

September 6, 2020

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Scripture Readings for September 13, 2020

The Twenty-fourth 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 30th Offertory ~ \$1,849.00

Religious Retirement Collection ~ \$75.00

~ 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>

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **Classes will not be held** on Monday, September 7th, as Labor Day is celebrated.
- **The Student Liturgy** on Friday, September 11th will be led by the seventh grade students.
- **Softball Tournament** will be hosted by Holy Rosary on Saturday, September 12th. Seven teams from surrounding areas will participate. *Gate workers are needed for this tournament. If you can help, please call the school 573-735-2422.*

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>.

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.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 9/6	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Nancy Yates
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Jack Campbell, Roberta Dodson, John Redman
Wednesday		7:30 AM Leo Neyens
Thursday		7:30 AM Purgatorial Society
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Raymond & Bernice Chappel John & Corey Yates
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Gene Pfanner
Sunday 9/13	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Moises Pimental

*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

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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,



I pray that you are having a great Labor Day weekend. Whether the jobs you do each day are rewarding, or it is simply a job that pays the bills, let us pause today and thank God for the gifts that He has given us to do an honest day's work. Let us be grateful for the ability to provide for those we love and also for the ways God helps us to care for those who are less fortunate.

Our Catholic Church celebrates labor differently than our society. The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, is One who shows us how to work and how to be good stewards. The Holy Spirit will even lead us and give us strength when we feel weary or frustrated. I can humbly serve any human boss or authority if I remember that I am first and foremost serving the Lord.

We give praise to God for the ability to work and to serve God and the Church through our labors. Our specific job is not as important as being able to benefit from the work of our hands. The message of our Church's social teaching is that it is a person's right to work and a moral imperative to share the fruits of our labor and to care for the poor. Out of gratitude for the gifts of labor we tithe back to God. We pool resources to help the missions and the poor of our parish and of our world. We provide as best as we can for our families.

For us, as Catholics, the profit is not the ultimate goal. The benefit and the satisfaction comes in using well the gifts God gave us to deal with the blessings and shortcomings that the material world provides. So we know that our country is not 'going to hell in a hand basket', because our country was built on the Gospel values of stewardship and hard work and it will continue as long as Labor Day is celebration of the faith and spirit of the worker and not about the state of the economy. Have a blessed and safe holiday weekend.

Prayers and Blessings,

~ 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.

~ 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:** 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 Feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta is September 5, 2020. The film *Mother Teresa* is available on Formed.org. I've watched it and it is very good. The film follows her through the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone. It also shows her stubbornness with the people who want to block her way. Her faith and loving works transcended hardships and ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint. To learn more, go to: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5611 "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Mother Teresa of Calcutta www.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".*

~ 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.

~ MONROE CITY FOOD BANK ~

Each Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:00 PM through 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 6 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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
Counters	Amanda Spalding, David & Julie 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.