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DECEMBER 12, 2021 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



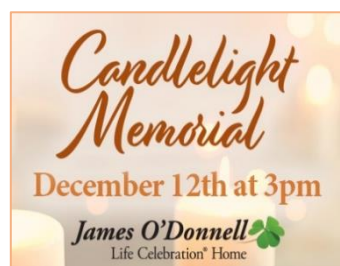
DECEMBER 5TH OFFERTORY - \$1948.25
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - \$185.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Donations of Poinsettias** for Christmas in memory of a loved one would be greatly appreciated. The Church will be decorated Tuesday, December 21st at 1:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to help.
- **Swinkey Ladies' Coffee** will be held Tuesday, December 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. Ladies with last names beginning with letters A-L are asked to bring food.
- There is a **sign-up sheet** in the vestibule for liturgical assignments for Mass on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen. Please volunteer!
- **Collection envelopes** for 2022 are ready for pick up in the vestibule. If there are any errors in name/address or if you did not receive envelopes, please contact Sally at 573-231-6980 or churchst.stephen@gmail.com.
- **Calendars for 2022** are available on the table in the vestibule. Please help yourselves.
- A **Christmas Celebration** will be held in the Swinkey gym following 8:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. All are welcome.
- **The next Finance Council meeting** will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13th at the HR parish office.
- **The next Pastoral Council meeting** will in the Swinkey gym at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17th.
- 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 ~

- **Basketball Games** - the teams will participate in the Monroe City Tournament this week. On Monday, December 13th, the girls play at 5:30 p.m. and the boys play at 7:00 p.m. Both games will be held in the Holy Rosary Gym.
- **Mass on Friday, December 17th**, at 8:20 a.m. will be led by the fifth-grade students. After Mass, the students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance.
- **The Christmas Program** will be held on Tuesday, December 21st beginning at 9:30 a.m. The eighth-grade students will present a Christmas play followed by the classes performing Christmas songs. All students will be dismissed at approximately 11:00 a.m. Bus service will not be available at 11:00. All parents, grandparents, etc. are welcome to attend this gathering.



Father Greg Oligschlaeger and Pastor Olivia Earlywine will officiate the memorial. Special music will be provided along with refreshments after the ceremony. This Memorial Service is free and open to everyone, not just families served by the O'Donnell Life Celebration Home.

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Ceil Kendrick, Jack Quinn
December 12	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
Tuesday	MC Manor	9:30 AM	Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
December 14			
Wednesday	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Raymond & Bernice Chappel
December 15			
Thursday	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Raymond Karr
December 16			
Friday	Holy Rosary	8:20 AM	John Ivan & Ella Tewell
December 17			
Saturday	Holy Rosary*	5:30 PM	Chris Couch
December 18			
Sunday	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
December 19	Holy Rosary	9:30 AM	Jerry & Sherry Copenhaver
*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			

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday, which means "Rejoice", a translation of the first word of the entrance antiphon of today's Mass that proclaims: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! The Lord is near." [Philippians 4:4]. Penitential violet vestments are replaced with rose vestments, a color of joy. We light the third candle of the Advent wreath that is **rose** in color.

After today, our scripture readings change from the focus of the second coming of Christ to the approaching celebration of Christmas--the incarnation of the Son of God. After today, the readings and prayers at Mass refer to the greatest of all God's action in human history - God himself becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the hope of salvation.

This week the Church will begin using the O Antiphons as part of evening prayer. We are familiar with the antiphons in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each verse is one the ancient titles and biblical names for the coming Messiah. Starting on December 17th and each of the 7 days until Christmas Eve, we address our prayer: **O Wisdom** (12/17); **O Sacred Lord** (12/18); **O Flower of Jesse's Stem** (12/19); **O Key of David** (12/20); **O Radiant Dawn** (12/21); **O King of all Nations** (12/22); **O Emmanuel** (12/23).

It's wonderful how our liturgical worship guides us well in truly celebrating Christmas. Paul's letter to the Philippians tells us in today's second reading:

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Don't fret or be too tense. All that **needs** to get finished to celebrate the birth of the Lord will take place. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger



	2022 Parish Goal:	\$9200
	\$ Committed:	\$8150
	\$ Received:	\$6680
	Goal Remaining:	\$1050

~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

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

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna



Prayers for Confirmation Candidates – Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates. If you would like to pray for a specific student, there are baskets at the entries of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Churches containing the names of our Confirmation candidates. You can choose a student to pray for during their preparation. Each basket has all the students' names and there will hopefully be 4 people supporting each student in prayer. If you wish to send them cards of encouragement, please mail cards to Holy Rosary School, 415 S. Locust, or Holy Rosary Church, 405 S. Main, and we will make sure the student receives your card. Please be sure to put the student's name on the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at the parish office.

RCIA Sessions – Our next session will be December 15, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be *The Early Church & Church History*.

FORMED.org – December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are several options to learn about this feast day on FORMED.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
<https://watch.formed.org/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message> (in Spanish with English subtitles).

Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-lady-of-guadalupe-and-saint-juan-diego>

Sacred Art: Our Lady of Guadalupe
<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/sacred-art-our-lady-of-guadalupe>

For the kids *Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe*
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/juan-diego-messenger-of-guadalupe>

Contact: Donna Long - donnalong.hrss@gmail.com or call me at the rectory at 735-4718. Office Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

~ NURSING HOME RESIDENTS ~

Especially during this Christmas season, please remember our parishioners who are in the nursing home at Monroe City Manor Care Center, 1010 Highway 24 and 36 East, Monroe City, MO 63456:

Julie Leake	Regina Hays	Emma Jo Mudd
Kathy Wilper	Totty Burditt	Shirley Lorenson
Juanita Pfanner	Rusty Adam	Frankie Maddox
Frank Schwartz	Darlene Miller	Ferd Dames
Lorena Crowe	Sue Gilbert	Bud & Phyllis Shively

Advent Penance Service

December 21
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 12 - Candlelight Memorial at O'Donnell Funeral Home
- December 13 - Swinkey Rosary at Noon
- December 14 - Swinkey Ladies' Coffee 8:30 a.m.
- December 21 - Holy Rosary School Christmas Program
- December 21 - Decorating the Church for Christmas 1:00 p.m.
- December 21 - Advent Penance Service at Holy Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- December 24 - Swinkey Christmas Celebration following Mass

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20

Available Adoration Hours
 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

Contact: Pat Kendrick 573-735-2541

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: *Micah 5:1-4a (12C):* Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel. "He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock...he shall be peace."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19:* "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10:* God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-45:* When Mary visited Zechariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, "the infant leaped in her womb."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SWINKEY

Christmas Celebration

Swinkey Gym
 Following 8:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve
 All are welcome!

Liturgical Assignments

December 12 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Greeter	Ted & Judy Irons
Rosary	Katie Underhill
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Karlee Mudd & Ben Lemongelli
Cross Bearer	Acacia Hagan
Lector	Desiree Mudd
Offertory	Matt & Jennifer Hays
Communion	Nancy Shively, Mary Sims, Amanda Spalding,
Ministers	Peggy Spalding, Kay Turnbull
Counters	Danny Sims, Norma Rubison

December 19 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Phil Hays
Rosary	Madeline Williams
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Russell Lemongelli & Kyle Hays
Cross Bearer	Bill Gill
Lector	Laura Mulvaney
Offertory	John Jansen
Communion	Beth Whelan, Phil Whelan, Dwayne Williams,
Ministers	Madeline Williams, Kathy Anderson
Counters	Danny Sims, Joe Shively

December 24 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 8:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule

December 26 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sacristan	Dwayne & Madeline Williams
Greeter	Matt & Jennifer Hays
Rosary	Glenn Bichsel
Music	Jan Adam & Debby Quinn
Song Leader	Beth Whelan
Servers	Skylar Mulvaney & Holden Orf
Cross Bearer	Chris Quinn
Lector	Tyson Mulvaney
Offertory	Ted & Judy Irons
Communion	Deanna Buckman, Mark Leake, Sally
Ministers	Lemongelli, Rose McNally, Laura Mulvaney
Counters	Danny Sims, Sam Smith

Ushers for December

Tom Winking, Chuck Wunsch, David Yates, Steve 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 Puroi

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

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