

July 12, 2020

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**Scripture Readings for July 19, 2020**

*The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (106A):* Though powerful, the Lord judges with mercy and governs with care. God teaches people kindness, hope, and repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16:* "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:26-27:* Paul reminded the Romans that the Spirit helps God's people in their weakness and intercedes for them.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30:* Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, he encouraged his disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.

*July 5<sup>th</sup> Offertory ~ \$3,550.00*

*Catholic Missourian ~ \$188.00*

**~ PARISH NEWS ~**

- **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>
- **The public access password** for St. Stephen's Wi-Fi is "Church2020". *Of course, please refrain from using the Wi-Fi during Mass.*
- **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.

**~ FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE ~**

We join the family and friends of Thomas Pangborn in mourning his death. Tom's funeral Mass and burial was held at St. Stephen July 2<sup>nd</sup>. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 7/12	*St. Stephen 8:00 AM	Bernard & Phyllis Bichsel Bob Yager
	***Holy Rosary 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Judy & Mary Quinn, Terry Maas
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Mike & Therese Long
Thursday	7:30 AM	Ina, Bernard & Greg Mudd
Friday	7:30 AM	Jack Campbell
Saturday	**Holy Rosary 5:30 PM	Dede Yager & Kenny Fulton
Sunday 7/12	*St. Stephen 8:00 AM	Bill & Peg Hays & Family
	***Holy Rosary 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary

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**RECONCILIATION**

4:30-6:30 PM on Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM on Saturdays at Holy Rosary

7:15-7:45 AM Sundays at St. Stephen

Or by appointment, 735-4718

**~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~**



Dear Parishioners,

The parable of the "Sower and the Seed" in this Sunday's Gospel has renewed meaning as we start to reap the produce from our gardens and our flower beds. One can start with good soil, but as many of you know better than I do, you really have to work that soil to get it ready for planting. Weeds come up and choke out some of seed that was planted. Once you remove the weeds, you could almost watch the flowers grow and mature as you stand by them.

In a desert climate, Jesus worries about thorns choking the plants, but this year in Missouri, water drowned many a crop and new plant. I hear from some of you that your gardens have not produced much this year because they received too much of the rain water that is ironically, our source of life. A few plants I had to throw away because I didn't take the time to plant them soon enough and they withered in the sun and humidity.

Jesus has given to us a wonderful parable about our spiritual life. I just borrowed from His good metaphor portray a current use of the parable. Jesus tells us that the seeds planted are the Word of God. The Word of God is pure gift and has incredible potential. God plants that Word in the rich bed of our soul within the wonderful human being He has created. So many harmful things can happen to the seed from the outside world.

How do we nurture that seed within us? Do we go out of our way and work hard to keep that soil fertile or do we neglect it, drown it, or allow it to dry up? Do we allow it to be choked off by the way we neglect the Word of God that was given to us to protect, nourish and let bear fruit? In nature, we do not control what will happen. However, God has given us control over how God's word will grow within us. Take the responsibility seriously, work hard in the garden of your soul, and it will be a hearty beautiful garden that will give glory and praise to God.

The "parable" continues now in 2020. As with all things of Faith, the more we share our gifts from God the more God will do with those good gifts. Make time this summer to spend lots of hours nurturing the seeds of Faith God has given you. Trust that the time you sacrifice and invest in going to Mass and prayer at home will bear fruit. It is too easy to let the busy-ness of our life choke out a beautiful gift from God. Think of absorbing the Word of God and receiving the Eucharist and other sacraments as the water of life for the 'Garden of your Soul'. May the Word of God bear fruit abundantly through all you do this week.

Prayers & Blessings,

**~ DIOCESAN MISSION COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY ~**

Next weekend's annual Diocesan Mission Collection will help support our mission partners around the globe. We currently have 15 priests serving in the Diocese of Jefferson City from India, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ghana. Your support helps their home dioceses, who are sharing their human resources (priests) with our diocese. Please be generous by using your parish envelope or going online to <http://diojeffcity.org/donate/> and choose Missions.

~ 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,  
Charles Rubison, 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.*

~ D OF I NEWS ~

A meeting has been tentatively set for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The workshop scheduled for September has been cancelled. Please keep all our members in your prayers, especially those in the nursing homes. Cards would be welcome: Rusty Adams, Totty Burditt, Rita Jo Kendrick, Julie Leake, Shirley Lorenson and Juanita Pfanner

~ KNOWING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~

**FORMED:** Start your day off right with Catholic reflections from *FORMED* Daily! Get ready to be inspired and renewed with these clips from Catholic authors, speakers, movies, talks, and more. Sign up to receive these devotions direct to your inbox: <https://formed.org/daily>.

*Formed/Book/Fiction*

**Citadel of God by Louis de Wohl**

Another of the popular historical novels by the distinguished de Wohl, telling the dramatic story of St. Benedict, the father of Western monasticism, who played such a major role in the Christianization and civilization of post-Roman Europe in the sixth century. De Wohl weaves an intricate tapestry of love, violence and piety to recount with historical accuracy the story of St. Benedict and the tempestuous era in which he lived. Since there are no contemporary biographies of this major saint of history and the Church, de Wohl's inspired account is of significant importance on the subject of saint's lives for today's spiritual seekers. Having lived in an era of great immorality and vice, not unlike our world today, Benedict's story has a strong message for modern Christians who seek, as he did, to turn away from the wickedness of the world to find Christ in prayer, study and solitude. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

~ HOLY ROSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT ~

*The Holy Rosary Homecoming Golf Tournament is back on for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; 10:00 AM tee-off time!!! We will be sending out flyers for hole sponsors and team registration next week. Last year we had a record amount of teams and hole sponsors and raised approximately \$20,000 dollars for Holy Rosary School. We really wanted to do this in June, but with Missouri shut down in April we had to make a tough decision to postpone. I hope all of you that are willing to, will mail a check to Holy Rosary School for either a hole sponsor or register a team!! If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Benson or Ryan (573-406-2472) or Lori Watson (573-231-1333). Thank you!*

**POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP McKNIGHT'S**

**JULY PRAYER INTENTIONS**

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

*Our Families*

*"We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance."*

**Intention of Bishop McKnight**

*"For the unity of our country: that the God of truth may open our hearts to the truth of the Gospel, that peace may rule our hearts, and that justice may guide our nation of one people of many races."*

~ 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.

~ 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 July is "Witnessing to the Faith".*

~ 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**

**July 12 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sacristan	Dan Adam
Rosary	Rose McNally
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Chloe Puro & Anna Lemongelli
Lector	Kathy Anderson
Communion Ministers	Phil Whelan & Deanna Buckman
Counters	Carol Hagan, Ralph & Sherri Lemongelli

**July 19 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sacristan	Darin & Katie Underhill
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Josie Orf & Holden Orf
Lector	Jim Burns
Communion Ministers	Beth Whelan & Lee Anderson
Counters	Carol Hagan, Joe & Marie Puro

**July 26 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sacristan	Darin & Katie Underhill
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Jan Adam & Debby Quinn
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Bailey Hays & Jacob Anderson
Lector	Carol Hagan
Communion Ministers	Kathy Anderson & Deanna Buckman
Counters	Carol Hagan, Norma Rubison

**Ushers for July**

Glen Bichsel, Jared Bichsel

\* 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; Debbie Kendrick

**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., Katie Underhill; V. 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.

**Prayer of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion**

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have

You present so that I do not forget You.

You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak

and I need Your strength,

that I may not fall so often

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life,

and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light,

and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice

and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You

very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is,

I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Amen