

October 25, 2020

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#### Scripture Readings for November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

**First Reading:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (667): Saint John had a vision that reaffirmed the belief that all who remain faithful to the Lamb of God receive fulfillment and glory after their trial

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3: John exhorted his brothers and sisters, God's children in the faith, to place their hope in the light of the world and in that way to keep themselves pure

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a: Jesus offered the Beatitudes as the charter of the heavenly reign. The poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, the peacemakers—all these receive God's love.

October 18<sup>th</sup> Offertory ~ \$1,703.00

World Missions Collection ~ \$315.00

#### ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~

Happy Birthday to Father Greg on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed to have you here. May you be gifted with God's blessings on your birthday and in the coming year.

#### ~ 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 AM Mass at Holy Rosary can be viewed on YouTube Livestreamed <http://shorturl.at/zNQ57>

#### ~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

**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.

#### ~ 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.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 10/25	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Joe & Mary Hagan 9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM NO MASS
Wednesday		7:30 AM Ina, Bernard & Greg Mudd
Thursday		7:30 AM Delbert Aldrich
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Bernard Bichsel
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Matt & Lorene Hays
Sunday 11/1	*St. Stephen ***Holy Rosary	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary 9:30 AM Ethan Fuemmeler

\*St. Stephen 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

#### ~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,



From Sunday through Sunday of this coming week, our parishes have a lot to celebrate. It begins with one of our Church's great Holy Days - Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - my 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The rest of the feast days occur within the Octave

of My Birthday. 🎂

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate Halloween or All Hallows Eve. Many will put on costumes of comic superheroes and Disney princesses. We make fun of the ghosts, goblins, demons and witches on the night **before** we celebrate our true faith heroes. The superheroes that have conquered the sin and imperfection of this world through the mighty and awesome power of God's Grace and are with God in heaven - All Saints Day - November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, on Halloween, we will celebrate All Saints Vigil Mass at our 5:30 PM Saturday evening Mass at Holy Rosary Church.

On All Saints Day, we honor God's holy ones - known and unknown to us. All Saints Day honors all those who have died throughout the ages - men, women, and children who exemplified the faith, and whose life in some way mirrored the life of Christ on a profound level and they now have received eternal life with God. At the 9:30 AM Mass at Holy Rosary, on this great Solemnity, Savannah Hertzler will profess her faith in the Catholic Church and receive Holy Communion and Confirmation.

On Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls Day, we pray for those who died in Christ, marked with the sign of faith, and who we pray may one day leave their time of purification in purgatory and soon join the saints around the great banquet table in heaven. We will have Mass on Monday morning at 7:30 AM at Holy Rosary for the Commemoration of All Souls Day. Throughout the month of November, our Catholic Church remembers those who have died and gone before us in faith.

For the rest of the month, we pray especially for the dead. I will have the registry of all who have died on a stand in front of the Baptismal Font in our parish churches to honor those of our parish family who have died.

In Missouri, the natural cycle of the seasons lends itself to this focus. The landscape of November is brown and gray as nature seemingly "dies" but in all actuality enters the long sleep of winter. "It is in this context that the liturgy of the Church turns our thoughts to our mortality, the temporary nature of our lives on earth and the great harvest into heaven of all people at the end of time" (D. Todd Williamson). Before we know it, at the end of the month, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Celebrate this week and pray for the whole Church, the living and the dead, with the saints in heaven. Most of the Octave of My Birthday I will be on vacation in South Dakota. Please help Fr. Mike Quinn feel welcome in my absence.

Prayers & 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, 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.

~ 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.

The St. Stephen parish goal for 2021 is \$9,000 and the diocese goal is \$2,450,000. 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.

~ FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD ALONG WITH DONNA ~

- 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: I know many people enjoy shorter discussions like podcasts. FORMED Now! publishes 30-minute +/- discussions each weekday at 1:00 PM Central time. In the Search bar on FORMED.org type "Formed Now" and you will find so many topics to listen to at lunch or, if you have FORMED on your phone, you can listen as you drive. I just listened to a great discussion entitled "Becoming a Woman of the Word". I encourage you to check out FORMED Now! and find a topic of interest to you.



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

If you are new to FORMED, go to Formed.org, choose "SIGN UP", select "I belong to a Parish or Organization", enter Holy Rosary and select our parish from the drop down and begin watching.

- 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 October is "Together On Mission".

~ 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.

~ 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER & FASTING ~

September 23rd until November 1st, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life: 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Visit www.40daysforlife.com.

~ 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.

~ 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://mocatholic.org/newsand-events/mcc-podcast.

POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP McKNIGHT'S OCTOBER 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 by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

Intention of Bishop McKnight

"For all citizens in our country, that our participation in the upcoming elections may lead to a world which places a preeminence on the dignity of all human life."

Liturgy Appointments

October 25 - Thirtieth 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 Kathy Anderson, Katie Underhill, Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns, Whitney Pfaff, Natalie Shively & Taitym Foltz, Nancy Shively, Kathy Anderson, Phil Whelan, Lee Anderson, Norma Rubison.

November 1 - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings Time Ends

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November 8 - Thirty-second 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 Danny Adam, Gares Family, Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns, Lee Anderson, Kyle Hays & Michael Spalding, Kaye Spalding, Rose McNally, Marie Puroil, Eric Keller, Sam Smith.

Ushers for October

Bill Gill, Mark Hagan

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.