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Scripture Readings for September 6, 2020

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Sirach 27:30–28:7 (130A):* Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant, and overlook the faults of others.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12:* "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Second Reading: *Romans 14:7-9:* We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35:* In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials: Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him.

August 23rd Offertory ~ \$2,478.10
Religious Retirement Collection ~ \$40.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Pastoral Council election results:** Thank you to all who agreed to have their names placed on the ballot for Pastoral Council. The two new members are Eric Keller and Danny Sims.
- **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>

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **The Student Liturgy** on Friday, September 4th will be led by the fourth grade students.
- **As the Holy Rosary boys** play football with the Monroe City RI team they will have their first game on Wednesday, September 2nd, beginning at 6:00 on the Monroe City Field. The opposing team is Highland.
- **The Trojan Softball Team** will open their season on Saturday, September 5th, at a tournament at Community R6.

~ K OF C NEWS ~

- **The September KC meeting** will be held Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join with the Knights praying the rosary that evening at 6:30.
- **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 September is "Charity".*

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 8/30	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Floyd Buckman & Joyce Maher
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Jim Ragan
Wednesday		7:30 AM Liv. + Dec'd D of I
Thursday		7:30 AM James Jr. & Chris Blair Families
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Pauline Quinn
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Fuemmeler Family
Sunday 9/6	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Nancy Yates

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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,



In today's gospel, Jesus gives His disciples the **definition of discipleship**, "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*" [Matt 16:24] A verse before that Jesus says to Peter, "*Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me.*" Peter innocently wanted Jesus to use his power to conquer His enemies. In Peter's mind, there was no reason Jesus should suffer if He was, "*The Christ, The Son of the Living God.*" [Matt 16:16]

Jesus says, get behind me and do as I do. The wisdom in Jesus' rebuke to Peter is that Peter needs to let Jesus show the way and clear the path. The Christ will show his disciples how to spread the gospel and He will lead, all who will follow, to God's love and their place in heaven. The key is to follow Jesus' example and to walk in His footsteps. As disciples, we are to humble our pride and deny self in order to follow. Jesus will help us carry our burdens and show us the way to Salvation.

Frustration arise from this pandemic disrupting our everyday routines and events. The worry and concern of family and friends of those infected with the Covid-19 virus continually present in our community, can lead us to cry out "God, why don't you stop this and take it away?!" I believe that Jesus is teaching us, as he did St. Peter, that the Son of God's love is strong enough to help us **carry our crosses** and we need to **deny ourselves** the wanting to know the way out and to control our destiny. Jesus wants us to trust Him and that we will find our way through if we **follow Him**.

Prayers and Blessings,

Bishop McKnight wants your feedback. Please take the time to read Bishop McKnight's "Making Connections" column in the August 21, 2020 edition of *The Catholic Missourian*. Read the newspaper you receive at home or here is the webpage link: <http://www.catholicmissourianonline.com>. Fr. Greg spoke about this last weekend at all the Masses.

The title of the article is: "*Initiating A Process for Discerning a Path Forward in 10 Counties*". The ten counties are: **Monroe, Ralls, Pike**, Chariton, Cooper, Crawford, Howard, Phelps, Polaski and Saline. [The counties in bold are in the Hannibal Deanery.]

The harsh reality is that within 5 years there will likely be 11 less priests in active ministry in our diocese. Bishop McKnight wants your input. The purpose is not to close parishes. It will mean parishes working together and being creative in deciding Mass times and other ways to collaborate. The article will alert you to a process on how we hope to receive your input over the next three months starting soon after Labor Day.

~ 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, Glenda Staton,
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 ~

- **2020/21 PSR registration** (formerly CCD): If you were unable to register on August 22/23, you can still register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tEOc7ZfDLRkLlrRIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **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:** For the Family: *The Adventures of Ociee Nash*, based on Milam McGraw Propst's award-winning novel, *A Flower Blooms on Charlotte Street*, *The Adventures of Ociee Nash* is a delightful and inspiring film you won't soon forget! Although nine-year-old Ociee loves roaming Mississippi's 1890's rural landscape, her widower father (Keith Carradine) feels that Ociee lacks a role model to help her become a "young lady". Although Ociee meets heroes like the Wright Brothers and the U.S. President, she ultimately proves that she, too, is capable of greatness in this heartwarming, rewarding film the whole family will enjoy www.formed.org

~ PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL ~

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come at any time during those 12 hours for prayer and adoration. Adoration contacts - Phyllis Campbell, 573-795- 2290 or Howard & Linda Willard, 573-735-4552.

POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP McKNIGHT'S
SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention of Pope Francis

"We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner."

Intention of Bishop McKnight

"For children deprived of a safe and healthy home, that they experience the love of God through the care and concern shown by Catholics."

~ DEER HUNT CANCELLED ~

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regretfully announces that the 2020 Mark Twain Lake Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities scheduled for November 21st and 22nd, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff and public safety are our top priorities, and this cancellation is based on capacity to protect the health, safety and security of the public, our partners, event participants, and USACE employees.

~ 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 nursing homes.

~ PROLIFE GARAGE SALE CANCELLED ~

The Holy Rosary/St. Stephen ProLife Committee have cancelled the annual Fall Garage Sale because of health concerns. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the ProLife Fund which donates to area homes for mothers in need of shelter, you may leave an envelope in the offertory baskets. Thank you for all your support in the past.

Liturgy Appointments

August 30 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Julienne Burns & Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Tyler Hays & Averie Hays
Lector	Judy Irons
Communion Ministers	Nancy Shively, Julie Orf
Counters	Doug Orf, Dan Adam

September 6 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Katie Underhill
Music	Beth Whelan & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Julienne Burns
Servers	Maddie Gares & Mari Gares
Lector	Desiree Mudd
Communion Ministers	Deanna Buckman, Marie Purool
Counters	Amanda Spalding, Jim & Julienne Burns

September 13 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Rosary	Glen Bichsel
Music	Jan Adam & Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Ben Lemongelli & Annie Willingham
Lector	Mark McNally
Communion Ministers	Rose McNally, Nancy Shively
Counters	Amanda Spalding, Mary Lou Dawson

Ushers for August

Tanner Buckman, James Burns

Ushers for September

Dennis Finnigan, Jeff Gares

* 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 Danny Sims.

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 Purool; V. Pres., Bill Smith, Treas., Marie Purool, Dwayne Williams, Matt Hays, Shane Spalding.