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Scripture Readings for January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (71B): Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35: Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God. A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28: Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because he spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.

January 17th Offertory ~ \$3,323.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **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 ~

- **The Student Liturgy at 8:20** on Friday, January 29th will be led by the fourth grade students.
- **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.
- **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! Information has been mailed, but if anyone needs this information or needs additional tickets, please contact the school. (573-735-2422) Please support this major fund raiser for Holy Rosary School. You could be a big winner!

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

| Day | Time | Intention |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 1/24 | *St. Stephen | 8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary |
| | *Holy Rosary | 9:30 AM Madilynn Rose St. Clair Mark Saunders |
| Monday | No Scripture Service | |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM Linda Shively | |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM Bill Pfanner | |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM David & Tom Miles | |
| Friday | <i>Student Liturgy</i> | 8:20 AM Liv.+Dec'd Joe & Marilyn Miles Fam. |
| Saturday | *Holy Rosary | 5:30 PM Kenny & Amy St. Clair & Family Judson Stewart |
| Sunday 1/31 | *St. Stephen | 8:00 AM Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary |
| | *Holy Rosary | 9:30 AM Joe Miles Family |

**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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have the responsibility to pray that a divine truth may be realized in our United States of America and across the world. The truth is that all life is SACRED from conception to natural death. Friday, January 22nd was the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. This coming Friday, January 29th will be the 48th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

For 47 years, people have been marching in pilgrimage by the tens of thousands at our nation's capital asking our legislatures to reverse the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortions throughout our nation. **This year's 48th Annual March for Life will look different.** In light of the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic which may be peaking, and in view of the heightened pressures that law enforcement officers and others are currently facing in and around the nation's Capital, **the annual March for Life rally will take place virtually and most participants will stay home and to join the March virtually.** A small group of pro-life leaders from across the country will be invited to physically march in Washington, DC this year.

You may participate virtually in the March at marchforlife.org and register online at the website for an invitation to participate in the rally and other events. There will be a National Vigil Mass on Thursday, January 28th at 7:30 PM and a Mass before the March at 7:00 AM on Friday, January 29th, which will be broadcast from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and viewed on EWTN and livestreamed on marchforlife.org.

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. [March for Life website]

Pray this week that all human life is seen as sacred in our laws and our human interaction. Pray for an end to legalized abortion. Pray for more care and concern for embryos, children and adults with mental handicaps and special needs. Pray for an end to war and genocide. Pray for an end to human trafficking and sexual abuse. Pray for an end to capital punishment and revenge. Pray that President Biden, our national and state legislators, and our courts will uphold the dignity of human life and protect, with our laws, the most innocent and vulnerable lives from conception to natural death.

Prayers and blessings,

~ K OF C NEWS ~

- **KC Chili Supper:** The Swinkey KC's will have their annual Chili Supper on Sunday, January 31st in the Swinkey Gym. The social hour will begin at 4:00, will chili being served around 5:00. All Swinkey and Monroe City Knights are invited to attend.
- **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".

~ 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.
FORMED.org: January 18-22 is Respect Life Week. There are several Pro-Life offerings on FORMED. Changing Sides: The true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. Paul VI: The Pope in the Tempest: Pope Paul VI wrote the prophetic, controversial document Humane Vitae, and the Lighthouse Catholic presentation There is Life in the Womb by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. There are many more Pro-Life selections on FORMED from which you can choose.
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.

~ 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 January 11th, 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."

~ THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH ~

Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Bishop W. Shawn McKnight accordingly approved a slate of monthly themes for the diocese's observance of the Year of St. Joseph:

- January: Those working to support their families, especially those seeking work. Please keep all those that are seeking work and those working to support their families in your prayers.

~ DIOCESAN'S MINISTRY TO WOMEN ~

The Women's Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys. Some of the women of our diocese have shared their stories in podcasts. These stories (diojeffcity.org/womensministry/reflections-from-within/) are from ordinary women doing the best they can to serve their families, their parishes, their communities and, above all, their God. Their experiences tell our story, too, about times of sorrow, challenges, hope, faith, love and joy. Each week, there will be a new podcast on this website. Let us go to our favorite resting places with our favorite beverages and spend some time with our sisters in Christ by listening to these podcasts.

~ 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 24 - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

February 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan: Danny Adam
Rosary: Katie Underhill
Music: Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader: Julienne Burns
Servers: Cole Hays & Rylie Mulvaney
Lector: Shane Spalding
Communion Ministers: Doug & Julie Orf
Counters: Doug Orf & Joe Shively

Ushers for January

Matt Hay, Phil Hays

Ushers for February

Ted Irons & John Jansen

* 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 Purool; Treas., Marie Purool, Dwayne Williams, Matt Hays, Shane Spalding, Dan Buckman.