

October 4, 2020

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Scripture Readings for October 11, 2020

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-10a (142A):* Isaiah prophesied, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide...a feast of rich food and choice wines....The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face....The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6:* "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20:* Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry." When people share each other's hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:1-14:* Jesus likened God's reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited; some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God's reign, "many are invited, but few are chosen."

September 27th Offertory ~ \$1,366.00

~ 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 ~

- **The Living Rosary** will be prayed in the gym at school on October 7th, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. It will begin at approximately 2:00. Visitors are welcome to attend. Social distancing and the wearing of masks or some kind of face covering will be required.
- **Achievement Tests** will be administered to students in grades 3-8 during the week of October 5th.
- **Football Game** Tuesday, vs. Clark County at the Monroe City RI field.
- **There will NOT** be a Student Liturgy on Friday, October 9th.

~ 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.

Time and Talent Forms are available on the bulletin table in the vestibule if you missed picking one up last Sunday. You may fill out a paper form or go online to this St. Stephen Form link: <https://forms.gle/QCySDp4aQDo1kVyM8> Please return forms by October 15, 2020. Please fill out all the contact information. We are upgrading our parish database and need current information. Take some time, too, for prayer and reflection about how God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to serve our parish.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 10/4	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Carl & Jean Meyers & Family Richard "Huck" Luger
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday		NO MASS
Thursday		NO MASS
Friday		NO MASS
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Lambert & Hazel Kendrick Family
Sunday 10/11	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Pauline VanMarter
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary

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**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

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,



Celebrate all month our Holy Rosary Parish Feast Day! Wednesday, October 7th, is the memorial feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is traditionally known as the month of the rosary in our Catholic Church because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls in this month. St. Stephen Parish has started leading the rosary on Monday morning at 8:00AM in Indian Creek. On the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary, Wednesday-October 7th, Holy Rosary School will pray a "Living Rosary" in Holy Rosary Gym at 2:00 PM and all are invited.

I encourage each of you to pray the rosary during October. Pick a time of day and pray the rosary at that time each day. Some of us pray at least one rosary a day and some of us need to find where our rosary is and dust it off. If praying the rosary is not something you do often, just start praying it. Often we feel like we have to have all the conditions just right... nope...just start. There are several rosary apps that will help you with the Mysteries of the Rosary and the prayers. If you are not accustomed to praying the rosary, pick a time of the week when you can pray with your family or someone else and offer this wonderful prayer to God through the Blessed Mother. While in the combine or driving to work, many people find that time as good time to seek the Blessed Mother's intercession. The repetition of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be to the Father prayers creates 15-20 minutes where one can offer prayer to God and seek God's help and guidance.

We have the privilege of having St. Stephen and Holy Rosary Church doors open 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. During the month of October, pick a day and come to church to pray and while you are there - pray the Rosary. If you need a rosary, let me know. I have rosaries to give away to those in need of one.

Please pray for me and all the priests of our diocese who will be at the Lodge of Four Seasons this week (October 5-9) as we gather at the Lake of the Ozarks with Bishop McKnight for a week of continuing education. I will return back to our parishes on Saturday night, October 10th. Fr. Mike Quinn will have confessions from 4 - 5 PM and celebrate 5:30 Mass with you on Saturday. I will be back for Masses on Sunday morning.

At the end of the praying the Rosary we say the prayer: "Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." Every prayer through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. Let our Blessed Mother continue to introduce Jesus to you throughout this month of October.

Prayers and Blessings,

~ 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.

~ 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 ~

- **Make a Difference Day** is October 24, 2020; if you know someone in our community that needs help with some home maintenance or wish to volunteer, please contact Deacon Mike or Donna Long.
- **RCIA:** Who do you know that may be interested in becoming Catholic? If you 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:** October 7, 2020 is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. FORMED has some great resources for adults and children to learn more about the Rosary. If you are new to FORMED, go to Formed.org, choose SIGN UP and 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.

~ D OF I NEWS ~

We will try for an October 8th meeting at 5:30 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be participating in the *Trunk or Treat* on October 24th and would ask that you please bring candy for this event to our October meeting. Please continue to pray for our members especially those in the nursing homes.

~ K OF C NEWS ~

- **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"*.

~ HOLY ROSARY'S FALL DINNER CANCELLED ~

The Holy Rosary Altar Society committee members have decided to cancel the Fall Dinner for 2020. We will, however, hold the Fall Raffle. Raffle tickets will be mailed soon. The items to be raffled are: 1st ticket drawn, \$1000; 2nd ticket, \$500; 3rd ticket, beautiful hand quilted quilt; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th tickets, \$50 C&R gift certificates each. The raffle tickets will sell for \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10. Please return your tickets and money by dropping off or mailing to Holy Rosary Parish Office at 405 South Main Street, Monroe City, MO 63456. The winners will be announced at the close of the livestreamed 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, November 15th. We plan to see you next year!

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."

~ 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

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

October 11 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Beth Whelan & Julie Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Meghan Hays & Emily Spalding
Lector	Greg Maher
Communion Ministers	Marie Puro, Nancy Shively
Counters	Lee Anderson, Ralph & Sherri Lemongelli

October 18 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Kyle Hays & Cole Hays
Lector	Desiree Mudd
Communion Ministers	Amanda Spalding, Kaye Turnbull
Counters	Lee Anderson, Joe & Marie Puro

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.

~ OCTOBER, THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE ROSARY ~

According to an account by fifteenth century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon. She explained its uses and efficacy and told him to preach it to others. Tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that, at the same time, the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon, Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church. "Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this and, at the same time, carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life*, by Fr. William G. Most