

Mission of St. Philip Catholic Church

We welcome you to join us!
For the celebration of Mass on Sunday
at 9:45 A.M.

Potluck Social following Mass on 1st
Sunday of the month



DECEMBER 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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NEW PARISHONERS

Welcome!

We would like to say welcome and ask that you fill out the Registration form available at the back of the Church. It is important that your family information be kept up-to-date and available to Father. It also assists us in keeping you informed of the many activities and opportunities to participate in the community life of our parish. Be sure to include your e-mail address!

Please return the forms to
Evelyn Hackney at the parish office.

Thank you.

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Parents are encouraged to make arrangements with the parish office prior to the birth of the child.

MATRIMONY: Contact the parish office to make arrangements at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date. A new baptismal certificate must be obtained from the home parish showing that the couple are free to marry.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Families should notify the parish office of members admitted to hospitals and convalescent facilities. Emergency calls can be made to (254)754-1221.

VOCATIONS: We pray that anyone considering a religious vocation seek out information with our clergy or contact Fr. Jonathan Raia at (512) 949-2405 or go to the Diocesan Web page

<http://www.austindiocese.org/dept/vocations/calendar>

**A warm welcome to all
of our visitors today.
Please come again !**

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SAVE THE DATE

The next Gather for the women of St. Philip will be held on January 20th, starting at 5 pm, at the home of Ann Goldsmith. Ann's house is located at 37 Northshore Circle, Waco. Bring a snack to share and an open heart as we take time to get to know our sisters in Christ.

Sun	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18/Heb 10:5-10
Mon	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29
Tues	Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17
Wed	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc
Thurs	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Fri	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Sat	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM Workshops)

As of January 1, applicants must have an EIM account in order to attend a workshop AND must sign up to attend a workshop at least 24 hours in advance. Walk-in attendees will no longer be admitted.

Youth Ministry

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - Confirmation classes will be from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the St Pope John Paul II building (building across the parking lot from the SLAC) beginning **Wednesday, January 30th**. There will be parent meetings on **January 15th (Spanish) at 5:30pm, January 16th at 5:00pm and January 17th at 5:30pm** at the SLAC. If your teen is making confirmation this year choose one meeting to attend. If you are a Reicher student and have not registered, please visit www.slywaco.org/confirmation to download the forms and review the requirements. For more information or questions please contact Tracy Gomez at (254) 754-1221 or at tracy@stlouiswaco.com. **The mandatory retreat will be February 22-24, 2019 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, Tx.**

DCYC - The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference of Austin is February 1 -3. It is open to all teens in 9th - 12th grade. The conference is a weekend full of dynamic speakers, praise and worship, break-out sessions, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass and a time to share and enjoy your faith with thousands of other teens. This is truly a wonderful weekend. The cost of the conference is \$65 per teen. We would love for you to join us! Contact Tracy for more information at tracy@stlouiswaco.com or 254-754-1221. Registration forms can be picked up at the Church, Church office, at youth group or online at www.slywaco.org. Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us.

Parish Events & News

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the Christmas Holidays from 4 pm Friday, December 21 - Wednesday, December 26. Regular office schedules will resume Thursday, December 27.

On the weekend of Dec. 29-30 all parishes in the Diocese of Austin are to take up a special collection for the feast of the Holy Family. A special collection will be taken up in this Mass to support family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin. These include: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

Christmas flowers have been ordered for the altar. On the back table anyone who wishes to make a donation for the flowers will find envelopes for that purpose.

St.Philip will **NOT** have a Mass on Christmas Day at St. Philip. There will be a **Vigil Mass, December 24th** at 4 PM.

New Year's Day is a holy day of Obligation. Mass will be held at St. Philip at 6PM.

Advent Liturgical Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule St. Louis

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th:

4:00 pm - English in the Sanctuary

6:30 pm - Spanish in the SLAC

6:30 pm - English in the Sanctuary

Midnight (12:00 am) - English in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th 9:30 am only

Year End Contribution Letters for 2018 will be mailed out automatically for contributions of \$250.00 or more by the end of January. Letters for amounts lower than \$250.00 will need to be requested. Contributions toward 2017 may be made through January 15, 2019.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ and wait for his second coming, we want to wish you a blessed Christmas.

It is our prayer that hearts would be made new and hope found in loving embrace of Christ and the loving care of Mary and Joseph.

Father Ryan and Father Ranjan

Stewardship of Treasure

Last Sunday's Collection..... \$ 1,744.00

Amount needed weekly..... \$ 1,600.00

Thank You for your Generosity

