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NOVEMBER 14, 2021 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> OFFERTORY ~ \$3,825.00

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- We are no longer collecting money for the Purgatorial Society. Please disregard those envelopes in your collection envelope boxes.
- Ladies Coffee** will be Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome.
- The next Pastoral Council meeting** will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the gym.
- The next Finance Council meeting** will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the HR parish office.
- A Weekly Rosary** is prayed each Monday at 12:00 p.m. at St. Stephen. All are welcome to join and share their intentions, both spoken and unspoken.

~ HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

- Canned Foods and other non-perishable items** - students are asked to bring food items to school during the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. This project is sponsored by the Hometown Volunteers.
- Basketball Games:** Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, **AT** Mexico, St. Brendan, 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, **HOME** vs. Paris, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, **HOME** vs. Centralia, 6:00 p.m.
- Mass at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**, will be led by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

The December KC meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> with the rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by the meeting. All are welcome to join with the Knights praying the rosary.

~ COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE ~

The Monroe City Ministerial Alliance's Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the Service will follow at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

~ NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS ~

**Pope Francis:** "We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life."  
**Bishop McKnight:** "For a deeper spirituality of stewardship among all the baptized: That from our gratitude for God's many blessings we may offer our personal gifts and talents in service to the evangelizing mission of the Church."

**MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY**

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Jack Quinn
November 14	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Tuesday November 16	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
Wednesday November 17	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Becky Labuary Underwood
Thursday November 18	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Otho & Tollie Bichsel
Friday November 19	Holy Rosary	8:20 AM	Brandon Devlin
Saturday November 20	Holy Rosary*	5:30 PM	Joe & Marilyn Miles Family, Living & Deceased
Sunday November 21	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Pearl, Mary & Donnie Mudd

\*Mass will be live streamed on Facebook @ "Greg Oligschlaeger"  
<https://facebook.com/frgregolig>

**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,

It always seems too early. After the first hard frost, the Ginkgo tree showers down almost all her leaves in one day. For the Ginkgo tree, Fall turns to Winter overnight.



Another season is waning as we come to the end of our liturgical year in the Church. Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The beginning of our new liturgical year. As we complete the harvest and put grain in the bins, please take some time in the next couple of weeks to reflect on all that has happened since Easter.

Spring flowered into Summer. Summer gave way to Fall. Now Fall is preparing for Winter. How has God blessed you in the past liturgical year? What sacraments did you get to celebrate? How did God help you through difficult times? How have you grown in this long stretch of Ordinary Time?

Like the seasons, our lives go through many subtle and sometimes abrupt changes. With each new day, however, the sun rises. Sometimes those days fly by so fast that seasons blur and God's Grace is missed. Reflection and prayer help us to notice the beautiful colors of our life experience and how we have weathered the storms with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A new liturgical season gives us new appreciations and a new beginning to renew our commitment to Faith and to our Christian service. The celebration of Christ the King is a great time to know that Christ came to save us all, no matter how often we may stray. We may always come back to Him.



Advent is the season of New Beginnings. If you have been hurt or wounded by our country, the Church, or life's mishaps, come to Mass to be comforted and worship with members of your faith family and know the

Peace of the Prince of Peace.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, take some time to harvest the memories of the last few months and give thanks for the great and small ways God has journeyed with you through the seasons. Just as the fields have been abundantly fruitful, God's love and grace has been abundantly present. Without time for reflection, we often stay too busy to notice. God's Grace and beauty are rarely as abrupt and obvious as the Ginkgo tree losing her beautiful golden leaves; however, the grace of God is even more beautiful and stunning as it cascades down upon us and envelops us in wisdom and love.

This week and next, let us pray for the safety of all deer hunters. I hope the hunt is rewarding and the stories of the hunt are mostly true. May God's peace be with you.

Prayers and Blessings,  
*Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger*

	<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$9200</b>
	<b>\$ Committed:</b>	<b>\$4095</b>
	<b>\$ Received:</b>	<b>\$2815</b>
	<b>Goal Remaining:</b>	<b>\$5105</b>

**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!

Caitlin Shively	Dorothy Ritter	Phyllis Campbell
Geoffrey Preckshot	Trent Zeiger	Kayla McAndrews
Jeff Thomas	Phyllis Taylor	Lakian Lehenbauer
Janice Kendrick	Richard Elliott	Rusty Adam
Regina Hays	Tim Quinn	John Kendrick
Dcn Mike Long	Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert
Natalee Amos	Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman
Jackie Ryan	Logan Maher	Mark Leake
Bonnie Ess	Barbara Kendrick	Connie Kendrick
Nick Mudd	Michael Kellerman	Bill Smith
Teresa Ritter Toland	Frankie Maddox	

**FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna**

**Confirmation Parent Meeting** - On **November 14, 2021** immediately after 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is part of Confirmation preparation.

**Women's Ministry Event** - We will host a Women's Ministry Brunch on November 20, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for all women of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Parishes. Brunch will be provided. We will be exploring what St. John Paul II referred to as The Feminine Genius. Visit the home page of our website to make your reservation or click here. <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-brunch-reservation/>

**RCIA Sessions** - meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Rosary Church basement. If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, contact Donna at the parish office. This week's RCIA topics are The People of God.

**FORMED.org** - The end of this Year of St. Joseph is quickly approaching. If you have not listened to the 4-part series on FORMEDNow entitled *St. Joseph: Old and New*, <https://watch.formed.org/saint-joseph-series>, take some time before Advent to listen. The series begins by looking at Saint Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament. The series then reflects on the three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

**Youth Ministry- Your support is needed** - If you would like to help our Youth Ministry by providing food or funds, please contact the following:

7-12 PSR Breakfast on Sundays - Jane Vollrath (573) 406-8889  
Chosen HS Youth Group/Wednesday evenings - Sally Lemongelli (573) 231-6980

SEC MS Youth Group/Thursday evenings - Nancy Shively (573) 248-9752

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at [donnalong.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalong.hrss@gmail.com) or call me at the HR rectory, 735-4718. My office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

**~ CHRISTMAS IS CARING ~**



The Hometown Volunteers take applications through NECAC from families who may need help providing Christmas presents and food for their families. **Applications are being taken Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20.** Next weekend,

there will be tags at the entrances of both churches with gift requests for the children. These gifts can be put in the baskets at the entrances marked for "Christmas is Caring". **These gifts do not need to be wrapped, but tags should be firmly attached. All donations need to be in by December 10.** Distribution will be December 18. Monetary donations can be mailed to Shannon Quinn, 622 James Lane, Monroe City or dropped in the collection basket and marked "Christmas is Caring". If you have questions, contact Shannon at 573-289-6894.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 14 - Confirmation Parent Meeting/Scavenger Hunt
- November 15 - Rosary at Swinkey 12:00 p.m.
- November 15 - Trojan Basketball 6:00 p.m. AT Mexico
- November 16 - Swinkey Ladies' Coffee 8:30 a.m.
- November 16 - Trojan Basketball 5:30 p.m. Home vs Paris
- November 17 - CHOSEN High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
- November 18 - Trojan Basketball 6:00 p.m. Home vs Centralia
- November 20 - Women's Ministry Brunch 9:00 a.m.
- November 22 - Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
- December 10 - Last day to turn in Christmas is Caring gifts

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**First Reading:** *Daniel 7:13-14 (161B):* Daniel had a vision and saw "one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven...His dominion is an everlasting dominion."

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5:* "The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty."

**Second Reading:** *Revelation 1:5-8:* The firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth has made us a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

**Gospel:** *John 18:33 -37:* When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You say I am a king."

**Adoration Hours Available**

**Sunday:** 2-3pm  
**Monday:** 2-3am  
**Tuesday:** 1-2am, 2-3am, 11-noon, 3-4 pm, 10-11pm, 11-midnight  
**Wednesday:** 1-2am, 2-3am  
**Thursday:** 3-4am  
**Friday:** 8-9pm, 9-10pm  
**Saturday:** 7-8am

**Contact Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541 or Marie Purol (573) 881-1918 if you can!**

Can you spare  
one hour  
for your father?

**Liturgical Assignments**

November 14 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Greeter	Maureen Lemongelli
Rosary	Desiree Mudd
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Skylar Mulvaney & Josie Orf
Cross Bearer	Owen Mudd
Lector	Shane Spalding
Offertory	Don & Kay Hays
Communion	Marie Purol, Nancy Shively, Mary Sims,
Ministers	Amanda Spalding, Kaye Spalding
Counters	Eric Keller, Debbie Kendrick

November 21 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Eric & Beth Keller
Rosary	Maureen Lemongelli
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Bella Keller & Meghan Hays
Cross Bearer	Philip Whelan
Lector	Frank Lemongelli
Offertory	Darren & Mindy Hays
Communion	Peggy Spalding, Kay Turnbull, Beth Whelan,
Ministers	Phil Whelan, Dwayne Williams
Counters	Eric Keller, Ralph & Sherri Lemongelli

November 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sacristan	Dwayne & Madeline Williams
Greeter	Robert Keller
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Jan Adam & Debby Quinn
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Keaton Mudd & Tyler Hays
Cross Bearer	Steve Yates
Lector	Greg Maher
Offertory	Keith Hays
Communion	Madeline Williams, Kathy Anderson, Deanna
Ministers	Buckman, Mark Leake, Sally Lemongelli
Counters	Eric Keller, Gena Maher

Ushers for November

Darin Underhill, John Watson, Phil Whelan, Dwayne Williams

Pastoral Council: Chair - Doug Orf, V. Chair - Eric Keller, Sec - Carol Hagan, Lee Anderson, Danny Sims, Matt Hays

Finance Committee: Sec - Tom Hagan, Phil Whelan, Susan Winking, Desiree Mudd  
For more information on our organizations and committee members, please visit our website at <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/parish-life/organizations/>