

November 15, 2020

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Scripture Readings for November 22, 2020

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (160A):* The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6:* "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28:* Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46:* As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me."

November 8th Offertory ~ \$2,173.25

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The next Parish Council meeting** will be Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 PM in the Gym.
- **The next Finance Committee meeting** will be Thursday, January 7th at 6:00 PM in Holy Rosary's parish office.
- **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 Games:** Monday, November 16th, HOME vs. St. Brendan, 6:00; Tuesday AT Paris 5:30; Thursday HOME vs. Centralia, 6:00; Friday, HOME vs. Marion Co., 6:00.
- **The Student Liturgy** at 8:20 on Friday, November 20th, will be led by the fourth grade students.
- **Thanksgiving Mass** with the students will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25th, at 8:20.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 11/15	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Judy Hagan, John Kramer
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Evelyn McCormick
Wednesday		7:30 AM Otho & Tollie Bichsel
Thursday		7:30 AM Jack Campbell
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Dede Yager & Kenny Fulton
Saturday	**Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Gene Pfanner
Sunday 11/22	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	***Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Johnny Hays

Rita Jo Kendrick and Family

*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



~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

It always seems too early. After the first hard frost, the Ginkgo tree showers down almost all her leaves in one day. For the Ginkgo tree, Fall turns to Winter overnight.

Another season is waning as we come to the end of our liturgical year in the Church. Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The beginning of our new liturgical year. As we complete the harvest and put grain in the bins, please take some time in the next couple of weeks to reflect on all that has happened since Easter. It is easy to focus on all the change to our routines that bombarded us with the world pandemic and stay-in-place quarantines. Not only did we experience isolation and no public worship or reception of the sacraments, but over the summer our country has been divided by racial tensions, protests and riots as well as a divisive national election year.

And yet, Spring still flowered into Summer. Summer gave way to Fall. Now Fall is preparing for Winter. How has God blessed you in the past liturgical year? What sacraments did you get to celebrate and because of the absence... what sacraments do you more fully appreciate? How did God help you through difficult times? How have you grown in this long stretch of Ordinary Time? Have you been reflecting on how often these special moments were celebrated and grieved in Church? I certainly have.

Like the seasons, our lives go through many subtle and sometimes abrupt changes. With each new day however, the sun rises. Sometimes those days fly by so fast that seasons blur and God's Grace is missed. Reflection and prayer help us to notice the beautiful colors and how we have weathered the storms with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A new liturgical season gives us new appreciations and a new beginning to renew our commitment to Faith and to our Christian service. The celebration of Christ the King is a great time to know that Christ came to save us all no matter how we may stray. We may always come back to Him. Advent is the season of New Beginnings. If you have been hurt or wounded by our country, the Church, or life's mishaps, come to Mass (virtually or physically) to be comforted and worship with members of your faith family and know the Peace of the Prince of Peace.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, take some time to harvest the memories of the last few months and give thanks for the great and small ways God has journeyed with you through the seasons. Just as the fields have been abundantly fruitful, God's love and grace has been abundantly present. Without time for reflection we often stay too busy to notice. God's Grace and beauty are rarely as abrupt and obvious as the Ginkgo tree losing her beautiful golden leaves; however, the grace of God is even more beautiful and stunning as it cascades down upon us and envelopes us in wisdom and love. May God's peace be with you.

Prayers and blessings,

~ 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, Regina Hays

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 ~

- New Parish Websites: It has taken some time, but the new websites are now available. I encourage you to check them out. The websites are wonderful and will be a great tool for our parishes to keep us all connected. You may see some minor details that need updated. If you are the chair of a committee and you need your name and contact information listed or updated, please contact me, I am the website administrator for both parishes. These websites are fluid and can be changed and updated as we move forward. We haven't had many events of late, but if you have photos of recent (2019) events please email me a copy of the photo and I may be able to use it to update some photos that are stock from the Diocese to personalize the websites for Holy Rosary and St. Stephen. I am working on updating Google so that when you search for the websites for each church you will find them. Holy Rosary's Website: https://holyroary.diojeffcity.org/; St. Stephen's Website: https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/
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. There is also an Instagram page titled hrss_faithformation.
FORMED Daily Reflections: FORMED Daily Reflections are 3 to 7 minutes daily reflections that would be easy to fit in your day. They would be fantastic faith bites to listen to on your way to work, during lunch, or even a quiet few minutes at the beginning or end of the day. I listened to several and really love them. Give them a try! 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 ~

- The November KC meeting will be held Thursday, December 3rd 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".

~ DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ~

The St. Stephen parish goal for 2021 is \$9,000 and the diocese goal is \$2,450,000. As of November 9th, we have received \$3,947.00 which is 44% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider making a donation - gifts of any size are appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has already responded

~ 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.

~ CHRISTMAS IS CARING ~

Holy Rosary and St. Stephen are again helping with Christmas is Caring. The Hometown Volunteers take applications through NECAC from families who may need help providing Christmas presents and food for their families. We usually help anywhere from 70-90 local families, as well as deliver fruit baskets to everyone living in senior housing. The students at Holy Rosary and the public school participate in a non-perishable food drive the week after Thanksgiving. Those items are then distributed to the families along with a turkey, potatoes, bread, laundry soap, toilet paper and other essentials. Each child in participating families receives one outfit, underwear, socks and 3 Christmas presents. Applicants fill out a list with sizes and requests for presents. The week before Thanksgiving there will be tags at the entrances of the Church with gift requests for the children. These gifts can be put in the baskets at the entrances marked for "Christmas is Caring". All donations need to be in by December 11th. Distribution will be December 22nd. Monetary donations can be mailed to Shannon Quinn 622 James Lane, Monroe City or dropped in the collection basket and marked "Christmas is Caring". My phone number is 573-289-6894.

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."

~ 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

November 15 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Cole Hays & Rylie Mulvaney
Lector	Shane Spalding
Communion Ministers	Lee & Kathy Anderson
Counters	Eric Keller, Shane Spalding

November 22 - Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Rose McNally
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Natalie Shively & Caitlin Shively
Lector	Kay Turnbull
Communion Ministers	Phil Whelan, Rose McNally
Counters	Eric Keller, Kathy Spurgeon

November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Julienne Burns & Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Mari Gares & Sophie Gares
Lector	Kathy Anderson
Communion Ministers	Nancy Shively & Amanda Spalding
Counters	Eric Keller, Dan & Jan Adam

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 Puro; Treas., Marie Puro, Dwayne Williams, Matt Hays, Shane Spalding.