

September 20, 2020

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Scripture Readings for September 27, 2020

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Ezekiel 18:25-28 (136A):* The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, house of Israel:...If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9:* "Remember your mercies, O Lord."

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5:* Paul quoted an ancient hymn: "Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name."

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32:* Jesus said that outcasts enter God's reign because of faith but not the righteous who lack repentance: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

September 13th Offertory ~ \$3,113.25

~ 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 ~

- **Classes will not be held** on Monday, September 21st. All teachers will attend meetings.
- **Softball Games:** Monday, September 21st, at Louisiana; Wednesday September 23rd, at HOME vs. Mark Twain-5:00.
- **Football Game:** Tuesday September 22nd, AT S. Shelby.
- **School Board Election** will soon be held. Nominees include: Brenda Berry, Melissa Chinn, Christy DeLaporte, Desiree Mudd and Alisa Willingham. Present members of the board are: Christy DeLaporte, Beth Keller, Frank Lemongelli, Tessa Oswald, Cathy Jo Pfaff (finishing six years), Glenn Thome and Melissa Threlkeld.
- **The Student Liturgy** at 8:20 on Friday, September 25th, will be led by the fifth grade students.

~ WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING ROSARY AT ST. STEPHEN ~

The rosary will be prayed each Monday morning at 8:00 AM at St. Stephen for both parishes to petition for an end to the pandemic, its victims, and any other intention mentioned beginning Monday, September 21st. Social distancing will be maintained.

~ 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.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 9/20	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Liv. & Dec'd George & Juanita Yates Family
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Bill Janes, Liv. + Dec'd Frank & Virgie Geist Family
Wednesday		7:30 AM Liv. + Dec'd Myers Families
Thursday		7:30 AM Evelyn McCormick
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Joe & Glenda Long & Family
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Bro. Hugh Charlson, S.M.
Sunday 9/27	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Nancy Yates Earnest & Catherine Talbott 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

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~



Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Rosary Parish Council has been working on a new **Time and Talent Form**. That form is being adapted to be used for both parishes. We will send out the time and talent forms with both paper (hard copy) forms and digital forms that you may fill out online starting the weekend of **September 27-28, 2020**. You may fill it out in whatever form you are comfortable. Time and Talent forms will be entered into our data base and parishioners will be contacted and thanked for your willingness to serve our parishes before the end of 2020. Coordinators will be assigned to each Time and Talent category to ensure you are contacted.

It has been several years since we have formally pledged our time and talent, so I would like everyone to participate. Please fill out how you already serve the parish and some new ways you would like to be involved. Next week I will give more specifics and offer an explanation on some of the opportunities you have to serve and grow in faith and prayer.

We strive to be servant ministers to the needs of our parish members, the wider community and the Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received, and we worship together at Mass and celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners. It takes all of us to have a vibrant parish and serve the Lord and our community well.

Time and Talent are two ways we are good disciples of Jesus and stewards of the gifts God has given us. The four pillars of stewardship are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. These pillars invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to discipleship. Each baptized person is called to give of time, talent and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community - our parish communities. You will notice that at this time we are not talking about the "treasure" aspect of stewardship.

Remember when Fr. Stephen Jones was here for Masses when I was away on vacation the last weekend of July, he encouraged us **not** to interpret Stewardship as being all about money/tithing. In trying to move us beyond that narrow view of Stewardship he said, "**Stewardship is at its roots an invitation to become a deeper disciple of Jesus Christ...Stewardship is about growing into who we were created to be....It's Jesus radical call to Follow Me.**"

Volunteering our time and talent is being a good disciple and a good steward. It is how we fulfill our Baptism and live out the sacrament of Confirmation. When you receive the Time and Talent form next weekend, please pray over it and see how you and your household can all participate fully in our parish ministry.

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, 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 are underway! If you missed registration you can still register with the link below or we can send home a registration form with your student when they come to class. Classes for grades K-6 are Wednesday afternoons at Holy Rosary School (please call Donna so we can contact the school to put your child on the bus to bring them to PSR) and grades 7-12 meet on Sundays following 9:30 Mass.
- **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 Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka* is a 15-episode program that can be used with small groups or individually. "The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart." - Formed.org The videos are all 30 minutes or less. There is a downloadable study guide available on Formed.org.

~ 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".*

~ 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.

~ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SEPTEMBER 28TH ~

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Monday, September 28th from 12:45-6:00 PM at Holy Rosary's KC Hall which is sponsored by Holy Rosary Church. If any Holy Rosary parishioner can help that day, please call Riss Hays, 573-406-7133. You may make an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org. All blood donations will be tested for the COVID antibodies. (St. Stephen will sponsor the November drive.)

~ ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE CANCELLED ~

The Diocese of Jefferson City has made the difficult decision to cancel the annual pilgrimage to the DC March for Life. This decision was made in consult with Fr. Anthony Viviano - Pastoral Moderator of Pro-Life Ministries, Kris Hartman - Diocesan Events Coordinator, and Bishop Shawn McKnight. The nature of the event, the travel and accommodations involved, and the fluid nature of the ongoing pandemic all led us to this conclusion. We know how impactful this trip is to the youth and adults in our communities. We deeply regret not being able to attend this year, but look forward to the prospect of marching again in 2022. ~The Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Ed

~ MONTHLY COMMUNITY DINNER ~

The Methodist Church will sponsor the free community dinner Monday, September 21st from 5:30-6:30 PM.

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."

Liturgy Appointments

September 20 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Chloe Puro & Anna Lemongelli
Lector	Shane Spalding
Communion Ministers	Amanda Spalding, 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

October 4 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Rose McNally
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Jacob Anderson & Cole Hays
Lector	Mark McNally
Communion Ministers	Doug & Julie Orf
Counters	Lee Anderson & Ted & Judy Irons

Ushers for September

Dennis Finnigan, Jeff Gares

Ushers for October

Bill Gill, Mark Hagan

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