

January 10, 2021

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Scripture Readings for January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B) Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

January 3rd Offertory ~ \$1,883.00

Christmas Seminary & Priest's Retirement ~ \$80.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **2021 Flowers for Mary:** There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring flowers to Mary for 2021. If you would prefer, please call or email Pat to volunteer for one month.
- **The 2021 Offertory Envelopes** are in the entry of St. Stephen for parishioners to pick up.
- **The next Finance Committee meeting** will be Thursday, April 8th at 6:00 PM in Holy Rosary's parish office.
- **The next Parish Council meeting** will be Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the gym.
- **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, the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Stephen and the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass at Holy Rosary can be viewed at "Greg Oligschlaeger" Live Facebook page. There is seating available in the Gym for St. Stephen's 8:00 AM Mass, allowing a good amount of social distancing.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **The Student Liturgy** at 8:20 on Friday, January 15th, will be led by will be led by the first grade students.
- **Catholic Schools Week** will be held from February 1st-February 5th. We will not be able to have our regular Open House, but the school will be open for visitors on Saturday February 6th and Sunday, February 7th.
- **Lucky Hearts Banquet** will be held **virtually** on Saturday, February 13th. Tickets for the drawing will be sold, prime rib dinners will be available for *carry-out*. Pick up your meal and watch the drawing in the comfort of your own home! More information is being mailed. Please support this major fund raiser for Holy Rosary School. You could be a big winner!

~ PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~

Compassionate Heart of Jesus, graciously listen to our prayers. Give us generous hearts to respond to Your call in our lives. Lift up courageous men and women willing to follow after Your heart as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. Help parents and teachers to share the faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations. Guide all people, Lord, in Your ways of compassion, truth, and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocation. Amen.

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 1/10	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Tom & Jack Quinn
	*Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Cele Kendrick
Wednesday		7:30 AM Stella Gill Scribner
Thursday		7:30 AM Purgatorial Society
Friday	Student Liturgy	9:00 AM Maddix Dowell & Ryan Hays
Saturday	*Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Dede Yager & Kenny Fulton
Sunday 1/17	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Jack Quinn & Carolyn Whelan
	*Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary

**St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Masses can be viewed on Facebook @ "Greg Oligschlaeger"*

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 2021 is going well for you. We come to the end of the Christmas season this weekend. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical season bridge between Christmas and Ordinary Time. It is the conclusion of the Christmas season, and yet the Lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary time. The prayers at Mass today point to our sharing in the baptism of Christ. During the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass you'll notice we have the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water. When John the Baptist baptized, his cleansing with water washed away sin. John says that Jesus will come baptizing in the Holy Spirit. The blessing and sprinkling of water serves as a memorial of Easter and of our own Baptism. In the rite, God is thanked for intervening to save us through the medium of water and is asked to continue to give forgiveness and life to us.

Today the water blessed at the Sprinkling Rite will be used throughout Ordinary Time in the Holy Water font. It is a sad effect of the pandemic that we do not have Holy Water in the fonts as we enter and leave church. Holy water bottles are placed near the baptismal font. It is customary to keep Holy Water in our homes and to bless our homes with this water. You are welcome to take some Holy Water with you today. It may be time, if you already have blessed water at home, to refresh it with this newly blessed water. When disposing of Holy Water you should do so in a life giving manner. Reverently pour it into a plant or at the base of a tree or pour it out into the ground in a place that will not be walked on. Never pour Holy Water into the sink or down a drain. If you did not do so on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, please bring your Holy Water bottle to church with you next week and refill it.

Let us continue to pray for peace, liberty and justice in our nation this week. May the senseless violence shock us into striving for peace and put an end to polarization in our national politics. Pray that the oath our United States Congress Senators and Representatives vowed a week ago will lead to debate that serves the people of our nation and promotes the virtues and morals of the will of God that this one nation is under.

I hope that during the weeks of Ordinary Time you get to see God work through you in extraordinary ways.

Prayers and blessings,

~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Father, we lift up those today that are fighting disease and ailments, whether in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch.

Come Lord Jesus!

- Trent Zeiger, Jackie Ryan, Rose Shinn, Hazel Smith, Jim Schnitzler, Sue Gilbert, Natalee Amos, Rosemary Evans, Deanna Buckman, Kenny Ryan, Bonnie Ess, John Kendrick, Pete Schuman, 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 ~

- Simon Scholarship:** The William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester to assist the student in meeting educational needs. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution or to the student upon presentation of receipts paid to the institution for tuition, fees, and/or room and board. It is the intent to award three new scholarships each year; however, the actual number of new awards will be contingent upon the current number of previous recipients that are eligible for renewal. Applications for the 2021-2022 Simon Scholarship are being accepted through March 31, 2021. Applications can be acquired through Holy Rosary's parish office.
- The Bible in a Year:** (Begins January 1, 2021) Fr. Mike Schmitz with Ascension Press is offering The Bible in a Year. Each podcast episode is 20-25 minutes long and includes 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection by Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. A downloadable reading plan is included. Sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>. There is no cost for the podcast.
- FORMED.org:** Mendel: The Father of Modern Genetics. Scientific history is rooted in Christianity. This documentary of Gregor Mendel, scientist, Catholic Priest, and scholar tells the story of the founder of genetics and the discoverer of the laws of inheritance. Mendel was also an astute observer of the sky and the stars. He was a monk and abbot of an Augustinian monastery. He showed that science and faith go hand in hand to understand Creation. Some called him the "Gardener of God".
- 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 February KC meeting** will be held Thursday, February 4th 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 January is "The Sacrament of Marriage".*

POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP McKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention of Pope Francis

"May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all."

Intention of Bishop McKnight

"For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family."

~ PRAYERS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS ~

Please remember parishioners who are in the nursing home at Monroe City Manor Care Center, 1010 Highway 24 and 36 East, Monroe City, MO 63456:

- Totty Burditt, Kathy Wilper, Shirley Lorenson, Julie Leake, Juanita Pfanner, Verna Fortner, Kenny Ryan, Rusty Adam, Frankie Maddox.

~ 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.

~ DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ~

The St. Stephen parish goal for 2021 is \$9,000 and the diocese goal is \$2,450,000. As of December 22nd, we have received commitments of \$7,847.00 which is 87% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider making a donation - gifts of any size are appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

~ PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL ~

- After January 1st** we have several hours open for someone to commit to on a permanent basis. Tuesday, 11 AM - noon Friday, 2-3 PM and 7-8 PM
- If you would like to commit** to taking one of those 3 hours, please call Phyllis Campbell 573-795-2290. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to 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.

Liturgy Appointments

January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Katie Underhill
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Ben Lemongelli & Chloe Puro
Lector	Greg Maher
Communion Ministers	Marie Puro, Nancy Shively
Counters	Carol Hagan, Sally Lemongelli

January 17 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Glenn Bichsel
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Josie Orf & Holden Orf
Lector	Desiree Mudd
Communion Ministers	Amanda Spalding, Kay Turnbull
Counters	Carol Hagan, Ralph & Sherri Lemongelli

January 24 - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Debby Quinn
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Meghan Hays & Joey Puro
Lector	Nancy Shively
Communion Ministers	Phil Whelan, Deanna Buckman
Counters	Carol Hagan, Joe & Marie Puro

Ushers for January

Matt Hay, Phil 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, Susan Winking

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, Dan Buckman.

"This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We, too, were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism, the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year." (Angelus 12 January 2020)