



# ST. PHILIP



## NEWSLETTER

January/February 2024

**From Mrs. Kelsey,**

Please see the Note from Mrs. Kelsey below.

**Whatever you  
ask in prayer,  
you will  
receive, if you  
have faith.  
Matthew 21:22**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 15: No School-MLK Day
- Jan. 19: Theme Shirt Day
- Jan. 22-24: Science Bowl Competition
- Jan. 24: Early Release @ 12:30
- Jan. 29-Feb. 2: Catholic Schools Week (more information on flyer below)
- Feb. 1: St. Philip Come & See Night
- Feb. 5-8: Holly's House presentations
- Feb. 6: Diocesan Spelling Bee
- Feb. 9: Freshman registration (8th grade)
- Feb. 13: Bury the Alleuia
- Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday mass
- Feb. 19: No School-Presidents Day
- Feb. 21: PTO meeting at 5:45
- Feb. 22: PTO Free Dress
- Feb. 26: Spirit Dress



# School Snapshots





# Open Enrollment has began!

**Enrollment is available for all grade levels!**

Make sure to turn in your enrollment forms to the office! Click the link below for more enrollment information

**ENROLL**

If you are enrolling your child in Preschool or Pre-K make sure to include a \$200 deposit with the form. Spots are limited!

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## LUNCH MENU

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS MONTH'S MENU!](#)

# Feast of the Presentation of our Lord or Candlemas

Candlemas is on February 2nd and marks the end of the Christmas season. During Candlemas, we commemorate the purification of Mary and the presentation of Jesus (the Great Light) in the Temple. This day is about the blessing of candles.

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This month the students will be learning all about Candlemas and making their own special prayer candles during their art classes. During **mass on February 3rd and 4th** there will be a special blessing for the candles the students made. We encourage families to attend mass and bring the prayer candles to be blessed. This candle can be kept at home and lit during family prayer times. Others are also welcome to bring their own candles to be blessed





# *Note from Mrs. Kelsey*

St. Philip families,

As many of you know, my family has been expecting a baby this year and it is almost time to meet him! The due date is February 5th! I wanted to share a little information with you all about how the school is going to operate while I am on maternity leave.

Mrs. Donna Folz has very kindly agreed to be the principal designee in my absence. She will be the contact person if there are any parent or student concerns, matters concerning discipline, emergencies, class schedule changes, and new enrollments. If you would need to contact her you may email her at [dfolz@evdio.org](mailto:dfolz@evdio.org) or contact the main office.

Maddie Kunkler will also be taking on a few of my day to day tasks. I will still be periodically checking my emails but please do not expect an immediate response.

My current plan is to return the week after Spring Break. I will notify everyone if there is a change in that plan.

I am more than confident that our school will continue to thrive in my absence! I appreciate everyone's patience, flexibility and willingness to help out during this time!

Have a great day!

Mrs. Kellie Kelsey



# WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS OR DELAYS

- St. Philip School follows the decision of the Metropolitan School District of Mt. Vernon on school delays and cancellations.
- St. Philip families will receive an email and phone call from the school announcing a cancellation or delay.
- Most likely, in the event of a cancellation we will have an E-Learning Day. Please see the attached document for the E-Learning protocols.
  - [Click Here for E-Learning Protocols](#)
- If there is a 2 hour delay, there will be no morning preschool or Pre-K.



ST. PHILIP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK

JANUARY

29-

FEBRUARY 2

**Faith,  
Excellence,  
& Service**

## Monday:

- Spirt Dress
- Prayer Service

## Wednesday:

- Dress like a Teacher
- Day Pancake Breakfast

## Tuesday:

- Uniform
- 8th Grade Mass
- Prayer Family
- School Cleanup

## Thursday:

- Comfy Day-No PJS
- Student Surprise

## Friday:

- Theme Shirt
- Volleyball Game-1:00 PM

**Family Penny Wars Competition  
Benefitting Hangers**



# St. Philip Catholic School

## Come & See Night

February 1, 2024, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Enrollment is open for all grades!

Preschool-8th Grade



- Tour Our School
- Experience Our Safe Environment
- Meet Our Principal & Teachers
- Learn about Tuition Assistance
- Discover Our Catholic Identity
- Learn About Our Academic Programs



## CONTACT US

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# SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY MARCH 8TH, 6-9PM**

# CANDY LAND

**Father Daughter Dance**

**Journey together through...**

**The Peppermint Forest**

**The Gumdrop Pass**

**The Cupcake Commons**

**The Lollipop Woods**

**& The Chocolate Mountain**

**Invitations and a Sign-Up Genius  
will be sent out in a couple weeks.**



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

# **Mother Son Night**

**Enjoy a night at the  
Otter's game!**

**May 3, 2024**

**More information  
coming in March!**







St. Philip School students and families,

This letter contains some important information about a revision to the 2023-2024 school calendar. As many of you may know there will be a Solar Eclipse that is projected to affect the Tri-State area on April 8, 2024. Due to the anticipated large crowds, possible traffic, and timing of the eclipse we have decided to change April 8, 2024 into a Virtual School Day. The eclipse is expected to start around 12:30 and last until after 3:00. Since it is not recommended that people be driving during the eclipse and that this event will be during dismissal time we've decided that a Virtual Day would be the safest option for our students and families.

We very much appreciate your understanding and flexibility. We hope that this event is a great learning experience for our students. The school will be providing the students with the recommended Solar Eclipse Glasses so they can view the eclipse safely from home. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Many blessings,

Kellie Kelsey

# *Message from the Parish*

## **Women's Bible Study**

**Meets every Sunday morning at St. Philip at 7:30am** in the St. Valentine Room, lower level of the church. Contact Sarah Adams 812-303-6002.

**Catechism in a Year** group study as presented by Fr. Mike Schmitz podcast. Starting Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:45pm in the St. Philip Room of the lower level of the church, and for every first Tuesday of the month thereafter. Participants will follow the Catechism in a Year podcast for each day. During our Tuesday's meeting we will listen to that day's podcast and then have the opportunity to discuss that day's reading and follow up on any topic from the other past month's podcasts with additional questions and answers.

## **WELCOME Retreat weekends:**

Women's Welcome weekend at St. Philip, January 27-28, 2024.

Men's Welcome weekend at St. Philip, March 23-24, 2024

**Cursillo weekends:** Men's February 22-25 and Women's March 14-17. Contact Deacon Charlie for further details. 812-985-2275 or email at [ckoressel@evdio.org](mailto:ckoressel@evdio.org)



# January Birthdays

- Nora Tekoppel
- Leyland Wildeman
- Noah Lannert
- Libbyanne Gansman
- Lilah Bigge
- Ozzy Reyher
- Nora Verkamp
- Tillie Wargel
- Fischer Schenk
- Casey Elsner
- Sawyer Curry
- Gunner Curry
- Leo Weinzapfel
- Allie Peaugh
- Asher Scheu
- Garrett Southern
- Lilliam Hassler
- Will Norman
- Franklin Smith



# February Birthdays

- Frankie Reyher
- Mary Shockley
- Nolan Elpers
- Korbyn Shelby
- Evelyn Marshall
- Theo Schmidt
- Kade Norman
- Ella Craig
- Isaac Moore
- Kate Bohleber
- Everlee Reddington
- Claire Goebel
- Ava Jourdan
- Wyatt Grider
- Jude Verkamp
- Gabe Wildeman
- Aubrey Golec
- Cole Elsner
- Mia Weinzapfel
- Olivia Bassemier

Happy Birthday