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Scripture Readings for February 14, 2021

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)* According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11:* "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1:* Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God...Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45:* A leper said to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus touched him: "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him, and he was healed

SUNDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please pick up a missalette from the entry** this morning as we will begin singing new service music at Mass, the Heritage Mass, found at #888.
- **Those who had pictures taken** for our new directory may pick up their copy in the vestibule. After all are distributed, any extra may be purchased for \$10.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **KC Swinkey Sausage Fundraiser:** The Swinkey KC's will have their pork sausage available right after 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 7th and Sunday, February 14th (if supplies last) in the Swinkey Gym. Suggested donation are \$20 for a 5 lb. bundle or \$5 for 1 lb. It comes in either links (salt and pepper flavoring) or bulk (salt and pepper or sage flavoring).
- **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.

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper position is open - Pat Kendrick is Retiring

After 21 years of faithful and dedicated service to St. Stephen Parish as our parish secretary and bookkeeper, Pat Kendrick is going to retire from this position as of Friday, March 12, 2021. Any interested person in the St. Stephen Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper position, please contact me, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger at: 573-735-4718; or by email at: gregolig@gmail.com. The job is part-time [20 hours per week]. Upon contact, Fr. Greg will give the person a job description and ask for one's resume. Fr. Greg would like to fill the position by the end of February 2021. The new person's first pay period would begin as early as March 1st. That would leave two weeks for Pat to help the new person transition. [Twenty hours a week would not be required those first two weeks.] Please convey to Pat your gratitude for many years of devoted service to our parish.

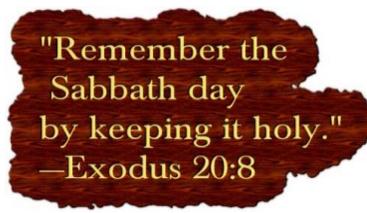
NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 2/7	*St. Stephen 8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	*Holy Rosary 9:30 AM	Brandon & Cecelia Gervais & Family
Monday		No Scripture Service
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Seth Hays
Thursday	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:20 AM	Pauline Quinn
Saturday	5:30 PM	Dede Yager & Kenny Fulton
Sunday 2/14	*St. Stephen 8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	*Holy Rosary 9:30 AM	Phil & Donna Thompson & 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



January 3rd Offertory ~ \$1,674.00

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~



Dear Parishioners,

Today is Super Bowl Sunday. Whether you enjoy football or not, you have to marvel at the marketing strategies that have made this Sunday, which includes a major professional sporting event, into the equivalent of a national holiday. Grocery stores have sales like it was the Fourth of July or Labor Day. Traditions abound, similar to Christmas traditions, regarding where you watch the game, the colors one wears, and favorite foods that are served. All gather around the TV and watch the game and even get excited about the commercials.

Don't get me wrong, I love football and usually enjoy the Super Bowl especially this year. **Let's Go Chieeef!** I haven't missed one in years, and this year I will once again enjoy watching The Game with my family. I'm just amazed at how the NFL, breweries, automotive companies, and snack companies have sold us on the idea that across the nation all things are to stop on a Sunday evening and almost everyone watches the game. The game is so popular that a 30 second commercial sells for \$5.6 million. At no time in a city is the water supply and sewer systems so taxed as at Super Bowl halftime when everyone seems to use the bathroom. If you plan a meeting or a fundraiser, the event better end before 4PM or it won't be well attended. It's incredible how marketing has sold us on the Super Bowl. Most people alter their schedule for this Sunday.

God said to His people 3000 years ago from Mt. Sinai, "Remember the Sabbath day - keep it holy." (Ex. 20:8). Throughout history the people of God have varied in the way we obey this third commandment. Currently, most of the nation stops on two Sundays a year, Easter Sunday and Super Bowl Sunday. Our world, in the name of progress, rarely pauses on Sunday (our Christian Sabbath) from its regular routine. In our country the repeal of blue laws has allowed most stores to be open for business and factories to keep running and causes many of our family members to not only work on Sunday, but to miss Mass on the weekend. They rightly need the work, but it's too bad we have put so many people in that position in the name of progress and convenience.

Marketing served itself well in causing us to pause and enjoy one another's company on Super Bowl Sunday. **For the good of our families and for a need to witness our faith in God, how can we promote a better sense of rest on the Sabbath so we can keep it holy, spend quality time with our families and friends, and worship God in thanksgiving for all we have been given?** If you feel your life is too busy and have no time for yourself and little time for God, look at how you spend your Sabbath. Ask God to help you make it focused on Him, more restful and thus more Holy. God's peace be with you and ...Go Chiefs!

Prayers and blessings,

Greg Oligschlaeger



~ ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE ~

February 17, 2021
Holy Rosary - 6:30 AM & 8:20 AM
St. Stephen - 6:30 PM

~ 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.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **Catholic Schools Week** was held with many successful activities even though we were not able to follow some of our annual traditions. The school community is very grateful for all of the support that is received for the young students!
- **The Student Liturgy** at 8:20 on Friday, February 12th, will be led by the eighth grade students.
- **Classes will not be held** on Monday, February 15th, as Presidents Day is celebrated.
- **Classes will not be held** on Friday, February 26th, as all teachers attend a Faculty Retreat Day.
- **Lucky Hearts** will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Approximately 300 tickets for the drawing have been sold but tickets can still be purchased from Loree Quinn at Alliant Bank or from the Holy Rosary School office. The drawing will be live streamed and will begin at 7:30.

~ FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD ALONG WITH DONNA ~

PSR/Youth Groups:

- **Classes resume in February!!** Grades K-6 resume on February 3rd and Grades 7-12 resume February 7th. The mask requirement while in the buildings is still in effect.
- **We need help** with Sunday breakfasts for grades 7 - 12 PSR students. If you would like to help our Youth Ministry Program by providing a breakfast item, please call Jane Vollrath at 573-406-8889.
- **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.

FORMED.org

- Lent will soon be here. Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Have you made plans for your Lenten Journey for 2021? FORMED.org has so much to offer you. You can sign up for daily *Lenten Reflections* at <https://formed.org/lent> today and be ready for your Lenten Journey. FORMED's *Lenten Reflections* is a 40-day journey of Christ's tender love. Let Him transform your life.
- If you haven't signed up for FORMED yet, find the instruction here at <https://FORMED.org/signup>
 - This coming week February 11th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. These selections highlight Our Lady of Lourdes: Movie: *Bernadette; *The Passion of Bernadette; *Religious Mysteries, Vol. 1 (documentary)
 - Audiobook: *A Holy Life: St Bernadette
- To inquire about faith formation and 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 or you can call my cell 573-406-4994.

POPE FRANCIS AND BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S

~ FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS ~

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

Intention of Pope Francis

"We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded."

Intention of Bishop McKnight

"For parents: May they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared."

~ DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ~

The St. Stephen parish goal for 2021 is \$9,000 and the diocese goal is \$2,450,000. As of February 2nd, we have received commitments of \$8,997.00 which is 99.9% of our goal. 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.

~ K OF C NEWS ~

- **The March KC meeting** will be held Thursday, March 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 February is "The Sacrament of Marriage".

~ 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:

- **February: The family as the domestic Church.**

~ 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

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

February 14 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Rosary	Glenn Bichsel
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Natalie Shively & Caitlin Shively
Lector	Kaye Spalding
Communion Ministers	Marie Puroil & Nancy Shively
Counters	Doug Orf & Sam Smith

February 17 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Stephen

(A sign-up sheet for liturgy volunteers is on the bulletin table in the vestibule)

February 21 – First Sunday of Lent

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Mari Gares & Sophie Gares
Lector	Kay Turnbull
Communion Ministers	Amanda Spalding & Kaye Spalding
Counters	Doug Orf & Shane Spalding

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

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