

September 13, 2020

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Scripture Readings for September 20, 2020

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-9 (133A):* Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near....For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18:* "The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a:* Paul wrote, "Life is Christ, and death is gain.... I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Gospel: *Matthew 20:1-16a:* Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Jesus added, "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

~ 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>

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **Softball Games:** Monday home game, 5:00 vs. N. Shelby; Wednesday at Palmyra; Thursday at Canton.
- **Football Games:** Tuesday, vs. Louisiana - 6:00 at the Monroe City RI football field.
- **The Student Liturgy** at 8:20 on Friday, September 18th, will be led by the sixth grade students.

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

We join the family and friends in congratulations to Seth and Kelsie Hagan who were united in marriage at St. Stephen Saturday, September 12th. May their lives together be filled with Our Lord's blessings.

~ THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM ~

Our parish family welcomes Chance Matthew Lemongelli, son of Frank and Sally Smith Lemongelli who will be baptized at this morning's Mass. His godparents are Sam and Talley Smith. May God bless and hold Chance close always.

Fill -Out and Submit Your Survey

By now you should have received your mailing about the "10 Counties" Survey. Please respond to your survey on line as directed or call the parish office and we will make sure you get a paper copy of the survey. All surveys need to be submitted ASAP. For more information see the article in the September 4, 2020 edition of Catholic Missourian <http://catholicmissourianonline.com/stories/surveys-sent-on-parish-collaboration-in-10-counties,2812> and read Bishop McKnight's August 21st column online: <http://catholicmissourianonline.com/stories/making-connections-initiating-a-process-for-discerning-a-path-forward-in-10-counties,2798>.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 9/13	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Moises Pimental
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Ira & Opal Davis Family
Wednesday		7:30 AM Ina, Bernard & Greg Mudd
Thursday		7:30 AM Bill Winthrop, Jr.
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Harry & Maria Yates
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Dede Yager & Kenny Fulton
Sunday 9/20	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Liv. & Dec'd George & Juanita Yates Family

*St. Stephen Mass can be viewed on Facebook @ "Greg Oligschlaeger"

**Holy Rosary 5:30 PM Mass can be viewed on Facebook @ "Greg Oligschlaeger"

***Holy Rosary 9:30 PM Mass can be viewed on YouTube Livestreamed <http://shorturl.at/zNQ57>

RECONCILIATION

4:00-5:00 PM Saturdays at Holy Rosary

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

Or by appointment, 735-4718

September 6th Offertory ~ \$1,372.00

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

How many times a week do you pray the "Our Father"? Each time we pray this beloved familiar prayer given to us by Jesus, so that we would know how to pray to God, we pray, "...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." This Sunday's Gospel [Matthew 18:21-15] makes us aware of the emotions that either facilitates or blocks our willingness to forgive one another. Peter asks the question, "Lord ...how often must I forgive?" So Jesus tells Peter, don't keep track. Decide to forgive always. Then Jesus tells a parable about the love and mercy of God. God forgive us of our sins in ways we could never repay and God does not expect or even want restitution. God's example models for us how we are to "forgive those who trespass against us."

It is important to note that Jesus is NOT saying that people may harm others without punishment or facing the consequences of their actions. It does not mean that personal forgiveness of offenders frees them from paying the social consequences of their crimes or actions. However, forgiveness can free us from the burdens we carry that their sin put upon our shoulders. We can find the peace of Christ if we are willing to forgive and be freed from the burdens we carry of rage, hurt and resentment. In forgiving, we put those hurts at the foot of the cross and let Jesus bring about redemption and hopefully reconciliation. Trust that compassion is stronger than entitlement and mercy conquers vengeance. That is how Jesus helps us to love our neighbor.

Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

Next weekend is **Catechetical Sunday (September 20)** We will recognize and bless those who teach the Catholic faith to our children and the youth of our parishes. Catechists also teach the faith to adults in our RCIA process who want to become Catholic as well as other Catholic Adults who want to continue to learn about our Catholic Faith. At all the Masses next weekend, I will commission and bless all our catechists as they begin another academic year.

~ D OF I NEWS ~

We will try for an October 8th meeting at 5:30 PM in the Knights of Columbus hall. Please continue to pray for our members especially those in the nursing homes.

~ 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, Fr. Michael Penn, 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 ~

- **PSR:** Classes for grades 7-12 begin this Sunday, September 13, 2020; for grades K-6 classes begin Wednesday, September 16, 2020. We look forward to seeing our students! I have had some questions recently about what PSR is. Very simply it is *Parish School of Religion*, what we formerly referred to as CCD, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.
- **2020/21 PSR (formerly CCD) registration** - Online registration is still available. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tE0c7ZfDLRKLlrRIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQg/viewform?usp=sf_link If you have questions/concerns about PSR classes, contact Donna Long anytime at donnalong.hrss@gmail.com or call me at the rectory, 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.
- **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:** *The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life:* "What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination - a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.": Formed.org. I watched *The Search* a couple of weeks ago. I really to recommend it. It is a fantastic series. If you are interested in using it for small groups, Formed.org has developed group discussion questions. Let me know if your small group is interested, Donna

~ K OF C NEWS ~

- **The October KC meeting** will be held Thursday, October 1st with the rosary at 7:00 PM, followed by the meeting. All are welcome to join with the Knights praying the rosary.
- **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".*

~ MONROE CITY FOOD BANK ~

Each Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:00 PM until further notice, 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.

~ 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.

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."

~ 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.

Liturgy Appointments

September 13 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

September 20 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Chloe Puroil & Anna Lemongelli
Lector	Mark McNally
Communion Ministers	Rose McNally, Lee Anderson
Counters	Amanda Spalding, David & Julie Hays

September 27 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Maureen Lemongelli
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Josie Orf & Holden Orf
Lector	Amanda Spalding
Communion Ministers	Kathy Anderson, Deanna Buckman
Counters	Amanda Spalding, Matt Hays

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