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DECEMBER 5, 2021 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday December 5	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Harry Kendrick & Family
Tuesday December 7	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Mike & Cindy Shuck
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Wednesday December 8	Holy Rosary St. Stephen	8:20 AM 6:30 PM	Tom & Mary Ann Hagan & Family Kathy Smith
Thursday December 9	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
Friday December 10	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Charlotte Schneider
Saturday December 11	Holy Rosary*	5:30 PM	Becky Labuary Underwood
Sunday December 12	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Ceil Kendrick, Jack Quinn 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			

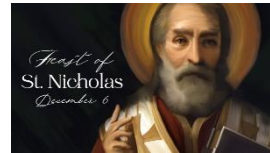


~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"... we hear in the first reading and the gospel today. On this Second Sunday of Advent, I pray that you are having a Blessed Advent Season. It is truly a challenge to remove or step over the clutter that preparing for Christmas can put in the path of our ability to meet the Lord. It is even more difficult to pause and remember to let Christ come to us. How can we allow the Lord to shape our lives and thus level the hills, fill-in the valleys, and make straight the pathway to our God? So, we continue to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Notice our Advent celebrations this week. Monday, December 6th, we celebrate the **Feast of St. Nicholas**. St.



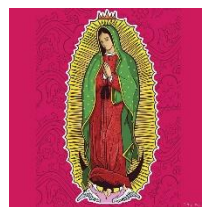
Nicholas is the 4th century saint who inspired our modern figure of Santa Claus. Bishop Nicholas was interested in making sure that families had enough to eat and a good place to live.

He ministered in a way that helped children to be successful in life and helped the elderly live out their lives with dignity and respect. St. Nicholas was known for giving children small gifts—some candy or a toy. His kindness, which always managed to surprise the children, touched their hearts and they learned from this holy man what a beautiful thing it is to be charitable. St. Nicholas Day is the day I put up Christmas stockings at the rectory and hope St. Nicholas leaves something in the stocking or in my shoe.

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is on Wednesday, December 8th. On this day, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary because on the day she was conceived in St. Anna's womb, God favored her with a special grace to be free from Original Sin. Mary's decision at the Annunciation to cooperate with that Grace has blessed humankind. This is a great Solemnity of the Church, a Holy Day of Obligation, and an important Advent celebration. (Check this bulletin for Mass times.)



Sunday, December 12th, is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. We celebrate the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary that took place in the neighboring country of Mexico. She is the "Patroness of the Americas" and "Protector of Unborn Children". After the Blessed Mother's Apparition in 1531, in just 10 years, all of Mexico converted to Catholicism. This year, the Third Sunday of Advent will be celebrated rather than the Feast Day Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe.



These feasts of the Church, when celebrated well, help to mold us into the vessels God has created us to be. We 'Prepare the Way of the Lord' so that we might truly have a Merry Christmas. "Come, Lord Jesus, Come!"

Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

NOVEMBER 28TH OFFERTORY - \$2653.00
 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT -\$25.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- There is a **sign-up sheet** in the vestibule for liturgical assignments for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen.
- **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.
- **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.
- 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** - last home games will be played on Tuesday, December 7th, vs. N. Shelby beginning at 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 9th, AT Palmyra at 5:00 p.m.
- **Mass on Wednesday, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, at 8:20 a.m. will be led by the fourth-grade students.

Advent Penance Services

December 9 - St. Joseph in Palmyra - 7:00 p.m.
 December 21 - Holy Rosary - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

 Catholic <small>STEWARDSHIP APPEAL</small>	Parish Goal:	\$9200
	\$ Committed:	\$6850
	\$ Received:	\$5380
	Goal Remaining:	\$2350

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	Teresa Ritter Toland	Frankie Maddox
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

Adoration Hours Available

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

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 Marie Puro 573-881-1918



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18: Be joyful, Jerusalem! The Lord will come and save you from your enemies. Do not be discouraged or lose heart, for "the Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior."

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6: "Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7: Rejoice in the Lord always," wrote Paul. "I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God; then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds."

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18: John the Baptizer said to the crowds, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In that way he preached good news to the people.

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.

PSR – December 2021 Class dates:

Grades K-6 – December 8 & 15
 Grades 7-12 – December 12 & 19

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*. There is no session on December 8, we will attend Mass together at St. Stephen at 6:30 pm to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

"Prepare Ye" Advent Booklets – This is the weekly Advent preparation developed for our diocese. If you didn't pick up a copy and would like one, please call me or stop by my office. I have a pdf copy that I can print for you.

FORMED.org – The Advent season has begun. If you are looking for an Advent study, try *Advent* on FORMED. There are 4 episodes and it also includes a downloadable leader guide and study guide. <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>. If you need help downloading and printing, please stop in and see me.

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. To learn more watch FORMEDNow *What is the Immaculate Conception?* <https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception>.

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

~ 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 6 - Swinkey Rosary at Noon
- December 7 - Last home Trojan basketball games 5:30 p.m.
- December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9 - Trojan basketball games at Palmyra 5:00 p.m.
- December 10 - Last day to turn in Christmas is Caring gifts
- December 12 - Candlelight Memorial at O'Donnell Funeral Home
- December 14 - Swinkey Ladies' Coffee 8:30 a.m.
- December 21 - Advent Penance Service at Holy Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- December 24 - Swinkey Christmas Celebration following Mass

Liturgical Assignments

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 Puro
Counters	Danny Sims, Joe & Marie Puro

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

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 Puro

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

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

- December 24, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary
- December 24, 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen
- December 25, Midnight at Holy Rosary
- December 25, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary