

## February 20, 2022,

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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**

**Reform Yourself**: the latest book for the Read about it program is available in the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 9-3 and Friday 9-noon. Books are free to those who attended the previous book group. Only \$6 for anyone new interested in joining.

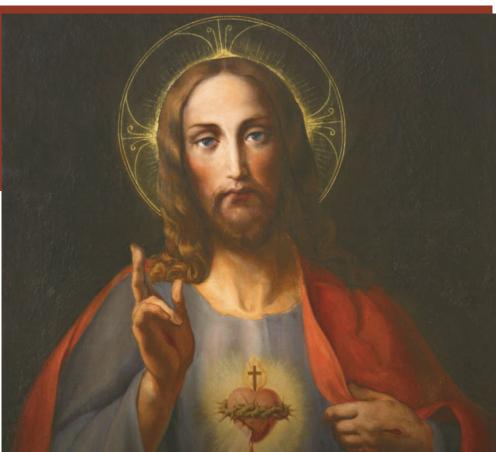
The group will meet on Wednesday February 23rd to discuss the book.

No Latin Mass for this week of February 21-25

## Today's Scripture

### February 20, 2022

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

### 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,

Mid-February is probably the dullest time of the year. Maybe that's why they put St. Valentine's day on February 14th. You know, the early Christian martyr who died around the year 270. In addition to being the patron of compulsory dates, jewelry, and boxes of chocolates with God-knows-what is in them (does dark chocolate really go with Orange cream?) St. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy.

Mid February is also prime time for checking

in with the couples who are planning weddings at St. Philip this coming summer and fall. Despite having no air-conditioning (we're working on it, keep saving your pennies), Our parish church is a beautiful setting for a wedding. In the lull before Lent and Easter, I try to connect with our couples on their road to the altar. Marriage prep is a big deal to me. I try to meet with couples a number of times to walk with them to their new life together.

In talking to couples, there are a number of challenges to living Christian marriage, as the world has some very different ideas about love and marriage that aren't really the biblical view. Once in a while, however, worlds intersect and the Christian view bears out in secular experience. Two weeks ago, the Wall Street Journal printed a story that announced what Christians, and indeed most traditional cultures, knew. The headline read:

"Too Risky to Wed in Your 20s? Not if You Avoid Cohabiting First." Research shows that marrying young without ever having lived together with a partner makes for some of the lowest divorce rates"

Conversations about these things can be a little uncomfortable, and it does seem like everyone else has taken a different path, but sometimes we have to have the confidence that to live the life of the Gospel does indeed lead to greater happiness and human fulfillment. When I meet with couples I tell them that my view of marriage preparation is about helping them get to their wedding day in the best possible state to enter into the joy and beauty of a life together. That is certainly worth a few awkward conversations. It also brings light in the dull days of winter to consider what God can do in hearts that are open to His plan.

Please pray for young couples, especially those whom God is calling to share in His love in married life. May God bless their love and help it to be free, full, faithful, and fruitful.

Rev. James Ríchardson

By the way, who is Russel Stover, anyway, and did the martyrdom of St. Valentine involve Roman Nougat in any way?



SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL Rosaries Prayed: 194 Year 2022: 801 Grand Total: 262,372

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.





Knights of Columbus Council 11114 Next meeting: March 15th 6:00 pm

For Information Contact: John Lindsay, Grand Knight 269-968-6645 or email kofc11114@comcast.net

## PRAYER & WORSHIP Mass Intentions | Pray For



Jeanette Aleo 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 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

Peggy Laforge Hannah Leonard Barb Mendella Sharon Mileski **Kathleen Moore** Patricia O'Brien Michael Osowski **Carter Palone Cheri Perkins Norman Porter** Jo Powell Ron Quada Mel Retzke Gail Robinson Jeff Robotham Karl Routman Barb Ryan Kevin Řzeppa Kathy Scott David Sheehan Pam Smith **Rolland Smith** Matt Steele James Strole **Franklin Swart** Jackie Swart **Kizaya Suto** Donna Thiessen Desi Underwood Sandy Walliczek Bob Ward Luna Wert 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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession are available at the following times:

Monday-Saturday	7:15-7:
Saturday:	3:00-4
Sunday:	8:15-8:
	10:45-1

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

## **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19		
8: <b>00 a.m.</b> .	†David Schmitt	
4:30 p.m.	Genevieve O'Connell	
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20		
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (Latin Mass)	
9:00 a.m.	†Todd Newman	
11:30 a.m.	†Mary Ann Cole	
MONDAY FEBRUARY 21 There is no Latin Masses this week 21-25		
8:00 a.m.	†Anne Karlo	
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22		
12:10 p.m.	Matt Arver (special intentions)	
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23		
8:00 a.m.	†Cody Culp	
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24		
8:00 a.m.	Fr. James Richardson (Birthday)	
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25		
8:00 a.m.	Emily Mawi (special intentions)	
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26		
8:00 a.m.	Terry Summers (Birthday)	
4:30 p.m.	†Michael Zaleski	
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27		
7:00 a.m.	Latin Mass	
9:00a.m.	†Carol Hayes (birth date)	
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	



### **FISH FRY**

Get ready for the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry starting March 4th from 5-7pm in the Parish Center.

As usual the meal will consist of: freshly battered white fish, baked potato, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert.





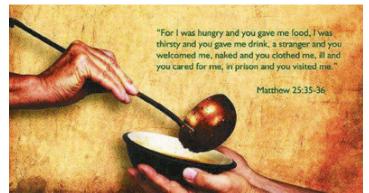
The Franklin Food Pantry is in need of a Driver to pick up our supplies from the Food Bank on a weekly basis. If anyone is interested in helping us our, please call Judy Montych at 269-579-3570 for further details.

St. Philip parishioners volunteer at the Pantry on Monday

every week. Thank you.

### Items needed at this time:

Bars of soap, Plastic bags (small ones like from Meijer's , Walmart), Bigger bags like totes for individuals quite often have to take their groceries on the bus.



## An Offering of Thanks to God

FEBRUARY 13, 2022		
Sunday	\$	7,015.00
Electronic Transfer	\$	3,636.00
Year to Date	\$	437,152.11
Budget YTD	\$	484,134.59
Restoration Fund	\$	172,556.62

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### FEBRUARY 26/27

Lectors		
4:30 pm	Michael Wemple	
9:00 am	John Sajtar	
11:30 am	Denise Pajak	
Altar Server		
4:30 pm	Aadyn Currie, Scott Scriber	
9:00 am	Assumpta Ting, Sean Gage	
11:30 am	Brady Lightfoot, Mariana Bethel	
Sacristan		
4:30 pm	Sandi Summers	
9:00 am	Tom Lawrence	
11:30 am	Kathy Bevins	
Ushers		
4:30 pm	Brian Wemple, Rob Beam, Mara Reen, Richard Hoenecke	
9:00 am	Michael Sartor, Sharon Frey	
11:30 am	Bruce Behrens, Jim Beavers	

Coffee and donuts will be offered in the Parish Center on Sunday from 9-11:15 a.m. Please join us for some sweets and fellowship.

We are looking for



some volunteers to help with coffee and donuts once a month. If interested please see Carla Behrens at coffee and donuts or call the office at 968-6645.



# February Altar Server

Brady is a Freshman here at the high school. He has been serving at St. Joseph church for 5 years and recently began serving at St.

Philip in the fall. Brady is a member of the varsity football team and the JV basketball team. In his spare time, Brady likes to spend time with his family.

Congratulations Brady and thank you for your faithful devotion to serve our Lord on the altar!!

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## News & Events

### **READ ABOUT IT PROGRAM**

It is time to pick up the next book in the "Read about it Program" Reform Yourself, How to pray, find peace, and grow in faith with the saints of the Counter-Reformation, is now available in the parish office. If you were part of the first book group in this program you may stop by the parish office during regular business hours to pick up your free copy. If you would like to join the program or if you just want a copy of the book for yourself, anyone is welcome to Hoch with any questions, he can be a copy for \$6.

On February 23rd from 6-7:30pm in the Parish Center will be the book review and discussion.

### THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN:

St Joseph Parish is forming a Third Order Franciscan group which will be associated with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. If interested, please call St. Joseph Church at 962-0165. Our first meeting will be February 1st.

### INTO THE BREACH

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kalamazoo is hosting their Into The Breach men's program on Saturday, March 5 from 8:30am-10:00 am. At Father Bart Memorial Hall ofSt. Mary's Catholic Church on 939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo, MI. Into The Breach is a men's study program which reads and discusses the famous Apostolic Exhortation "Into The Breach" written b Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted to combat the crisis of religious faith in today's world. Come join the Knights in prayerfully examining the Bishop's letter and devising a personal plan of spiritual battle and growth in virtue. Please contact Faith Director, Michael Scriber at scriberm6470@gmail.com or Grand Knight, Jeff Cypher at bga@stmarykzoo.org. with any questions.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ("Men's

Group") is a group of Christian brothers that meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7pm till 8pm at St. Joseph, and we discuss the struggles and joys of being a Christian man in today's world. We encourage one another to be better and support each other in times of struggle. We are excited to revamp this group in 2022 and welcome any man 18 years of age or older (catholic or not) who wishes to join us. Please reach out to Ryan reached most easily by email

at <u>ryanmatthew1970@gmail.com</u>.

### **LENT IS COMING!**

Join our faith community-and more than 12.000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from [LOCATION] on [DATE]. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl invites you to journey to Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda to learn about the root causes of hunger and how communities-with the support of CRS and faith communities like yours-are making sure they have the right nutritious food to thrive. With prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can continue Jesus' mission to care for all in need. Visit www.crsricebowl.org for resources for families and parishes.



### Volunteer opportunity on Diocesan Finance Council

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is looking for 2-3 volunteers to join its Diocesan Finance Council. This is an advisory council to Diocesan leadership. Candidates should have a financial background and be able to meet on a quarterly basis, typically at 4 p.m. on a weekday. Interested candidates can contact Tim Meeker. CFO Diocese of Kalamazoo. at 269-349-8714 x1353 or tmeeker@diokzoo.org.

### 40 Days for Life

The next 40 Days for Life campaign runs from March 2 to April 10. We will pray in front of the Planned Parenthood, 4201 W. Michigan Ave., on the public sidewalk. Join with our brothers and sisters from area parishes to help to end abortion in Kalamazoo. Our prayers and fasting make a difference by changing hearts. Please consider signing up for one hour a week. You can sign up online at this website or by emailing 40daysKALAMAZOO@gmail.com.

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: 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.

## SCHOOL NEWS Upcoming Events | Parish Directory



### What is one of the benefits of Catholic education?



Our students say: "Practice

of Faith". One of our families shared: "Last week when we asked our son why he was sitting quietly in his room, he told us we were interrupting the rosary he was praying for his grandma. Unprompted prayer. That's why I love our Catholic Schools!"

Consider the gift of Catholic education for your children. Go to bcacs.org for more information.





# Can you help us reach our goal for the 2021-2022 Annual Fund Drive?

Funds provided through this campaign offset the cost of operations, making tuition as affordable as affordable as possible to as many families as possible.

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.



## **Parish Directory**

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