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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

#### **PASTOR'S LETTER**



Dear friends of St. Philip,

Merry and blessed Christmas to you and your families! At last we have come once more to the great celebration of the birth of our Savior. All of the longing of the ages is answered in this event, that the eternal Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary in the stable at Bethlehem. By His coming into the world, all humanity sees the full measure of the Love of God and hears the call to rejoice in the One who has come to set His people free from sin and death and bring us to eternal life in Him.

The Church professes to the world today that in the child of Bethlehem, God reveals Himself most fully, and shows us also what it means to be most human. The gift of the Christ child begins in this revelation. First he shows us our highest calling, to be children of God, and He shows us God's greatest longing, that we be delivered from the ancient curse that came through our first parents. In His teaching, then we hear the call to follow Him and live as His beloved sons and daughters. Finally, in His offering Himself for our sake, we receive the promised inheritance of life in Him.

This is the cause of our joy, that Christ who is our salvation was born this day in that lowly place. By His humble coming into the world, pride is cast out and the triumph of divine love is begun. The promise made to our first parents, that the offspring of the woman would strike at the head of the serpent, is made known, and the world is forever changed.

Today we announce to the world "good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." [Mt 2:10-12.

Merry Christmas

Fr. James Richardson



# SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL

Rosaries Prayed: 100 Year 2021: 6,015 Grand Total: 261,557

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

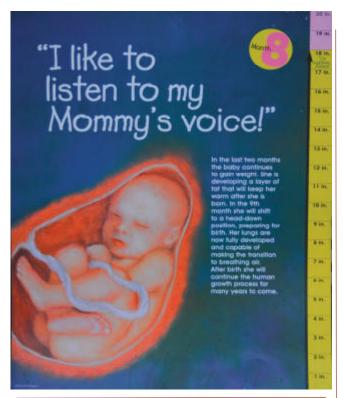
When blessings are received and someone should be removed from this list, please let the parish office know so we can give thanks.

# An Offering of Thanks to God

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

#### **Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions		
FRIDAY DECEMBER 24		
8:00 a.m.	†John & Lois McCarren	
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 & Louis 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	
MONDAY DECEMBER 27		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Anne McKeon	
TUESDAY DECI	EMBER 28	
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
12:10 p.m.	Norma Chruscilski (special intentions)	
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Spring Hoffman	
THURSDAY DECEMBER 30		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	†Pam Rondeau	
FRIDAY DECEMBER 31		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass	
8:00 a.m.	Victoria Shalajan (special intentions)	
SATURDAY JAN	NUARY 1	
9:00 a.m.	Vocations	
4:30 p.m.	People of the Parish	
SUNDAY JANU	ARY 2	
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass	
9:00a.m.	Virginia Hendrickson (Birthday)	
11:30 a.m.	†Martin Cruz	









Mimi 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**

	JANUARY 1/2
Lectors	
4:30 pm	Victoria Unger
9:00 am	Debbie Hoffman
11:30 am	Cathy Corbitt-Fauver
Altar Server	
4:30 pm	Zander Barnett, Scott Scriber
9:00 am	Nate Rapelje, Will Rapelje
11:30 am	Brady Lightfoot, Hayden Dukeman
Sacristan	
4:30 pm	Sue Rogers
9:00 am	
9:00 aiii	Andrea Boughton
11:30 am	Andrea Boughton Sheri Winget
11:30 am	
11:30 am Ushers	Sheri Winget



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.

If you are one of the ladies that cooks dinner for the priests, the next time you are making a delivery please pick up your latest thank you from the priests. We still have Connie Lewandowski, Micki, Judy Beam, Mary Vasquez, and Sue Wood. If you would like to prepare a meal for the



priests once a month please contact the parish office for some details on this wonderful ministry.

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

#### **Special Announcement!!**

Dear St. Philip Parishioners,

We are excited to announce that this year we have started a new Altar Service Program. This program includes an annual \$1,000. scholarship, small gifts and cards over the holiday seasons, and a picnic in the summer. To show our appreciation for our servers, one server will be recognized each month on St. Philip's Face Book page, in the bulletin, at weekend and school masses. The servers are given guidelines that they need to follow.

On going funds will be needed to keep this program going and it takes a village to get it done! Any financial contributions will be appreciated. You can drop off your donation to St. Philip office, mail it in, or drop a envelope in the Sunday collection marked "Altar Service Donation".

Please help us with a financial donation and your prayers for our Altar Servers who serve Our Lord in this special ministry.

#### **News & Events**

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE AND "ROE V. WADE" FILM JANUARY 16, 2022 AT 3:30 PM ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Please join the Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry for their annual prayer service that commemorates the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Fr. Chris Anklev will lead us in prayer for the unborn at St. Joseph Church. Please join us, on this the 48th anniversary of the legalization of abortion, to pray that our current Supreme Court will overturn this decision that has allowed the killing of more than 60 million babies in this country. Afterwards, the film "Roe V. Wade" will be shown in the school cafeteria. This is a docudrama (112 minutes long) that was released in April 2021 directed by and starring Nick Loeb. It also stars John Voight, Stacy Dash, Corbin Bernsen, John Schneider, and Joey Lawrence among others. The film is a dramatization of the controversial case that legalized abortion in the United States and is appropriate for adults and high school students but probably not children under the age of 13. Coffee and dessert will be served. There is no charge but please RSVP to Cathy at 968-4639 or

<u>chirzel@aol.com</u> if you are going to attend so we know how many people to plan for.

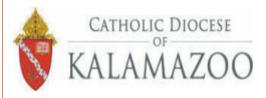
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**JANUARY 15/16 AND JANUARY 22/23** Some of the parishioners from our three Battle Creek Catholic Churches have been praying for over 125 spiritually adopted babies every day for the last nine months. We will welcome these babies along with Baby Jesus on Christmas and would like to invite ALL parishioners to celebrate their arrival with a collection of baby items that will be donated to the Caring Network or Alternatives of Battle Creek. There will be cribs set up at all three parishes for your donations on January 15/16 and January 22/23. If you would rather make a monetary donation, you can make a check out to "Caring Network" or "Alternatives of Battle Creek" and put it in the collection basket.

#### **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

Saturday at 3:00pm - 4:00 pm



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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 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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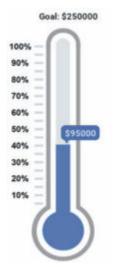
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