

# SAINT PHILIP

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 31, 2021 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-12:00PM



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

## Welcome

### OUR MISSION

With St. Philip as our patron and heavenly intercessor we, the parish family of St. Philip Catholic Church of Battle Creek, MI, are a community centered in the Eucharistic Christ. Together we strive to live in constant conversion, invitation, and prayerful anticipation of the heavenly kingdom that awaits us.

## Up Coming Events

November 2, All Souls Day we will have a Mass of Remembrance for those we have lost in the last 2 years. All are welcome to attend this beautiful Mass.

Change for Life Bottles: Please return them to the table in the Church on November 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to return your bottle at that time, please do not leave it in church but give it to an usher or return it to the parish office. Thank you for your support.

## Today's Scripture

October 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

### SACRAMENTS

**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Contact the office. In an Emergency, contact the Parish Office and follow the prompts.

**MARRIAGE:** Registered parishioners should contact the Pastor or Deacons at least six months before the desired date for appropriate marriage preparation instruction.

**BAPTISM:** Family must be registered at the Parish and attend a preparation class. Contact the Parish Office for information.

**RECONCILIATION:** 45 minutes before every Mass, lasting for 1/2 hour. Saturday at 3:00pm - 4:00 pm



## Reflecting on the Word

As a child we learned the Ten Commandments, the six precepts of the Church, the seven sacraments, the seven gifts and twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit. Having memorized these, we felt a sense of accomplishment. But can you imagine having to memorize the 613 laws found in the Torah? The Torah was the foundation of the covenant God made with the people of Israel.

If you go on line and do a search for “613 commandments,” you will find them listed, along with a reference to the particular biblical book where each can be found. Some listings place the laws under various categories, such as God, Prayers and Blessings, Love and Brotherhood, the Poor and Unfortunate. The largest list relates to Sacrifices and Offerings—over one hundred of them.

When the scribe asked Jesus what was the first of all the commandments, he was asking a question most important to any devout Jew. Jesus looked within his own heart before giving his answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) and love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18).

His answer came from his heart, recognized in the Jewish tradition as the center of the human person, the seat of all thought, choice, value, and feeling. Moses’ words to the people in today’s first reading still stand: “Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today” (Deuteronomy 6:1).



### SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL


**Rosaries Prayed: 383**

**Year 2021: 5,262**

**Grand Total: 260,804**

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel has resumed, Wednesday 9 a.m.-Saturday 9 a.m. If you are interested in signing up for a specific day and time please contact Betty Dillard at 962-8255.

*Altar Server of the Month*



Greg is a Junior here at St. Philip and attends the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center. He has been an Alter Server at St. Philip since the 4th grade. Greg is a Boy Scout (Troop 325) working toward becoming an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Honor Society (NHS). Greg is on St. Phil's Swim and Golf Teams, plays percussion in the Pep Band and works as a Lifeguard at the Battle Creek Family YMCA. He is currently interested in engineering or the sciences after graduation. Through his dedication and hard work, Greg shows his faith and devotion as a faithful Altar Server at St. Philip.



Mass Count	Oct. 24, 2021
4:30pm Saturday	101
7:00 am Sunday	39
9:00 am Sunday	112
11:30 am Sunday	93

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions | Pray For



Terry Andrews	Margie Lanko
Geri Bateman	Hannah Leonard
Bev Behrndt	Barb Mendella
Mary Bishop	Sharon Mileski
Sandy Bosrock	Kathleen Moore
Annabelle Breedon	Patricia O'Brien
Megan Buckle	Michael Osowski
Tom Burgess	Carter Palone
Judy Butler	Cheri Perkins
Gina Cobb	Norman Porter
Katy Comtois	Jo Powell
Cecilia	Mel Retzke
David Crell	Gail Robinson
Clayton Cummings	Jeff Robotham
Joe Cummings	Barb Ryan
Virginia D'Lamatter	Kevin Rzeppa
Bill Elliot	Kathy Scott
Valerie English	David Sheehan
J.T. Faber	Pam Smith
Jennette Gagnon	Rolland Smith
Agnes Gallagher	Matt Steele
Noah Garrett	James Strole
Peyton Garrett	Franklin Swart
Carol Graham	Jackie Swart
Philip Granish	Kizaya Suto
Jeffery Holmes	Sandy Walliczek
David Jaconette	Bob Ward
Nicole Johnson	Luna Wert
Ethan Kosmerick	Betty Wezensky
Nolan Kosmerick	Dee Wygant
Dave Kulka	Karen Zande
Kykora family	
Josh Laforge	

When blessings are received and someone should be removed from this list, please let the parish office know so we can give thanks.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 30

8:00 a.m.	Vocations
4:30 p.m.	†Deb Blazewski

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

7:00 a.m.	†Ginny Dixon
9:00 a.m.	†Richard DePew
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
2:00 p.m.	Latin Mass

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass
8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Zidarevich

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY

10:00 a.m.	†Faithful Departed MT. OLIVET CEMETERY
6:00 p.m.	Mass of Remembrance

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3

6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass
8:00 a.m.	†Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Dale

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4

6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass
8:00 a.m.	Laura Coats & family (Birthday)

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5

6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass
8:00 a.m.	†Bill Hendrickson

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6

8:00 a.m.	†Matt Campbell
4:30 p.m.	†Chet Thiessen

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	†Lacy Faber
11:30 a.m.	Behnke Inc. deceased employees/family
2:00 p.m.	Latin Mass



The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Confession are back in the confessionals. Fr. James near the piano, Fr. Dave & Fr. Rob near the baptismal font. Confession Times:

Mon.-Sat	7:15-7:45 am
Saturday:	3:00-4:00 pm
Sunday:	8:15-8:45 am
	10:45-11:15a.



Coffee and donuts are now being offered in the Parish Center on Sundays from 9-11:15 a.m.

Please join us for some sweets and fellowship.



## An Offering of Thanks to God

**OCTOBER 24, 2021**

<b>Sunday</b>	\$	6,562.00
<b>Electronic Transfer</b>	\$	3,301.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$	224,508.05
<b>Budget YTD</b>	\$	246,826.91
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	\$	172,556.62

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

**NOVEMBER 6/7**

### Lectors

4:30 pm	Denise Pajak
7:00 am	Tom Lawrence
9:00 am	Debbie Hoffman
11:30 am	John Lindsay

### Altar Server

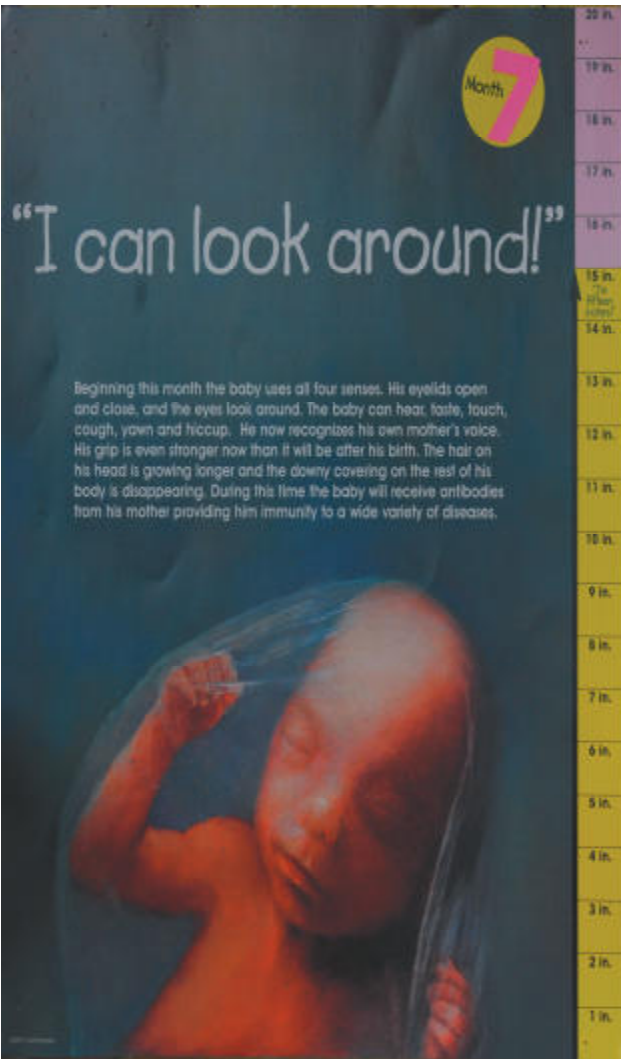
4:30 pm	Magnus Scriber, Sabastian Scriber
7:00 am	Scott Scriber
9:00 am	Nate Rapelje, Will Rapelje
11:30 am	Lilah Barnett, Zander Barnett

### Sacristan

4:30 pm	Sandi Summers
7:00 am	Scott Scriber
9:00 am	Angie Rapelje
11:30 am	Sheri Winget

### Ushers

4:30 pm	Brian Wemple, Richard Hoenecke, Allan Shepard, Dolly Shepard
7:00 am	Kay Smith, Mike Sartor
9:00 am	Michael Bauer, Sharon Frey
11:30 am	Bruce Behens



We would like to offer a special Thank you to the volunteers that we have called on lately. The parish relies on the time and talents of so many here. So thank you for our recently organized and purged parish library and thank you for donating and filling the candy bags for our Trunk and Treat that took place on Friday.

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



In honor of the Feast of All Souls, St. Philip Church will celebrate a special **Mass of Remembrance** on **Tuesday, November 2** at 6:00 PM in the Church. This Mass will be offered for all those souls from our parish who were born into eternal life during the past two years and for the souls in purgatory.

All are welcome to attend, and families of the deceased are encouraged to join us in this special All Souls Mass with a small reception in the Parish Center following mass.



## **KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH WEEKEND.**

This Sunday is the anniversary of the beautification of Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

K of C council 11114 will hold an outreach/membership drive. Ushers will pass out forms at

Mass and then collect them at the doors after. All Catholic men 18 or older are encouraged to join. The Knights will lead the rosary prior to the 2:00pm Mass. If you have questions about what the Knights do feel free to contact the parish office and we will direct your call.

## News & Events

### **"CHANGE FOR LIFE"**

During Respect Life Month, the Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry will be sponsoring a fundraiser for Alternatives of Battle Creek. Baby bottles will be available for you to take home and deposit your extra change in for two weeks. Bottles will be available after Masses on October 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> in the main entrance of church. Please return them to the table two weeks later on November 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to return your bottle at that time, please do not leave it in church but give it to an usher or return it to the parish office. Thank you for your support.

### **THE CCW HAS BEGUN THEIR ANNUAL WREATH AND SWAG SALE.**

As the days grow shorter and colder we know that winter is just around the corner. Time to think about decorating the house for Christmas. Don't forget about the front door. It would look awesome with a beautiful decorated wreath or swag hanging on it. And the CCW has them for you to purchase. If you would

like to order please call Mary Jo McPeake @ 269-968-4464 and she will take your order and all you have to do is stop before or after Mass on the 20th or 21st of November and pick them up. Payment by cash or check of \$30 for wreaths and \$15 for swags will be all you need and your house will look stunning!!

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish was very generous. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MIS-SIO.org.



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### **NEW EVANGELIZATION CONVOCATION NOVEMBER 6, 2021**

We are pleased to offer once again a New Evangelization Convocation led by the Franciscan Institute from Franciscan University. This institute also powers the free online catechetical content offered through the diocesan Institute of Missionary Discipleship which trains and evangelizes parish staffs and key volunteers.

This daylong event features keynotes and breakout sessions geared to lay leaders, parish staff and clergy. One of the featured speakers scheduled is Chris McKenna from Protect Young Eyes joining us on this day to share the Protect APP, designed for parents and youth to keep them safe from online predators. For more information and to register, visit [www.imdisciple.com](http://www.imdisciple.com)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** needs driving volunteers to deliver food to families/individuals in need in Calhoun county. Driving volunteers pick up food on Friday mornings from St. Jerome Parish and deliver to addresses provided by CCDOK. The CCDOK transportation support team stays in contact with volunteers throughout deliveries. Leave food in doorstep. Simple, straightforward, supportive volunteer role!

Please contact Jean-nineboehm@ccdol.org if available to help or have questions about the delivery process.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **844.324.3374**

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit: [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be

# SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Events | Parish Directory



## 2021-2022 Annual Fund Drive *Will you say yes to our schools?*

The Annual Fund Drive is the most critical campaign that the BCACS Foundation manages each year. Through this campaign, unrestricted gifts allow the administration to identify and allocate funds where the needs and opportunities are the greatest. It is with your support that these funds provide our schools with the necessary supports to continue to thrive. Your help is needed to allow us to continue providing a tradition of excellence for future generations.



Thank you to all who have contributed already to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 in unrestricted gifts!

If you would like to help us reach our goal, contact **Abby Lumbard** at **269-963-4771** or via email at **ALumbard@bcacs.org** to discuss the various ways you can give.



BCACS is seeking Bus Drivers for school trips and athletics. Training will be provided. Additionally, candidates will need to complete a background check, physical and Virtus -Protecting God's Children Training. Interested candidates should contact Transportation Supervisor, Joy Finnilla-jfinnilla@bcacs.org.

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**Sacred Heart Perpetual Adoration Chapel**  
Betty Dillard | 962-8255

**Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry**  
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**Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools and Foundation**  
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