

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

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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.

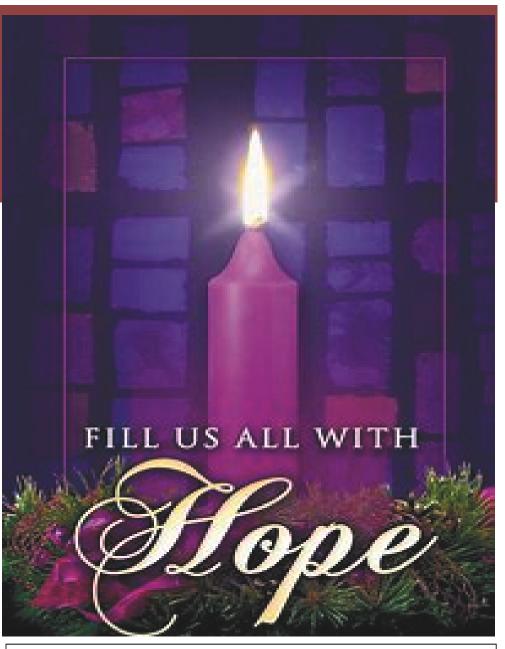
Up Coming Events

Join us for an evening of Caroling and celebrate some Advent/ Christmas traditions. Sunday December 19th in the Parish Center.

Wednesdays during Advent Fr. David will host a dvd series. See in bulletin for details.

Today's Scripture

November 28, 2021 Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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

PASTOR'S LETTER



The heart of virtue and of faith is gratitude. To give thanks is the most fitting of responses we make as creatures in the midst of God's creation. All that we have begins apart from us and even the things that we work for and earn began in another's making. There is nothing we enjoy that wasn't first someone else's labor. Gratitude, then, is where this recognition of what has been given to us meets an attitude of humility. If I do not look with humility, then I might be tempted to think that I am entitled to all that has come to me. Only in humility can I recognize that there

is nothing I have earned or merited in the pure sense. The talents I have developed were first a gift, at least in the capacity to develop them. Before I came into being in my mother's womb, I did nothing to earn my life or my talents. In this way, I see that I owe another for the beginnings of all I have.

This intersection of humility and the blessings I have received is the cause for thanksgiving. We are blessed in this country to celebrate a day for giving thanks that, from the beginning, has recognized the Creator as the first to whom we give thanks. We are of course grateful to our parents, our community, our friends, and all of those through whom we are blessed, but it is in God first that all blessing has its beginning and to God that all blessing should be returned. The Psalmist recognizes this in psalm 116, which is quoted in the prayer the priest traditionally prays before drinking from the chalice: *what return shall I make to the Lord for the good things He has done for me? The cup of salvation I will raise, and I will call upon the name of the Lord!*

This Thanksgiving holiday, as we also begin our Advent pilgrimage to prepare for the Christmas celebration of the birth of our Savior, let us draw near again to the offering of the Lord at each Mass and praise Him in Thanksgiving.

Fr. James Richardson



SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL Rosaries Prayed: 91 Year 2021: 5,693 Grand Total: 261,235

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.





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HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

ADVENT

PRAYER & WORSHIP Mass Intentions | Pray For



Geri Bateman Bev Behrndt Mary Bishop Sandy Bosrock Annabelle Breedon Megan Buckle Tom Burgess Judy Butler Gina Cobb Dick Cohfeldt **Katy Comtois** Cecilia David Crell Clayton Cummings Joe Cummings Jim Dillard Virginia D'Lamatter Bill Elliot Valerie English J.T. Faber Jennette Gagnon Agnes Gallagher Noah Garrett Peyton Garrett Carol Graham Philip Granish Bill H. Jeffery Holmes David Jaconette Nicole Johnson Ethan Kosmerick Nolan Kosmerick Dave Kulka

Kykora family Josh Laforge Margie Lanko Hannah Leonard Barb Mendella Sharon Mileski Kathleen Moore Patricia O'Brien Michael Osowski **Carter Palone Cheri Perkins** Norman Porter Jo Powell Mel Retzke Gail Robinson Jeff Robotham Barb Ryan Kevin Řzeppa Kathy Scott **David Sheehan** Pam Smith **Rolland Smith** Matt Steele **James Strole Franklin Swart Jackie Swart Kizaya Suto** Donna Thiessen Sandy Walliczek Bob Ward Luna Wert Betty Wezensky Dee Wygant

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



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:

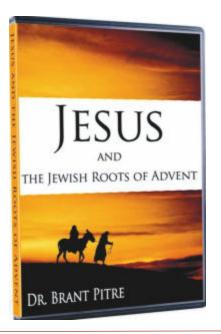
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Saturday:
Sunday:

7:15-7:45 am 3:00-4:00 pm 8:15-8:45 am 10:45-11:15a.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27			
8:00 a.m.	Vocations		
4:30 p.m.	†Andrea Thiessen		
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28			
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish		
11:30 a.m.	†Fred Mangan		
2:00 p.m.	Latin Mass		
MONDAY NO	/EMBER 29		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Mary Vrshek		
TUESDAY NO	/EMBER 30		
6:30 a.m.	†Marcia Richardson (anniversary) Latin Mass		
12:10 p.m.	†Ben Amting		
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 1		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Spring Hoffman		
THURSDAY DECEMBER 2			
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Kulhanek		
FRIDAY DECE	MBER 3		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Bill Hendrickson		
SATURDAY DE	ECEMBER 4		
8:00 a.m.	Vocations		
4:30 p.m.	People of the Parish		
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5			
9:00 a.m.	†Charlie Dinkins		
11:30 a.m.	†Bob Pattison		
2:00 p.m.	Latin Mass		

Fr. David will be hosting an Advent series entitled "Jesus and The Jewish Roots of Advent". All are invited and encouraged to attend. Sessions will be on Wednesday evenings 6-7:30 pm. The meetings will be December 1st, 8th, and 15th. Each session will consist of a DVD, then question and answer time after.



"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"



the baby continues to gain weight, She is developing a layer of fait that will keep her warm after she is born, in the 9th month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Her lungs are now hully developed and acpable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to scene.

An Offering of Thanks to God

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY THE OFFERING AMOUNTS NOVEMBER 21TH WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

Year to Date	\$ 248,130.16
Budget YTD	\$ 275,865.37
Restoration Fund	\$ 172,556.62

Weekend Ministry Schedule

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4:30 pm	Denise Pajak
9:00 am	Vikki Bauer
11:30 am	Cathy Corbitt-Fauver
Altar Server	
4:30 pm	Matt Arver, Lucas Buehner
9:00 am	Sean Gage, Assumpta Ting
11:30 am	Brady Lightfoot, Hayden Dukeman
Sacristan	
4:30 pm	Sandi Summers
9:00 am	Tom Lawrence
11:30 am	Sheri Winget
Ushers	
4:30 pm	Brian Wemple, Richard Hoenecke
9:00 am	Mike Sartor, Joe Ratti, Sharon Frey
11:30 am	Bruce Behrens, Alan Irish, Daniela Bethel

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.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

News & Events

CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND GIVING TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is continuing the parish tradition of a Giving Tree and Christmas gifts this year. It will be done the same as last year to socially distance and avoid anyone becoming ill. We are going to give families gift certificates for Christmas food and gift cards rather then gifts to the children. The Giving Tree will still be in church, but we will only be asking for financial support from parishioners for the meal and gift cards.

Envelopes will be provided on the tree and available in the parish office, or you can place a contribution in an envelope into the collection basket or mail to the parish. We hope everyone understands why we are continuing the distanced methods this year. We appreciate your support. Stay safe, stay well, and as always, you are all in our prayers. As in the past, individuals seeking help at Christmas need to apply with Santa's Helper at First United Methodist Church, 111 E. Michigan Ave. on Mondays-Thursdays 10:30am-4:30 pm.

CCW HOLIDAY DINNER

Please plan to join the Council of Cathoic Women for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Holiday dinner. On Saturday, December 11 in the Parish Center after the 4:30pm Mass. Dinner will be Lasagna or chicken with salad, vegetable, roll and apple pie for \$15. Enjoy Christmas music provided by Mark Christoff and Bill Miller.

Call Judy Montych to make your RSVP and dinner selection at 965-8246 or 579-3570.

THE DIOCESAN HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM The special collection for the Diocesan Home Heating Assistance

program is today! Volunteers at Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo and the parishes administer the program to maximize its impact. Parishes keep 20% of the funds collected for local use, serving the poor and vulnerable. The remaining 80% is contributed to the **Diocesan Home Heating Assistance** Fund and given out to families in need. Please consider making a donation directly anytime at www.ccdok.org/ donate or in the special envelope in your monthly envelope donation packet. Every dollar matters and makes a difference. Your contribution is appreciated. God Bless you.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Cub Pack 325 which was sponsored by St. Philip, St. Joseph, and St. Jerome churches is trying to reorganize. If you have a son or daughter who is between kindergarten and 5th grade in age who is interested in Cub Scouting, please call Joe Brutsche at 269-753-1688. Cub Scouting now allows female cubs. They would belong in a female den group, males would be in male dens., but a cub pack can contain both groups.

We hope to have a get together in early December to get formally organized. Parents who are interested can go online to www.scouting.org for details on what Cub Scouting is about, how to be a leader, on-line youth protection training (required for leaders),

www.myscouting.org is an additional on-line site with information. Adult leaders would also need Virtus training which is mandatory for adults associated with Catholic Youth Groups. That training is also on line.

The Franklin Food Pantry is in need of the following items; canned fruit & veggies, cereal, canned soup, saltines, granola bars, peanut butter, and jelly. Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin in the church or brought to the parish office during regular business hours. Thank you for your support.





Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit

Bishop Bradley has posted a video and written a pastoral letter outlining the purpose and goals of this Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit. Please read and reflect regularly on the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. Please also pray daily the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and read and reflect upon it regularly. The pastoral letter can be found on the diocesan website at diokzoo.org/ holy-spirit.. Copies are also available in the church.

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 Jeannineboehm@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: ReportBishop-Abuse.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 kept confidential.

SCHOOL NEWS Upcoming Events | Parish Directory



Tiger paws and many thanks to Fede Conde, Ken Greenwood, Summer LaBonte, Dan Thome, Rob Miller, Tisha Greenwood, and Doris McDevitt, who are participating in mock interviews with the Senior Internship students.



Congratulations to our St. Philip Catholic Central High School Cross Country athletes, who qualified for State finals and finished 18th overall (girls) and 20th overall (boys).

St. Joseph Middle School's Students for Life group



held a coin challenge in the elementary and middle schools and raised \$1,493.00 for Caring Network through Catholic Charities!



Have you contributed to the Annual Fund Drive yet? The Annual Fund Drive provides our schools with the necessary support to continue to thrive. Your help is needed to allow us to continue providing a tradition of excellence for future generations.

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.

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