

July 19, 2020

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

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Scripture Readings for July 26, 2020

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (109A): God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him whatever he desired. The king requested wisdom to govern Israel well. The Lord granted the request.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130: "Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30: All things work for good for people who love God. The Lord God knows, predestines, justifies and glorifies people and calls them to share Christ's love.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46: Jesus said that the reign of heaven is like a buried treasure and a fine pearl. Those who find it sell all they have to attain it. God is like a householder who brings forth good things, new and old.

*July 12th Offertory ~ \$3,651.00
Catholic Missourian ~ \$104.00*

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **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>
- **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.

~ 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".*

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 7/19	*St. Stephen 8:00 AM	Bill & Peg Hays & Family
	***Holy Rosary 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Juanita Yates & Audrey Fuemmeler
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Matt & Lorene Hays
Thursday	7:30 AM	Hugh F. & Rose F. Mudd
Friday	7:30 AM	Becky Labuary Underwood
Saturday	**Holy Rosary 5:30 PM	Harry & Maria Yates Family
Sunday 7/26	*St. Stephen 8:00 AM	John Kramer & Tom Pangborn
	***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

Dear Parishioners,



We praise God for the rain. It was needed refreshment after those early hot summer days and will get us through the sweltering temperatures this weekend.

Today is our Annual Diocesan Mission Collection. Please take time to read Bishop McKnight's letter enclosed the bulletin. Bishop McKnight reminds us that despite our own very serious needs in our country and our communities due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, "Your generosity to the Diocesan Mission Collection will impact the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world."

Jesus sent 72 disciples out on mission early in His ministry here on earth. All last week, the week day gospel readings have been reinforcing the need for each one of us, as disciples, to go out and proclaim in all that we do and say that, "the Kingdom of God is at hand." The annual Diocesan Mission Collection helps share the mercy of God with hundreds of hungry children and thousands in need of health care. It helps maintain mission parishes in Peru and establish new ones in the tribal lands of India, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, and in the Philippines. It allows us to share our resources with poorer foreign dioceses who are sharing their priests with us. Together, through the Diocesan Mission Collection, we are the Good Samaritan, loving our God by loving our neighbor.

The word "Mission" means 'to be sent out'. The Annual Diocesan Mission Collection helps us to do that Christian outreach many different ways. Traditionally this collection went to our Missions in Peru. Even though we do not have our diocesan priests actively ministering in Peru, we remain remarkably involved in parish support and innovative pastoral programs there. Your prayers and sacrificial gifts to sustain the work of our missions are important and I ask you to continue to help the people of Peru with your donations. I was fortunate enough to visit our Missions in Peru in 1990 and our monetary support helps our Catholic brothers and sisters in a profound way. But your collection also goes to develop mission trips that our parishioners may participate here in the USA. Also, the Diocesan Mission Office is beginning to get parishes to have "sister parishes" with a parish in devastated parts of our country or with a parish in other countries.

I will take some vacation time for the next 10 days. I will be away until July 31st. Please welcome Fr. Mike Quinn who will have weekday Masses this week (July 21-24) and Fr. Stephen Jones who will celebrate the weekend Masses (July 25-26) with you. We will not have weekday Mass on July 28-31. If you have need for a priest, call the parish office or Deacon Mike and they will contact one of the priests in the area.

Be good missionaries this week!

Prayers & Blessings,

~ DIOCESAN MISSION COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY ~

This weekend is our annual Diocesan Mission Collection. Your financial support of this appeal will help funds projects in Latin America, Africa, India, and the Philippines. Whether it is supporting the hungry children in Latin America, building a chapel in India, or a water well in Africa, we are called to help build vibrant faith communities and share our resources with diocese that share their resources with us. Please be generous. If you forgot your Diocesan Mission Collection envelope, you can bring it next week or go 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 13th 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

~ FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD ALONG WITH DONNA ~

Hello! I find myself still surprised as I write this. I never imagined myself serving the faithful people of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen as the Director of Faith Formation, but God had a different plan. I have found that following God's lead in this unexpected direction to be a humbling experience and am overjoyed to serve you in this role. Please keep Fr. Greg, Deacon Mike, and me in your prayers as we make this transition. Many of you have been so supportive and your kindness is deeply appreciated. You may contact me at the rectory 573-735-4718; currently, my office hours at the rectory are 8 am to Noon, Monday through Friday. My email is donnalong.hrss@gmail.com and I will see an email anytime. PSR registration will be August 22 and 23 in the vestibule after Mass. You may use the link below to complete the online registration form. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tEOc7ZfDLRkLlRRIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

~ KNOWING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~

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Audio/Share Your Faith

**Love Conquers All: Faith, Family, & the Early Church
by Mike Aquilina**

Mike Aquilina, author of over forty books and an expert on early Church history, shares how the faithful witness of Christian families amidst the trials and persecutions of the Church in the first centuries of its existence led to the rapid expansion of Christianity and the conversion of the Roman Empire. He relates how fidelity to prayer, faithful attendance of Sunday Mass, and love of neighbor offered a powerful witness to a culture that, in many respects, is similar to our own. www.formed.org

~ 40 DAYS OF PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD ~

On July 7th, Father Bill Peckman and two other priests started the 40 Days of Prayers. To be part of this, go to the website <https://usgraceforce.com>. We are at the time that only more prayers will change the world.

~ HOLY ROSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT NEXT SATURDAY ~

The Holy Rosary Homecoming Golf Tournament is back on for Saturday, July 25th; 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.

~ COMMUNITY DINNER THIS MONDAY ~

The Holy Rosary Altar Society will be serving the free community dinner at the Christian Church on July 20th, from 5:30-6:30 PM. *Dinners will be served by drive-thru only.*

~ 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 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 Purolo

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

August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Katie Underhill
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Meghan Hays & Emily Spalding
Lector	Julie Hays
Communion Ministers	Doug & Julie Orf
Counters	Doug Orf, Joe Shively

Ushers for July

Glen Bichsel, Jared Bichsel

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