

November 1, 2020

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Scripture Readings for November 8, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Wisdom 6:12-16 (154A):* Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious, and caring.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8:* "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14:* Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever. Christians can comfort one another with this knowledge.

Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13:* Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God's reign: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

October 25th Offertory ~ \$2,402.00
World Missions Collection ~ \$20.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The new bathroom addition is completed!** Congratulations to our parishioners, Fr. Greg, the Pastoral Council, Lee Anderson for supervising and especially to D & M Construction for the long-awaited bathroom addition.
- **New servers:** We are so fortunate to have five new altar servers at St. Stephen. They are Sophie Gares, Rylie Mulvaney, Joey Puro, Caitlin Shively and Michael Spalding.
- **Swinkey Days for Kids** T-shirts are for sale in the gym. All children's and adult sizes are available.
- **Stewardship forms:** Thanks to all who have returned the Stewardship forms. There are extra forms on the bulletin table for any who may be in need of one.
- **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 ~

- **Basketball Game** Thursday, November 5th HERE at Holy Rosary vs. Paris - 6:00; 7th grade girls and then 8th grade girls. Due to COVID protocols **only four spectators** per team member are allowed.
- **Classes will not be held** on Friday, November 6th. All teachers will attend Professional Development Day.
- **Box Tops for education** is going digital! Please download the Box Tops app on your phone and mark Holy Rosary as your school. Any time you purchase an item that has a digital box top, simply use the app to take a picture of your receipt and our school will automatically receive 10 cents for every box top you enter! If you purchase products that have a physical box top, please clip those out and send them to school; we also earn 10 cents for each box top.

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

Day		Time	Intention
Sunday 11/1	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Ethan Fuemmeler
Monday-All Souls	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday		7:30 AM	Tom & Jerry Nytes
Wednesday		7:30 AM	Liv. + Dec'd D of I
Thursday		7:30 AM	Hugh F. & Rose F. Mudd
Friday		7:30 AM	Mary Bono Cooper Family
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM	Harry & Maria Yates Family
Sunday 11/8	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Bertha Williams

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

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

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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

~ THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM ~

Our parish family welcomes this morning Clara Jean Threlkeld, daughter of Alex and Melissa Threlkeld. Her godparents are Joe and Nancy Shively. May her life in Christ be filled with all His blessings.

~ FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE ~

We join the family and friends of Carolyn Whelan who passed from this life October 24th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

~ DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ~

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal is underway. A blessed thank you to everyone that has made a financial and prayerful commitment to our appeal. Our work is reliant on you as our faithful to help fund programs in our parishes, provide Catholic education and formation for our children, foster vocations, provide disaster relief through Catholic Charities, and many more vital programs in the diocese. Remember that no gift is too small and each and every person's gift is important. "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11), encourages each of us to give back to God for what we have received.

The St. Stephen parish goal for 2021 is \$9,000 and the diocese goal is \$2,450,000. As of October 26th, we have received \$1,375.00 of our goal.

~ NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 1-7 ~

Please pray for our priests, deacons and religious women and for those discerning their vocation. Parents and grandparents, do you talk about the possibility of a religious vocation with your children? Today begins Vocation Awareness Week Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

~ WEEKLY MONDAY NOON ROSARY AT ST. STEPHEN ~

The rosary will be prayed each Monday at 12:00 noon at St. Stephen for both parishes to petition for an end to the pandemic, its victims, and any other intention requested. Social distancing will be maintained.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with Make A Difference Day. Your service was greatly appreciated.

~ 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, P. A. Turnbull, Teresa Ritter Toland, Tim Quinn, 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 ~

- **Congratulations!** Savannah Hetzler will be making her profession of faith this weekend at 9:30 Mass on All Saints Day. Please take a moment to welcome Savannah.
• **Social Media:** I have a new Facebook page titled Holy Rosary/St. Stephen Faith Formation. I will be posting faith formation opportunities for all ages on this page. The page is still in the planning and development stage right now. I plan for this page to be a faith formation information resource for both Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Parishes.
• **FORMED:** For the young people in our parishes FORMED has a 10-episode series entitled The Saints and Heroes Collection. The animated series is the stories of real-life Saint & Christian Heroes including St. Francis of Assisi, St. Nicholas, St. Patrick and more. Each episode is around 30 +/- minutes.

If you would like FORMED on your phone, the FORMED app icon looks like this



- **To inquire about faith formation/religious education,** 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

~ K OF C NEWS ~

- **Congratulations** to St. Stephen Council #1971 who received "Star Council", the Knight's top award.
• **The November KC meeting** will be held Thursday, November 5th 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 November is "The Community of Saints".

~ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ~

The month of November is the time when our Church remembers the deceased in a special way. You are invited this November to add the name of your dearly departed family member or friend to this list which will be published and posted in the vestibule of our parish churches. These souls will be remembered and prayed for at one weekday Mass a month at Holy Rosary. To enroll, write those souls name on a paper and drop in the offertory basket or you can stop in at Holy Rosary rectory.

~ 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.

~ D OF I NEWS ~

The next meeting will be November 12th at 5:30 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

~ MCC'S ANNUAL ASSEMBLY CANCELLED ~

Missouri Catholic Conference has canceled its in-person Annual Assembly due to COVID-19. As an alternative, they are offering a podcast series, "MCC from the Capitol". MCC executive director Deacon Tyler McClay hosts six great episodes focused on issues of interest and concern to Catholics. You can find the podcasts on their website and Spotify. Below is a description of one of the episodes, addressing the election cycle.

"CIVILIZE IT: A CALL FOR CIVILITY IN THE ERA OF OUTRAGE"

Our political discourse has become increasingly rancorous and bitter. Spend any time on social media or watching the news, and it is apparent that we are living in an era of outrage. The U.S. bishops began a campaign last year to restore civility to our public and political discourse called Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate. Join the Missouri Catholic Conference staff and newly-appointed Archbishop of St. Louis Mitchell Rozanski as they discuss civility and how it can lead to more respectful dialogue as we enter the remaining weeks of the 2020 election season in a podcast you can find at https://mccatholic.org/newsand-events/mcc-podcast.

POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention of Pope Francis

"We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."

Intention of Bishop McKnight

"For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes."

Liturgy Appointments

November 1 - The Solemnity of All Saints - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Roles include Sacristan, Rosary, Music, Song Leader, Servers, Lector, Communion Ministers, Counters. Names include Danny Adam, Glenn Bichsel, Debby Quinn & Jan Adam, Julienne Burns, Meghan Hays & Joey Puroil, Amanda Spalding, Beth Whelan, Deanna Buckman, Eric Keller, Joe Shively.

November 8 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 15 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Roles include Sacristan, Rosary, Music, Song Leader, Servers, Lector, Communion Ministers, Counters. Names include Doug & Julie Orf, Maureen Lemongelli, Sr. Sue Walker, Judy Irons, Cole Hays & Rylie Mulvaney, Shane Spalding, Lee & Kathy Anderson, Eric Keller, Shane Spalding.

Ushers for November

Tom Hagan, David Hays

* 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.