January 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

Sanctity of Life Sunday Prayer Service and "ROE V. WADE" film January 16, 2022 at 3:30 pm St. Joseph Church

Baby Item Collection for Caring Network and Alternatives of Battle Creek January 15/16 and January 22/23

Knights of Columbus free throw contest will be held at St. Philip school gym, January 29th.

Today's Scripture

January 2, 2022 Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12



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,

Happy New Year! A Saturday Christmas makes for a crowded twelve days of Christmas. Typically, the second day of Christmas is celebrated as the feast of the first martyr, St. Stephen. This year, St. Stephen's day is surpassed by the Sunday after Christmas, which is kept as the feast of the Holy Family. This feast celebrating the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (JMJ), was introduced to the general Roman calendar in 1921. Originally the feast of the Holy Family came later, after the feast of the Epiphany, but was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in the reforms of the calendar following the Second Vatican Council.

The week after Christmas is one of the few remaining octaves left in the calendar, where the celebration of the major feasts is extended for eight days. In the Octave we celebrate the feast of St. John the Evangelist (Dec. 27) and the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28). The eighth day of Christmas, January I, is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. The title of Mother of God is given to Mary to recognize that the child she bore is truly God among us from the first moment of His conception. Historically this day was celebrated as the feast of the circumcision of Jesus, when on the eighth day after His birth, He was circumcised according to the covenant of Abraham.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrated the Magi from the East who came to adore the newborn King of the Jews. In the United States, the feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Traditionally, the Epiphany is celebrated January 6, and the vigil of the Epiphany, January 5, is the twelfth day of Christmas, and marks the official end of the Christmas celebrations. Many Catho9lic cultures extend parts of the Christmas celebration, especially keeping up the Nativity scenes, until the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple on February 2.

However you celebrate it, I pray that the blessings of this season and its many joyful observances enrich your homes and bring joy to your families.

May you and your be richly blessed in this New Year of Grace

Fr. James Richardson



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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 Peggy Laforge Bev Behrndt Margie Lanko Mary Bishop Hannah Leonard Sandy Bosrock Barb Mendella Annabelle Breedon Sharon Mileski Kathleen Moore Megan Buckle Tom Burgess Patricia O'Brien **Judy Butler** Michael Osowski Gina Cobb Carter Palone Dick Cohfeldt **Cheri Perkins Katy Comtois Norman Porter** David Crell Jo Powell Clayton Cummings Mel Retzke Joe Cummings Gail Robinson Jim Dillard Jeff Robotham Virginia D'Lamatter Karl Routman Bill Elliot Barb Ryan Valerie English Kevin Rzeppa J.T. Faber **Kathy Scott** David Sheehan **Curtis Fauver** Pam Smith Jennette Gagnon Agnes Gallagher **Rolland Smith 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** Dee Wygant Dave Kulka 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

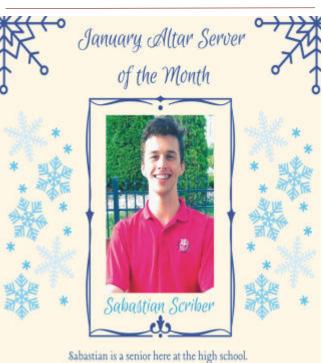
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9:00 a.m. This is an hour later than normal. For this week only.	Vocations		
4:30 p.m.	People of the Parish		
SUNDAY JANUARY 2			
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass		
9:00 a.m.	Virginia Hendrickson (birthday)		
11:30 a.m.	†Martin Cruz		
MONDAY JANUARY 3			
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Deb Blazewski		
TUESDAY JAN	UARY 4		
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
12:10 p.m.	Sabastian Scriber (special intentions)		
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5			
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Michael Zaleski		
THURSDAY JANUARY 6			
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†John Reen		
FRIDAY JANURAY 7			
6:30 a.m.	Latin Mass		
8:00 a.m.	†Bill Hendrickson		
SATURDAY JANUARY 8			
8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Jarmel		
4:30 p.m.	Caleb Sebright (special intentions)		
SUNDAY JANUARY 9			
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass		
9:00a.m.	Will Rapelje (special intentions)		
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		



Spiritual Adoption Program

"Here I am!"

Our spiritual babies, whom we have been praying for the last nine months will be arriving this week! Thank you to the parishioners who have been praying every day since the Annunciation in March for our adopted babies. Your prayers do make a difference. Just as we are welcoming Jesus at Christmas, we will also be welcoming these babies into His world. The "birth" of these babies will be celebrated in January and we invite all parishioners to take part in a collection of items that serves pregnant women and their families in the Kalamazoo Diocese.



He has served our Lord as an Altar Server for ten years at St. Philip.

He is also enrolled in the youth group at St. Mary Church.

Sabastian has played football, basketball & soccer and
his interests are philosophy, singing and writing.

Sabastian is planning on attending college in the fall and
will focus his studies in theater, music and writing.

Congratulations Sakastian and thank you for your faithful devotion to serve our Lord on the ultaril

Weekend Ministry Schedule

JANUARY 8/9	
Lectors	
4:30 pm	Monica Vasquez
9:00 am	Betty Dillard
11:30 am	Judy Butler
Altar Server	
4:30 pm	Jacob Thome, Caleb Sebright
9:00 am	Mimi Hibbard, Assumpta Ting
11:30 am	Aadyn Currie, Jackson Currie
Sacristan	
4:30 pm	Sandi Summers
9:00 am	Scott Scriber
11:30 am	Drew Bevins
Ushers	
4:30 pm	Allan & Dolly Shepard, Rob Beam
9:00 am	Michael & Vikki Bauer
11:30 am	Bruce Behrens, 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.

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

News & Events

YOUTH ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The annual Knights of Columbus free throw contest will be held at St. Philip school gym, January 29th. It is open to any boys and girls age 9 to 14, competing in their age group. Winners in each age group are eligible to move on to district contest. Contact Brian Wemple for more or to sign up 579-6582.

The St. Philip K of C Council is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest in the St Philip High School. First place prize for each grade is \$50 and chance to move on to State contest! Check with the school or the Parish Office for more details.

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 Ankley 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 chirzel@aol.com if you are going to attend so we know how many people to

plan for.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION FOR CARING NET-WORK AND ALTERNATIVES OF BATTLE CREEK 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.

ONLINE GIVING

If you are interested in setting up a recurring donation or even just a one time donation we have Online Giving available through our St. Philip webpage. If you go to www.stphilipbc.org and on the home page there is a tab for "Giving Opportunities". You can click on "Online Giving" and you will be able to see ALL the giving opportunities available to St. Philip. Even for annual gifts, and Mass intentions. If the donation is for a Mass intention or flower memorials there is a spot for notes where you can include names for the intended.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank Deacon Bell, Fr. James, Monica Vasquez, Staff and students for the generous response to the Homeless Veterans needs drive. The class which had the most donations and who will receive a pizza party as a result was the 5th & 6th grade class, taught by Sandi Summers and Sheri Robotham. Good Job everyone, those donations have been delivered to the VA for distribution.

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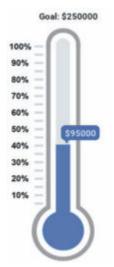
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