rec McKee	SI RIP RIP
Friday, 7:30am 5:30pm	Dec. 31st. Marcia Nanea Juanchito Almonte Por Todos los Fieles/For All The Faithful	SI RIP SI
Saturday, 10:30am	Jan 1st. Marcia Nanea Juanchito Almonte	SI RIP

For these Special Intentions and all Intentions in our Book of Prayer.
Jennifer Barnard
Jay Clark
Patty Walter

Deaths
Rex McKee
Ashley Nicole Roberto
Ashley Anspach
Bob Weisel

Let your perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, and may they rest in peace.



Weekly Collection Recap
 Our budget is based on an expectation of \$827,000.00 in collection donations for the fiscal year (July '20-June '21).
 We need an average of \$15,904.00 per week.

How are we doing?
For December 19th. 2021

Envelope Collection:	\$ 7,459.50
Loose Collection:	\$ 6,083.
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