

August 16, 2020

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Scripture Readings for August 23, 2020

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 22:19-23 (121A):* The Lord's servant will receive the key of the House of David. What the servant does, God confirms.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8:* "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."

Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36:* The riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God's judgments are inscrutable and unsearchable. All things come from God, through God, and for God.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20:* At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then he gave to Peter the keys to heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

August 9th Offertory ~ \$2,405.25

Religious Retirement Collection ~ \$20.00

Catholic Missourian ~ \$14.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Swinkey Days T-shirts** may be purchased after Mass in the gym for \$10 each. Youth and adult sizes are available
- **A note to our Ushers:** Because it's difficult to find available space in Church, we are asking if our Ushers could help parishioners find available pew spaces before Mass each Sunday.
- **Saturday and Sunday's Masses:** The Saturday, 5:30 PM Mass at Holy Rosary may be viewed at "Greg Oligschlaeger" Live Facebook page. The 8:00 AM Mass at St. Stephen is being streamed to over-flow seating in the gym or can be viewed at "Greg Oligschlaeger" Live Facebook page. The 9:30 Mass at Holy Rosary can be viewed on YouTube Livestreamed <http://shorturl.at/zNQ57>
- **Note for liturgy volunteers:** Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have been assigned but do not feel comfortable filling the liturgy assignment. Thank you for all you do.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **First Day of School** will be on Thursday, August 20th beginning at 8:00. All students are asked to go directly to their classrooms. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 after lunch has been served.
- **Registration for students in grades 1-8** (or kindergarten, if they didn't come on August 13th) will be held on Monday August 17th. Families with last names beginning with the letters **A-K** are asked to come between 4:00 and 6:00. Families with last names beginning with the letters **L-W** are asked to come between 6:00 and 8:00. This is an opportunity for students and parents to greet teachers, receive important information and to pay school fees. Parents are asked to bring their completed Emergency Information Forms. Families are asked to wear masks/face coverings and to social distance as much as possible.
- **Pre-School Classes** are scheduled to begin on Monday, August 24th.
- **Anyone needing information** concerning Holy Rosary School may call the school office (573-735-2422) or Sr. Sue Walker (573-822-9056). Information can also be found at holyroaryschool.com.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 8/16	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Brandon Devlin
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Robert Wimsatt Family
Wednesday		7:30 AM Elaine Charlson
Thursday		7:30 AM Liv. + Dec'd Hays, Long and McNeil Families
Friday		7:30 AM Evelyn McCormick
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Charles Spalding Bob & Loretta Foster
Sunday 8/23	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Madilynn Rose St.Clair

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RECONCILIATION

4:00-5:00 PM Saturdays at Holy Rosary
7:15-7:45 AM Sundays at St. Stephen
Or by appointment, 735-4718

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

It's been since March 15th that we could say..."we get to go to school". This week Holy Rosary School begins on Thursday and the Monroe City Schools start back on Monday. Pray that everyone will embrace the changes that are in place and that as much as possible, we will be able to prevent the virus from spreading.

Welcome back to Monroe City Public Schools and Congratulations to Superintendent Tony DeGrave, a parishioner of Holy Rosary Parish. He has been baptized by fire with all the considerations and protocols required of his position as we start this school year in the midst of a world pandemic. Thank you for your care and concern for our students, parents and your teachers.

We wish all of our students heading off to college well. Many left this past week and have lots of fun experiences and new enrollment issues to handle. Know that our prayers are with you. May you have a successful year.

At the beginning of this new 2020-2021 school year, I want to thank our principal Sr. Sue Walker and all who are teachers and support staff at Holy Rosary for their dedication and obvious concern and love for our children. Thank you too, for all the extras, challenges, and hours of work that the end of the last school year and beginning of this year has borne upon you.

Many, who are parishioners of both parishes, teach in schools in the area as well as in our parish school. Thank you for the investment of yourself and the witness of faith that you give to our students. God bless you principals and teachers for your witness of Faith, dedication, sacrifice and expertise.

We could not have our parish school without the support of both parishes. Your prayers, donations, volunteerism, and financial support allow the teachers to have a place to teach and more importantly allow our children to be raised in Catholic education and a place where morality, respect for self-and others, and good Christian stewardship are taught as Gospel virtues every day. Our students have the privilege of participating in the Mass weekly, they are clearly instructed in what is right and wrong, and are often called on to witness their Christianity to one another and to our community. The school is one of the important missions of our parishes and cannot exist without our parishes. What a tremendous gift you provide to the future of the Church!

Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Trent Zeiger, Jackie Ryan, Rose Shinn, Hazel Smith, Jim Schnitzler, Sue Gilbert, Natalee Amos, Rosemary Evans, Deanna Buckman, Nick Hays, Kenny Ryan, Bonnie Ess, John Kendrick, Charlotte Schneider, Logan Maher, Troy Ritter, Michael Kellerman, Terry Kendrick, Dc. Mike Long, Barbara Kendrick, Mark Leake, William P. Smith, Connie Kendrick, Nick Mudd, Teresa Ritter Toland, Daniel Patrick Mudd, Bonnie Werner

For all who are ill, especially those who are awaiting surgery or seriously ill, and for their caregivers and for those who have died, we pray to the Lord.

~ FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD ALONG WITH DONNA ~

- **PSR:** We are in need of a PSR Catechist for Kindergarten/1st grade. Do you feel a call to help our young children learn about our faith? Contact me and let's talk about how you can use your talents to serve our parishes' children.
- **2020/21 PSR registration** will be August 22/23 following Mass at St. Stephen and Holy Rosary. If you are unable to register that weekend, you can register online anytime at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tEOc7ZfDLRKLlrRIIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **2020 Seniors:** As you move on to college stay connected with your faith. Newman Connection can help you connect with a Catholic Ministry at your college campus. Sign up here to get more information <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/>.
- **RCIA - Who do you know that may be interested in becoming Catholic?** Do you have a friend or family member that asks questions or seems interested in why you believe what you believe? Maybe you or someone you know would like to know about how to become a Catholic. The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is the place to begin. We will start the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions in the Fall. Coming to an inquiry session does not commit one to becoming a Catholic but does help to answer questions and is meant to help a person discern whether they want to practice their faith in the Catholic Church. Maybe you are a non-Catholic spouse of a Catholic and want more info and a forum to ask questions, or maybe you were baptized Catholic but did not receive Holy Communion or become fully initiated by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation- RCIA Inquiry sessions would be for you too. The RCIA Inquiry sessions will be facilitated on the adult learning format of presentation and discussion (no memorization will be required). Questions will certainly be welcomed and discussed. **If you are interested or if you know someone that is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith**, call Donna Long at the rectory office at 573-735-4718 or send an email to donnalong.hrss@gmail.com.
- **FORMED:** Check out *The Search* a 7-episode series on FORMED. The first episode, "What Do You Seek?", asks, "What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? For some, this question is on their minds every day. For others life goes by in a flash without even asking the question."

~ D OF I NEWS ~

A meeting has been tentatively set for September 10th at 5:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The workshop scheduled for September has been cancelled. Please keep all of our members in your prayers, especially those in the nursing homes

~ MONROE CITY FOOD BANK ~

Each Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:00 PM through the month of August the food bank is offering 25 lb. boxes of U.S. grown mixed vegetables and fruits until they run out. Everyone is welcome to pick up a box. Regular pantry hours are from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM every third Friday of the month, after the third Thursday. Please contact Devyn Timbrook at 573-719-4537 with any questions.

~ RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECETION TODAY ~

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. This Sunday's extra collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities' care for aging members. Please give generously.

~ K OF C NEWS ~

The Family Fully Alive booklets: The St. Stephen KC's have purchased these booklets for families in our parish, designed to help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives, year around. The books are on the literature table in the vestibule. *The theme for August is "Hospitality".*

POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP McKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS

You are invited and encouraged to unite your prayer intentions with those of Pope Francis and Bishop McKnight's August intentions:

Intention of Pope Francis

"We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families."

Intention of Bishop McKnight

"For our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic."

~ PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL ~

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance for Adoration on the main altar in Holy Rosary Church on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00AM-8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come at any time during those 12 hours for prayer and adoration. Parishioners from both parishes are scheduled for each hour that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed to make sure the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. You must keep yourself 6 feet from one another and wear a mask/face covering as you enter and leave church. Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave church. Please disinfect your area when you leave with the disinfectant wipes provided at the church doors.

Liturgy Appointments

August 16 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Natalie Shively & Taitym Foltz
Lector	Frank Lemongelli
Communion Ministers	Amanda Spalding, Kaye Spalding
Counters	Doug Orf, Shane Spalding

August 23 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Gottman
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Ella Hays & Bradi Keller
Lector	Debbie Kendrick
Communion Ministers	Kay Turnbull, Phil Whelan
Counters	Doug Orf, Kathy Spurgeon

August 30 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Julienne Burns & Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Tyler Hays & Averie Hays
Lector	Greg Maher
Communion Ministers	Kathy & Lee Anderson
Counters	Doug Orf, Dan Adam

Ushers for August

Tanner Buckman, James Burns

* All Liturgy appointees for the Mass, please check with the Sacristan 15 minutes before Mass so all Eucharistic ministries are covered.

Pastoral Council Members: Chair., Amanda Spalding; V. Chair., Doug Orf; Sec'y, Carol Hagan; Members: Lee Anderson, Eric Keller and Darin Underhill.

Finance Committee: Monica Otto-Lloyd, Chair.; Tom Hagan, Sec'y; Phil Whelan

K of C's: Grand Knight: Ed Born; Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Long; Recording Secretary, Michael Maher; Financial Secretary, Shane Spalding

Altar Society Officers: Pres., Lynn Ogle, Treas., Julie Hays

Picnic Committee: Coordinators, David & Julie Hays; Treas., Shane Spalding

Cemetery Committee: Pres., Joe Puro; V. Pres., Bill Smith, Treas., Marie Puro, Dwayne Williams, Matt Hays, Shane Spalding.