

January 17, 2021

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Scripture Readings for January 24, 2021

The Third 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."

SUNDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The St. Stephen KC's are collecting roses for the *Roses for Life Campaign* this Sunday, January 17th. Roses should be in the pews to sign and turn in at the back of Church, or you can just sign one in the back of the Church. Thank you for your participation.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Finance Report:** A Finance Report to the parish is included with this Sunday's bulletin. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Greg or one of the persons on the Finance Committee, listed on the back of the bulletin.
- **2021 Flowers for Mary:** There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring flowers to Mary for 2021. January, June and December are covered. If you would prefer, please call or email Pat to volunteer for one month.
- **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.
- **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 ~

- **Classes will not be held** on Monday, January 18th, as Martin Luther King Day is celebrated.
- **Sports Awards** will be presented to student athletes on Thursday, January 21st, at 5:30. This gathering will be held in Holy Rosary Gym. Due to COVID restrictions, a meal will not be served, but all athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments.
- **Catholic Schools Week** will be held from February 1 - February 5. 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.
- **The 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! You should receive information in the mail very soon. Please support this major fund raiser for Holy Rosary School. You could be a big winner!
- **The Student Liturgy** at 8:20 on Friday, January 22nd will be led by the seventh grade students.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AT

ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 1/17	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM Jack Quinn & Carolyn Whelan
	*Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		7:30 AM Pamela Hammer
Wednesday		7:30 AM Bennie & Tony Hays
Thursday		7:30 AM Bernadine Mudd
Friday	Student Liturgy	8:20 AM Dan & Sue Mudd
Saturday	*Holy Rosary	5:30 PM Joe Ralph Buckman
Sunday 1/17	*St. Stephen	8:00 AM
	*Holy Rosary	9:30 AM Madilynn Rose St. Clair

Mark Saunders

*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

January 10th Offertory ~ \$2,325.00

Christmas Seminary & Priest's Retirement ~ \$50.00

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,



Many of you know that I enjoy cooking. One of the more tantalizing cooking aromas takes second place only to the smell of baking bread, and that is the aroma of sautéing garlic. I like the flavor of garlic, too, in many foods. If one likes lots of garlic in food, an unfortunate side effect is that anyone who comes in contact with the person in the next day or so will also know the person has eaten lots of garlic. Medicinally garlic is very good for a person. However the sulfuric properties of garlic do not fully digest and so are carried through the blood and then to the lungs and the skin where it is excreted. Since digestion takes several hours and the release of the garlic sulfides several hours more, the effect of eating garlic may be present for a long time. I think garlic taste wonderful, and I know it's good for me but it can remain with me for quite a while.

In 1 John 3:24 John says, "...Those who keep [Jesus Christ's] commandments remain in Him and He in them, and the way that we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit He gave us..." In chapter 15 of John's Gospel, Jesus originates this teaching, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." [We witnessed the startling effect of "broken off" branches in the first days of 2021.]

"Behold the Lamb of God!" John the Baptist proclaims in our Gospel today. As a result, Andrew and Peter become Jesus' apostles. They chose to leave their old lifestyle to remain with the Christ. Do we realize that abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit? Not to make a direct analogy to our lesson about garlic above, but how often do we feel the presence of God within us? **Do other people know we are Christian by our behavior?** Often we speak about God beside us. The *Footprints Prayer* speaks of Jesus carrying us and yet, Jesus teaches that He REMAINS IN US and thus we REMAIN IN GOD. Our sacrament of Holy Communion allows us to receive our God into us as food. The Sacrament of Confirmation implants God's Gifts of the Holy Spirit within us.

We could give no more wonderful gift back to God in 2021 than to witness, wherever we go, in a way so that people would know we are Catholic Christians by the way we live our lives... as if the love of God and the service of neighbor exuded from our pores. It's a much more pleasant attraction in crowds than garlic. Only evil would fear the goodness that would come from the work we would do for the Church. But of course, garlic teaches us that lesson too, after all, how does legend say one keeps Vampires away? In this season of Ordinary Time, may you live your Catholic faith in extraordinary ways.

Prayers and blessings,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Friday, January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes this annual day of prayer. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Mass will be at 8:20 AM on this day. More information can be found at respectlife.org/January-22.

~ 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.
- **PSR/Youth Groups:** PSR and Youth Groups will not be held during January, 2021 due to Covid-19. Please pray that this virus will subside so that we can continue in February.
- **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:** *Finnian and the Seven Mountains:* Do you, your child or grandchild like graphic novels? FORMED offers this 4-issue series that is available in PDF, EPUB, and MOBI. Artists that worked on the graphic novels of Guardians of the Galaxy, Extraordinary X-Men, and Amazing Spiderman created the art for this series. Your child can follow this epic journey that begins on the mysterious island of Skellig Michael. Finnian leaves his monastic school in Ireland to find a legendary sword rumored to have the extraordinary power to defeat evil. Find out if Finnian finds the mythical sword and leads the way to victory or if the Vikings continue to destroy innocent villagers.
- **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".*

~ 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 \$8,647.00 which is 96% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider making a donation - gifts of any size are appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

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.

~ PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL ~

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 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

January 31 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Julienne Burns & Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Kyle Hays & Michael Spalding
Lector	Amanda Spalding
Communion Ministers	Lee & Kathy Anderson
Counters	Carol Hagan, Norma Rubison

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.

~ 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.