

December 19, 2021, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 AM-3:00 PM 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

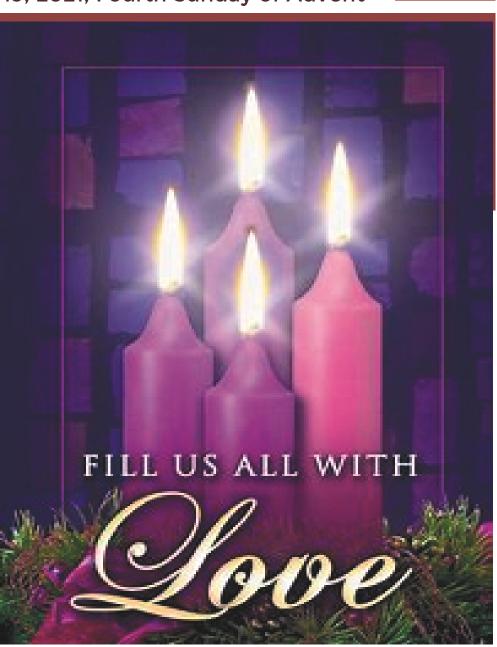
Join us for an evening of Caroling and celebrate some Advent/Christmas traditions. Sunday December 19th in the Parish Center.

Wednesday, December 22 from 6-8pm there will be confessions in the Church.

Today's Scripture

December 19, 2021

Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45



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



Dear friends of St. Philip,

This might be the year! I have never been good about Christmas Cards. Every year I resolve to do something with the big box of cards I've collected from post-Christmas sales in years past. But this year it will be different. Kind of. Some of those cards will go out before December 25, and for the others, I will remind the receiver that Christmas does not end

on December 25, but begins then.

The days left before Christmas, having made my best effort at renewal in prayer, Confession, and reading of Scripture, are best spent bringing the fruits of this renewal to the relationships that form and fill my life. The Christmas cards I send (probably not all that I should) bring my hope and prayer to others. The gifts that I buy (hoping in late sales) move me to be more mindful of others and the Lord who came to us in our need. The parties that I attend and plan (shrimp cocktail is always a hit) renew the charity that begins in Christ.

May these last days before the great Christmas feast help you to grow in the joy of the newborn Savior when at last we celebrate the feast of His birth at Christmas. If you're looking for a late opportunity to get in the spirit of the season and express your longing for His coming, join us this Sunday evening, December 18 for a vigil of seasonal songs and hymns.

Come Lord Jesus!

Fr. James Richardson



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SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL

Rosaries Prayed: 84 Year 2021: 5,915 Grand Total: 261,457

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** 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 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 John Zidarevich

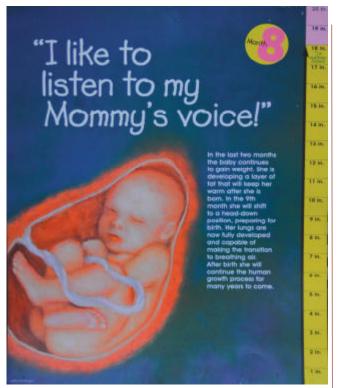
When blessings are received and someone should be removed from this list, please let the parish office know so we can give thanks.

An Offering of Thanks to God

Due to very early bulletin deadlines with the printer we will update the collection totals for December 26. Thank you for all of your financial support to our parish.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18		
8:00 a.m	Vocations	
4:30 p.m.	†Lena Badali	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 (NOTE TIME OF LATIN MASS)		
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass	
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
11:30 a.m.	†Helen Finch	
7:00 p.m.	Caroling in the Parish Center	
MONDAY DECEMBER 20		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	Charlie Dinkins	
TUESDAY DECEMBER 21		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
12:10 p.m.	†Louis Bourrie	
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Roch E. McCauley	
6-8:00 p.m.	Confessions in the Church	
THURSDAY DECEMBER 23		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Ann Wyson	
FRIDAY DECEMBER 24		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Bob & Theresa Brighton	
4:30 p.m.	†Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence O'Connell	
7:30 p.m.	People of the Parish	
SATURDAY DECEMBER 25		
Midnight	†Tim May	
9:00 a.m.	†Anna & Iouis Sartor	
11:30 a.m.	†Peg Crane	
	NO 4:30 MASS ON SATURDAY	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 26		
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass	
9:00 a.m.	Diane Caswell	
11:30 a.m.	†Bob Pattison	





ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH



Nimi Hibbard

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!



Weekend Ministry Schedule

(CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24
Lectors	
4:30 pm	Victoria Unger
7:30 pm	Vikki Bauer
Altar Server	
4:30 pm	Nate Rapelje, Will Rapelje, Caleb Sebright
7:30 pm	Mimi Hibbard, Emily Mawi, Haden Dukeman
Sacristan	
4:30 pm	Sue Rogers
7:30 pm	Louise Huebschman
Ushers	
4:30 pm	Mara Reen, MORE USHERS NEEDED
7:30 PM	Michael Bauer, Rob Beam
	CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 25
Lectors	
Midnight	Monica Vasquez
9:00 am	Kimberly Till
11:30 am	LECTOR NEEDED
Altar Server	
Midnight	Scott Scriber, Magnus Scriber, Sabastian Scriber
9:00 am	Greg Garfield, Mariana Bethel, Sean Gage
11:30 am	Adam Sprague, Nate Rapelje, Will Rapelje
Sacristan	
Midnight	Scott Scriber
9:00 am	Tom Lawrence
11:30 am	Robin Lawler
Ushers	
Midnight	Bruce Behrens
9:00 am	Brian Wemple, Mike Sartor, Daniela Bethel
11:30 am	Allan Shepard, Dolly Shepard
	SUNDAY DECEMBER 26
Lectors	
9:00 am	John Sajtar
11:30 am	LECTOR NEEDED
Altar Server	
9:00 am	Emily Mawi, Greg Garfield
11:30 am	Mariana Bethel, Scott Scriber
Sacristan	
9:00 am	Louise Huebschman
11:30 am	Monique Coon
Ushers	
9:00 am	Michael Bauer, Vikki Bauer
11:30 am	Bruce Behrens, Daniela Bethel, Sharon Frey

PARISH NEWS & FVFNTS



Decorating the church for the beautiful Christmas celebrations will begin Monday December 20th if you are able to help during the week and especially December 23rd please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in contact with Toni our church decorator.

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 Civing 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.



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.

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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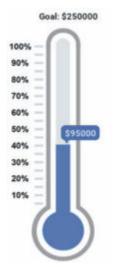
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