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NOVEMBER 21, 2021 – SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 14TH OFFERTORY ~ \$5,640.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Missals** - Please collect all the Missals after Mass and stack them in the back pew. Thank you!
- **We are no longer collecting** money for the Purgatorial Society. Please disregard those envelopes in your collection envelope boxes.
- **The next Pastoral Council meeting** will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th in the gym.
- **The next Finance Council meeting** will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13th 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 ~

- **Student Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on Tuesday, November 23rd at 8:20 a.m. It will be led by the sixth-grade students. A collection will be taken up at Mass for the Ministerial Alliance.
- **Basketball Game** on Monday, November 22nd at South Shelby beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- **Classes will NOT be held** on Wednesday, November 24th.
- **NO Bus Service** on Monday or Tuesday, November 22nd or 23rd.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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


~ CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ~



Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. See the attachment for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
November 21	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Pearl, Mary & Donnie Mudd
Tuesday	Holy Rosary	8:20 AM	Rita Jo Kendrick
November 23	MC Manor	9:30 AM	Kenneth Ryan
Wednesday	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Helen Maher
November 24			
Thursday	Holy Rosary	9:00 AM	Ina, Bernard, Greg and Pat Mudd
November 25			
Friday	No Mass		
November 26			
Saturday	Holy Rosary*	5:30 PM	Howard & Anna Moss
November 27			
Sunday	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Bichsel Family
November 28	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary

*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



Parish Goal:	\$9200
\$ Committed:	\$5150
\$ Received:	\$3620
Goal Remaining:	\$4050

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Each gift, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the diocese, makes a very real difference. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it.

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the **Thirty-Fourth or last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. This solemnity celebrates an aspect of the identity of Jesus rather than the life of Jesus. What the world knew of kingship and power is transformed. On the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, we honor the unique kingship of Christ. His Kingdom is not here: His kingdom is with His Father, and yet it is being mysteriously built in our very midst. Christ's Kingdom is "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." (from the Roman Missal-Preface of Christ the King).




May you and your household have a blessed Thanksgiving Day. **Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 25th at Holy Rosary Church.** May your gratitude for all God's blessings, gifts and talents lead you to love God, your family, and friends all the more.


Our parishes give thanks to Deacon Mike Long for his continued service as our deacon. Please see Deacon Mike and Therese Long's note below. Deacon Mike has officially retired with the diocese as an active deacon due to some health issues; however, he will continue to serve our parishes as deacon in the various ministries and counseling that he offers. We are blessed to have Deacon Mike and Therese's service and ministry in our parishes.

Next weekend is New Year's Day... the beginning of Advent. We start anew, appreciating the promised gift of God's Son becoming human and dwelling with us on this earth. Prepare well! Pause and pray! After the consumerism fog of Black Friday, let's ask God to help us see what is most important...that we, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, may strive to be God's humble servant and cooperate with the will of God.

Have a blessed Solemnity of Christ the King and appreciate the blessing of being Christ's royal subjects in the ways we share the gifts God has given us.

Prayers and Blessings,


Greetings to all my fellow parishioners! I wanted to let you know that due to multiple & ongoing health issues (partial loss of vision, instability), I will be unable to serve as deacon at the altar for the foreseeable future. Be assured that I am doing my best to carry out my other deacon responsibilities as best I can. Please don't hesitate to call me if I can be of any assistance to you. Therese and I thank you for all of your prayers and support. God Bless each of you.

Deacon Mike and Therese 

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	

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 22 - Rosary at Swinkey 12:00 p.m.
- November 22 - Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
- November 24 - No HS Youth Group or PSR Classes
- November 28 - No PSR Classes
- November 29 - Blood Drive
- December 10 - Last day to turn in Christmas is Caring gifts
- December 12 - Candlelight Memorial at O'Donnell Funeral Home

November Prayer Intention for 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."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16 (3C):* The time is coming when the Lord's promise to Israel will be fulfilled. An offspring of David will come and bring justice for all nations of the world.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14:* "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2:* Paul prayed to the Lord for the Christians of Thessalonica that their love for one another would overflow and that their hearts might be blameless and holy before God.

Gospel: *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36:* There will be great signs in the heavens and great distress on the earth when the Son of Man come in glory. Therefore, "be vigilant at all times...to stand before the Son of Man."

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna

PSR - Thanksgiving Break - No Class on:

Grades K-6 - November 24, 2021

Grades 7-12 - November 28, 2021

RCIA Sessions - We will not meet this week on November 24, 2021. The next session will be December 1, 2021, and our topic will be *The RCIA Process and Rites*.

Advent - begins November 28, 2021 - we have several options available for your Advent preparations for individual, families, and small groups.

FORMED.org - The Chris Stefanick Show is a new series on FORMED.org that began in October 2021. Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not say, "I came to make them boring." Instead, he wants us to live life to the fullest. Dive into the heart and soul of what it means to be Catholic with Chris Stefanick and his guests LIVE every Monday at 6pm CST. Audience interaction is encouraged.

Check it out at <https://watch.formed.org/stefanick>.

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at 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.

~ COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE ~

The Monroe City Ministerial Alliance's Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday, November 22nd 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.

~ BLOOD DRIVE ~



The Monroe City Community Blood Drive sponsored by St. Stephen Catholic Church will be held at the KC Hall on Monday, November 29th from 12:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Appointments are preferred, but walk in donors will be accepted! To

schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

~ CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL ~

James O'Donnell Life Celebration Home will hold a candlelight ceremony led by Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger and Pastor Olivia Earlywine on Sunday, December 12th at 3 p.m. to remember our loved ones who have passed. Call 573-735-1800 to reserve your place and receive a keepsake ornament.

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

*"Could you not watch
one hour with me?"*
Mark 14:37

Contact:
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Liturgical Assignments

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 – 1st 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

December 5 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sacristan	Dan Adam
Greeter	John Jansen
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Debby Quinn & Jan Adam
Song Leader	Julienne Burns
Servers	Kate Willingham & Ella Hays
Cross Bearer	Aaron Whelan
Lector	Mark McNally
Offertory	Phil Hays
Communion	Rose McNally, Laura Mulvaney, Julie Orf, Doug
Ministers	Orf, Marie Purol
Counters	Danny Sims, Joe & Marie Purol

Ushers for November

Darin Underhill, John Watson, Phil Whelan, Dwayne Williams

Ushers for December

Tom Winking, Chuck Wunsch, David Yates, Jim Yates

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
K of C's: Grand Knight - Ed Born, Deputy Grand Knight - Kevin Long, Recording Sec - Michael Maher, Financial Sec - Shane Spalding

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

Picnic Committee: Coordinator, Lee Anderson, Treas - Darin Underhill

Cemetery Committee: Pres - Joe Purol, Treas - Marie Purol, Dwayne Williams, Matt Hays, Shane Spalding, Dan Buckman

November Prayer Intention for 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."