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JULY 18, 2021 – 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
HAPPY SWINKEY PICNIC DAY!

Please join us today for the annual St. Stephen

SWINKEY PICNIC

Chicken and Ham Dinner - 11 AM to 2 PM
Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, Under 4 eat free
Concession Stand with pork burgers and hotdogs
Games for all ages, Old-Fashioned Bingo, Raffles,
Horseshoe Tournament, Youth Dance 6-8 PM

JULY 11TH OFFERTORY ~ \$2076.00
CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN - \$28.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Meals** - There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for taking meals to Tanner and Kim Buckman as they welcomed their new baby boy on Friday.
- **The next Pastoral Council meeting** will be August 26th.
- **A Weekly Rosary** is prayed each Monday at 12:00 PM at St. Stephen. All are welcome to join and share their intentions, both spoken and unspoken.
- **Live Streaming of Mass:** The 5:30 PM Saturday Mass at Holy Rosary and the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Stephen can be viewed on Fr. Greg's Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/frgregolig>.

~ MARRIAGE & FAMILY CONFERENCE ~

God First: A Marriage and Family Conference is being held by Joyful Love Ministries on Saturday, July 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Monroe City KC Hall. Registration is \$35/couple or \$20/adult. All are welcome! For more information, contact Lori Watson at JoyfulLoveMinistries@gmail.com. To register online visit, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pa4fty-PJxMkhD-h9cvgKfh1eXTwAYyca1_FTfm5po/viewform?edit_requested=true.

~ SWINKEY PICNIC MEMORIES ~

(Taken from *Swinkey Stories, 175 Years of memories*)

- After all the food was neatly packed for traveling and everyone was dressed in their Sunday best ("We always got a new dress for the picnic."), all were loaded in the spring wagon, the surrey or whatever form of transportation they might have, for the long trip to the grounds.
- The men would place a board between two trees that would serve as a table. Water was hauled to the grounds in a horse tank. "Everyone drank from two tin cups attached to the horse tank with string."
- A dance was held in the evening. The men would construct a platform, each man building a section. "The floor was pretty rough and a little uneven in places, but it was a good time. We used to have the best orchestras. I remember one year the orchestra was from a Show Boat. It cost \$1 per couple to dance that year and everyone thought that was terrible. Some years there would be as many as 150-160 couples at the dance."
- The next morning, the children got up early and went to the picnic grounds searching for coins that may have been dropped during the picnic. We usually found some, but Earl Crowley always got there first and found most of the money.
- We claim to have the oldest picnic in the state of Missouri. The parish is 175 years old this year (2008) and we believe the picnic is that old as well. Some claim there were years around World War II that there was no picnic, but I have talked to a number of older parishioners including my grandmother before she passed away just after her 100th birthday and all of them can't remember a time when there was not a Swinkey Picnic.

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 7/18	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Gerald & Myrtle Spalding & Descendants
	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Monday 7/19			No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7/20			No Mass
Wednesday 7/21	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Communion Service
Thursday 7/22			No Mass
Friday 7/23			No Mass
Saturday 7/24	Holy Rosary*	5:30 PM	Matt & Lorene Hays
Sunday 7/25	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Mark Hagan Family, Nick Hays
	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Families of 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,

HOPE. Hope is a theological virtue. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

"Theological virtues relate directly to God. They dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity" [CCC 1812]. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as His children and of meriting eternal life [CCC 1813]. Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, and placing our trust in Christ's promises and not relying on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" [CCC 1817].

We get to pray Psalm 23 this weekend as the Responsorial Psalm at Mass. Most of us find this to be a wonderful psalm of Hope in the Lord who is my Shepherd leading me to safety and comfort. My favorite verses are 3 and 4:

*"He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that
give me courage."*

Each of our Scripture readings this weekend call us to put our hope in the Good Shepherd, the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He is our hope and our guide. It is in the love of Jesus that we find peace.

If we find ourselves cranky, depressed, grieving, angry or irritable, have 'a hill that seems too hard to climb,' or simply sad that summer break will soon be over, trust in the Good Shepherd. Go to him in prayer as persistently as the people sought Jesus in today's Gospel. Following the Good Shepherd means doing what Jesus does and allowing others to see Christ in you. This builds Hope in our world and reminds us all that the world does not revolve around me. This week...Hope in the Good Shepherd and take heart...Hope in the Lord.

I am going to be on vacation for the next couple of weeks. I leave this Monday, July 19th and will return on August 7th. I will be visiting friends and seeing some sights here in the Midwest. Please welcome Fr. Stephen Jones and Fr. Mike Quinn who will have the weekend Masses while I am away. Please notice the weekday Mass schedule here in the bulletin. Fr. Jerry Kaiman will have the Tuesday Mass at Monroe Manor on July 27th. Deacon Mike Long will have a Communion service at 7:30 AM on the July Wednesdays and Fr. Mike Quinn will have the weekday Masses that first week in August.

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!

Richard Elliott	Rusty Adam	Regina Hays	Daniel Patrick Mudd
John Kendrick	Trent Zeiger	Dcn. Mike Long	Teresa Ritter Toland
Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert	Natalee Amos	Rosemary Evans
Deanna Buckman	Jackie Ryan	Logan Maher	Lakian Lehenbauer
Mark Leake	Kenneth Ryan	Bonnie Ess	Barbara Kendrick
Connie Kendrick	Nick Mudd	Tim Quinn	Michael Kellerman
Harold Adam	Frankie Maddox	William P. Smith	Janice Kendrick

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 ~

Parish-Wide Study coming soon! I have purchased *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass* by Dr. Scott Hahn. I had the opportunity to watch the videos in this study during Lent and am excited to share them with you. The study is 10 weeks with multiple opportunities each week to participate. Please take the survey you will find on our parish website. <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/> Find the Parish Life tab; Select Faith Formation; then click the button "Faith Formation Parish-Wide Study Survey". There is a paper version available, call Sally at (573) 231-6980 if you prefer a paper copy and put it in the basket at either church. The survey will help me with further planning. Thank you for taking the time to share your input.

2021 High School Graduates - Stay connected with your faith through your campus ministry. You can sign up today at <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/> It will be a great way to make new friends and practice your faith with other college students. Want to look up your campus? Go to <http://www.newmanconnection.com/locations/find>

FORMED.org - It's summer and vacation time is upon us. Are you looking for a place to visit? *The Faith Traveler in the United States: East Coast Shrines* explores some of the Catholic shrines and places of pilgrimage in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey. <https://watch.formed.org/the-faithful-traveler-in-the-united-states-east-coast-shrines>

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.

~ PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL ~

Please contact Phyllis Campbell at 573-795-2290 if you can fill one of the following open hours or are willing to sign up as a substitute. Sunday: 2-3pm; Monday: 2-3am, 3-4am, 2-3pm (temp), 6-7pm; Tuesday: 1-2am, 2-3am, 3-4pm; Wednesday: 12-1am, 1-2am, 2-3am; Thursday: 3-4am; Friday: 12-1pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm; Saturday: 7-8am, 8-9am.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

The August KC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 5th with the rosary at 7:00 PM, followed by the meeting. All are welcome to join with the Knights praying the rosary.

~ HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL JOB OPENING ~

Holy Family School in Hannibal, MO is accepting applications for a Kindergarten teacher. Please contact the principal, Sarah Hooley, at 573-221-0456 for more information.

~ GRANDPARENTS DAY ~

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, beginning this year on July 25th. Pope Francis emphasized in his message that the Lord is always with us and always calling us to play a role in spreading the Gospel no matter our age. "I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always - always - close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement."

~ ICE CREAM SOCIAL ~

Holy Rosary Altar Society is partnering with BB's Ice Cream to celebrate Missouri's Bicentennial with an old-fashioned ice cream social on Tuesday, August 10th from 5-7 PM at BB's. In case of rain, the social will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome.



~ BLOOD DRIVE ~

The Monroe City Community Blood Drive sponsored by the First Baptist Church will be held at the KC Hall on Monday, July 26th from 12:45 PM to 6:00 PM. Save time by using a RapidPass! For more information, visit <http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass>.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *2 Kings 4:42-44:* Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty of food left over.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18:* "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6:* Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and gentleness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace; one body and one Spirit."

Gospel: *John 6:1-15:* Many people pressed around Jesus, seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

July 18 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Swinkey Picnic)

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Kathy Spurgeon
Rosary	Rose McNally
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Kyle Hays & Michael Spalding
Cross Bearer	Dwayne Williams
Lector	Mark McNally
Offertory	Deanna Buckman
Communion	Kathy Anderson, Beth Whelan, Mary Sims,
Ministers	Sally Lemongelli, Rose McNally
Counters	Carol Hagan, Ted & Judy Irons

July 25 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Dwayne & Madeline Williams
Greeter	Shane & Amanda Spalding
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Jan Adam & Debby Quinn
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Cole Hays & Rylie Mulvaney
Cross Bearer	Glen Bichsel
Lector	Desiree Mudd
Offertory	Dan & Becky Buckman
Communion	Deanna Buckman, Laura Mulvaney, Marie
Ministers	Purol, Doug & Julie Orf
Counters	Carol Hagan & Robert Keller

August 1 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Dan Adam
Greeter	Matt & Peggy Spalding
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Natalie Shively & Caitlin Shively
Cross Bearer	Frank Lemongelli
Lector	Laura Mulvaney
Offertory	Tanner & Kim Buckman
Communion	Nancy Shively, Mary Sims, Amanda Spalding,
Ministers	Kaye Spalding, Peggy Spalding
Counters	Doug Orf & Debbie Kendrick

Ushers for July

Tom Murphy, Jordan Ogle, Doug Orf, T.L. Pangborn

Ushers for August

Dillon Pfanner, Joe Purol, Michael Purol, Chris Quinn

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 Bom; Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Long; Recording Secretary, Michael Maher; Financial Secretary, Shane Spalding

Altar Society Officers: Pres., Lynn Ogle, Treas., Julie Hays, Sec., Marie Purol

Picnic Committee: Coordinators, Lee Anderson & Pastoral Council; Treas., Darin Underhill
Cemetery Committee: Pres., Joe Purol; Treas., Marie Purol; Dwayne Williams, Matt Hays, Shane Spalding, Dan Buckman