

December 5, 2021, Second Sunday of Advent

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FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-12:00PM

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.

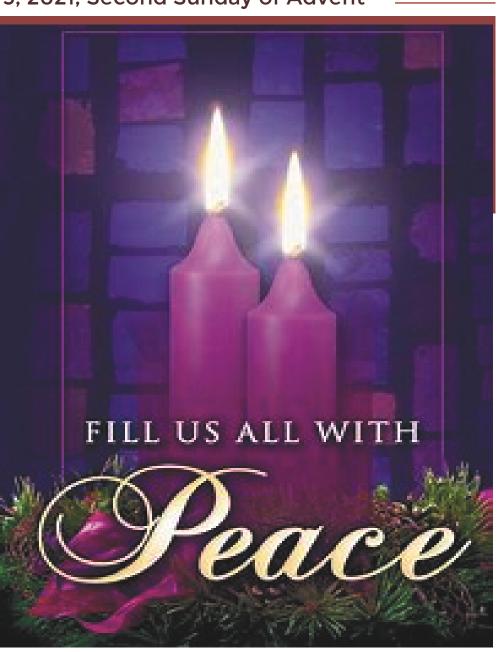
Up Coming Events

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

December 5, 2021 Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6



SACRAMENTS

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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



Dear friends of St. Philip,

As we come to the second Sunday of Advent, we are well on our way to the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. On the way there, the Church looks to the coming of Jesus at the end of time in the first few weeks of Advent. After the third Sunday, we turn the corner towards Christmas.

In the bulletin last week, there was an insert with times and days for the special observances of Advent. Two special events are a candlelight Mass and breakfast next Saturday morning, December 11, and a night of Advent and Christmas carols in the parish center, Sunday December 19. Please make time to

participate in the opportunities to get in the Christmas spirit.

I often get asked questions about various aspects of our parish life, and this seems a good time to update you on some ongoing parish projects and concerns.

The sound system in the church is a frequent topic. We have contacted a specialist to assess our sound system and perform some "tune ups". This involves adjusting the current settings, which you may have noticed recently, and some equipment upgrades which should happen in the coming months. Much of this is dependent on the supply chain issues we are all experiencing.

The livestreaming of Masses has been a help to many parishioners who are home-bound or away from St. Philip. The stream for Sunday 9:00 Masses can be accessed through the St. Philip website or Facebook page. Recently, there have been concerns about the audio quality in the livestream. Several months ago, we had a break in over night and some of the equipment for the livestream was taken. Because of this, we have not been able to connect to the church sound system, but have had to rely on the microphone on the smartphone used for the stream. We are working on replacing this equipment, and should see an improvement in the quality of the audio soon.

You may have noticed the lot at the corner of Division and VanBuren is turned up. We had plans to build a garage for our maintenance needs, allowing work to proceed on the Tiger Room renovation and food incubator project. We have been informed by the city of Battle Creek that our building does not meet the new zoning for the Division corridor, and have been working with the city to identify a mutually satisfactory location and building design for this project. We hope work will begin again in early spring.

Lastly, I have been meeting with an engineer specializing in heating and airconditioning systems to develop a plan to update the heating systems for the church and school. This new design will integrate cooling as well. I anticipate having the engineering and mechanical design phase of the project early in the new year, at which point we will develop a plan to raise funds for the project and get the needed approvals to begin work. It is my hope that the new heating system could be online for use next winter, with the cooling equipment installed for summer 2023.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community, without which none of these things would be possible.

Fr. James Richardson



SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL

Rosaries Prayed: 138 Year 2021: 5,831 Grand Total: 261,373

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.



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** 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

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 Karl Routman Barb Ryan Kevin Rzeppa 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 Karen Zande

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

FOOD.



Josh Laforge

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL SERVE A HOT BREAK-FAST IN THE PARISH CENTER SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10-11:15 AM. COME AND SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS AND ENJOY SOME PRETTY GOOD

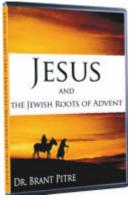
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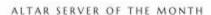
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SATURDAY D	ECEMBER 4	
8:00 a.m.	Vocations	
4:30 p.m.	People of the Parish	
SUNDAY DEC MASS)	EMBER 5 (NOTE TIME OF LATIN	
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass	
9:00 a.m.	†Charlie Dinkins	
11:30 a.m.	†Bob Pattison	
MONDAY DECEMBER 6		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Anne McKeon	
TUESDAY DEC	CEMBER 7	
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
12:10 p.m.	†Anne McKeon	
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for Holy Day	†Chet Thiessen & family	
	DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Shannon& Bill Cochran (birthday)	
THURSDAY D	ECEMBER 9	
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Bill McKelvie	
FRIDAY DECE	MBER 10	
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Walt Stacey	
SATURDAY D	ECEMBER 11	
7:00 a.m. (note time change for this week)	Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
4:30 p.m.	†Carrie Adams	
SUNDAY DEC	EMBER 12	
7:00 a.m.	Deceased members of McClellan & Churgo families (Latin Mass)	
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
11:30 a.m.	†Dallas Bethel	

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.









Mimi Hubbard FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!

Mimi is a sophomore here at St. Philip, she is a member of the National Honor Society, runs cross country and plays basketball. She also enjoys fishing, hunting, soccer and volleyball. Mimi has been a server for 4 years and is always willing to help when needed! Congratulations Mimi!

Thank you for your devotion to serve our Lord!



An Offering of Thanks to God

NOVEMBE	R 28	3, 2021
Sunday	\$	5,958.81
Electronic Transfer	\$	4,471.00
Year to Date	\$	279,028.98
Budget YTD	\$	319,423.06
Restoration Fund	\$	172,556.62

Weekend Ministry Schedule

	DECEMBER 11/12
Lectors	
4:30 pm	Judy Montych
9:00 am	Betty Dillard
11:30 am	Mary Jo Gaudrault
Altar Server	
4:30 pm	Sabastian Scriber, Chloe McDermott
9:00 am	Nate Rapelje, Will Rapelje
11:30 am	Jackson Currie, Aadyn Currie
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4:30 pm	Sue Rogers
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9:00 am	Andrea Boughton
9:00 am 11:30 am	Andrea Boughton
9:00 am 11:30 am Ushers	Andrea Boughton Kim Till

Bruce Behrens, Alan Irish, Bob Brady

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.

11:30 am



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

News & Events

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK

YOU! Alternatives of Battle Creek is so grateful for the overwhelming generosity of the three Battle Creek parishes. The donations from the Change for Life baby bottles was amazing! As of the end of November, the total collected was \$5,414.22 and money is still coming in. May God bless you abundantly for this great showing of support for Alternatives' service to the babies and their families in the Battle Creek community. If you have not returned your bottle, it is not too late. Please drop it in the collection basket, give it to an usher, or take it to your parish office.

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 Catholic 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.

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. 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. Adult leaders would also need Virtus training which is mandatory for adults associated with Catholic Youth Groups. That training is also on line.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

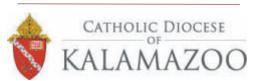
The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Confession are back in the confessionals. Fr. James near the piano, Fr. Dave & Fr. Rob near the baptismal font. Confession Times:

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

How about an evening of Caroling!!!

Join us for an evening of Caroling, and celebrate some Advent/ Christmas traditions. Sunday, December 19th starting around 7pm and going until 9. We will have traditional carols and some sweet treats. As Buddy the Elf says:





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.

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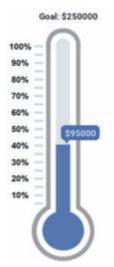
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