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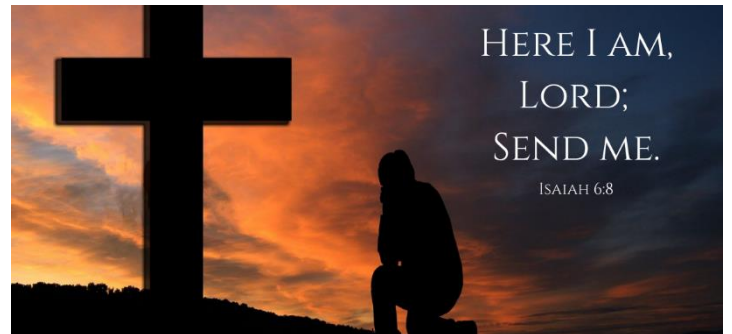
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JANUARY 16, 2022 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

| MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY  |                             |         |  |
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| DAY   | LOCATION                    | TIME    | INTENTION  |
| Sunday  | St. Stephen*                | 8:00 AM | Kathy Smith  |
| January 16  | Holy Rosary                 | 9:30 AM | Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary              |
| Tuesday   | Holy Rosary                 | 7:30 AM | Scott & Marlene Mulford                            |
| January 18  |                             |         |  |
| Wednesday   | Holy Rosary                 | 7:30 AM | Hays, Long, McNeil Families<br>Living and Deceased |
| January 19  |                             |         |  |
| Thursday  | Holy Rosary                 | 7:30 AM | Purgatorial Society                                |
| January 20  |                             |         |  |
| Friday  | Holy Rosary<br>Student Mass | 8:20 AM | Pat Mudd   |
| January 21  |                             |         |  |
| Saturday  | Holy Rosary*                | 5:30 PM | Matt & Lorene Hays                                 |
| January 22  |                             |         |  |
| Sunday  | St. Stephen*                | 8:00 AM | Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary              |
| January 23  | Holy Rosary                 | 9:30 AM | Mark Saunders                                      |
| *Mass will be live streamed on Facebook @ "Greg Oligschlaeger"<br><a href="https://facebook.com/frgregolig">https://facebook.com/frgregolig</a><br><b>RECONCILIATION</b><br>4:00-5:00 PM Saturdays at Holy Rosary<br>7:15-7:45 AM Sundays at St. Stephen or by appointment 735-4718 |                             |         |  |



~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

The last couple of Sundays, I have encouraged you to live your baptismal call by preaching the Gospel with your words and actions. Live your faith boldly and promote our Catholic Faith in your daily interactions with family and others you see each day. Our two great apostles and the most renowned prophet did not think they were worthy to live their call from God.

Peter, on his knees, says to Jesus after his fellow fishermen haul in a miraculous catch of fish, "Depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man." [Luke 5:8]. Paul remembers the man he was before Jesus called him to be an apostle and tells the people of Corinth, "I am least of all the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." [I Cor. 15:9]. What would have happened to the Church if the first Pope and the greatest of the Apostles gave into their feelings of being an inadequate Christian? The great prophet Isaiah, when he has a vision of the power of God, assumes that he is doomed and will be destroyed by God because of his foul mouth and sinfulness. Instead, Isaiah, to his surprise, was chosen by God and his wickedness and sins were purged. Isaiah, like the apostles above, saw God's mercy and was able to answer God's call to serve by saying, "Here I am, SEND ME!" [Isaiah 6:8].

Please don't count yourself out when God calls you to worship, to serve, and to preach. Often we allow sin and/or lack of prayer or Mass attendance to "throw the baby out with the bathwater." We allow ourselves to be discouraged by thoughts that play in our head like: 'I didn't do what God asks or expects of me so I might as well not try'; 'I'm doomed any way'; 'I'm just not that holy'; 'I've gone too far down the road of sin and there's no turning back'; 'What can God use that I've got?'; 'I don't know enough to talk to others about my faith'; and 'I know what God wants me to do, but I don't have the time - I don't have the courage - I don't have the money - I don't want to.'

There is not one of us that has not felt one or more of the feelings expressed, and the only truth in the paragraph above is that: "I can't do it alone!" Isaiah, Peter and Paul couldn't do it by themselves. God doesn't expect us to receive a message from God and then go off alone to spread the Good News. Isaiah, Peter and Paul came to understand that being a prophet and an apostle meant bringing the Spirit of God with you, realizing that we are instruments and vessels of God. God gives us His strength and wisdom to be a disciple and prophet in the world. The same Holy Spirit that guided Isaiah, Peter and Paul to spread the gospel is at work today helping each of us to know our role in serving God.

Try this simple prayer this week: **Here I am Lord, send me.** You may be surprised at how God will use your gifts and to whom He may call you to serve.

Prayers and Blessings,

JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> OFFERTORY - \$2,203.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Poinsettias** - If you donated a poinsettia for Christmas, you may take one home following Mass. Thank you for your donation!
- **2021 Tithing Statements** have been mailed. If you did not receive one or believe there are errors, please contact Sally at (573) 231-6980.
- **Swinkey Ladies' Coffee** will be on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. Ladies with a last name beginning with M-Z are asked to bring food. All are welcome.
- **The next Pastoral Council meeting** will be in the Swinkey gym at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 ~

- **Classes will NOT be held** on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, as Martin Luther King Day is celebrated.
- **Mass at 8:20 a.m.** on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, will be led by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, thru Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Open House** will be held on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parents, grandparents and other visitors are invited to visit our school and view the various displays.
- **The Annual School Carnival** will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you would like to donate a basket to the silent auction, please contact Angie Chapman at (660) 864-1942.

**HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL**

## Lucky Hearts Banquet

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Tickets available at Holy Rosary School  
 Prizes based on tickets sold - Many will win!

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| <p><u>VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE</u></p> <p>\$100/raffle ticket</p> <p>\$25/prime rib dinner - carry out</p> <p>Drawing will be livestreamed on Fr. Greg's Facebook page</p> | <p><u>IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE</u></p> <p>\$200/couple</p> <p>Includes 1 raffle ticket, 2 dinners, 2 reserved seats, beverages &amp; dance</p> |
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**~ 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.

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| William Burns          | David Griffin   | Caitlin Shively   |
| Mark Leake             | Jeff Thomas     | Trent Zeiger      |
| Geoffrey Preckshot     | Trent Zeiger    | Logan Maher       |
| 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       |
| Teresa Ritter Toland   | Bonnie Ess      | Barbara Kendrick  |
| Connie Kendrick        | Nick Mudd       | Michael Kellerman |

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

**PSR** – There are PSR classes for grades 7-12 today.

**RCIA Sessions** – Our next session will be January 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be *The Sacrament of Matrimony & The Sacrament of Holy Orders*.

**FORMED.org** – I am fascinated by the life of St. John Paul II. The movie *John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You* explores his remarkable legacy in the history of the Church. He was exceptionally intelligent, generous and courageous. He also had a wonderful sense of humor. I really enjoyed this documentary on his life.

<https://watch.formed.org/john-paul-ii-i-kept-looking-for-you>

**Our Next Parish-Wide Study** will be **The Bible and the Virgin Mary**. There will be two opportunities to attend each Session. Mondays at 5:30 pm beginning January 24 and Thursdays at 2:00 pm beginning January 20. We will meet on the small side of the Knights of Columbus Hall. To register, go to the parish website <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/> or call Donna at the parish office. You will be able to download the Participant Workbook for free. If you need it printed, it will be \$5 to offset the cost of printing.

**Walking With Purpose** – I read this fantastic blog from WWP entitled *There are no boring gifts in God's Kingdom* by Laura Phelps. Several women of our parishes may be familiar with the WWP Bible study website. I encourage you to read this blog about the value of your particular gifts. <https://bit.ly/3f10fCJ>

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 rectory at 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 17 - No school
- January 17 - Swinkey Rosary at Noon
- January 18 - Swinkey Ladies' Coffee 8:30 a.m.
- January 20 - Parish Wide Study Begins - Session 1, 2:00 p.m.
- January 24 - Second Opportunity to attend Session 1, 5:30 p.m.
- January 31 - Catholic Schools Week
- February 3 - Open House Soup Supper
- February 12 - Lucky Hearts Banquet
- March 19 - Sacrament of Confirmation Mass
- March 23 - Family Faith Night
- March 26 - Holy Rosary School Carnival 11:00 - 2:30

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis:** "We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."

**~ 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA ~**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life that starts on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Follow along on our parish Facebook page or download the full novena at <https://tinyurl.com/2dxkcywx>.

**CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR FOR YOUR FATHER?**

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

**CONTACT: PAT KENDRICK (573) 735-2541 OR MARIE PUROL (573) 881-1918**

**Prayer Intention of Bishop McKnight:** "As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season."

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 23, 2022**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** *Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10:* Ezra the priest stood before the people and proclaimed the book of the law. The he "interpreted it so that all could understand." He declared the day holy and urged the people to rejoice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15:* "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:12-30:* The body is one and has many members, but all members, though many, are one body. Further, each part is indispensable. So it is with Christ's body: we, though many, are one.

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21:* Returning to Nazareth, Jesus entered the synagogue and read from the prophet Isaiah. After reading, Jesus proclaimed "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

**Liturgical Assignments**

January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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|---------------|--|
| Sacristan     | Doug & Julie Orf                             |
| Greeter       | David & Julie Hays                           |
| Rosary        | Maureen Lemongelli                           |
| Music         | Sr. Sue Walker                               |
| Song Leader   | Judy Irons                                   |
| Servers       | Sophie Gares & Jacob Anderson                |
| Cross Bearer  | Danny Sims                                   |
| Lector        | Shane Spalding                               |
| Offertory     | Robert Keller                                |
| Extraordinary | Beth Whelan, Kathy Anderson, Deanna Buckman, |
| Ministers     | Sally Lemongelli, Rose McNally               |
| Counters      | Carol Hagan, Jim & Julienne Burns            |

January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sacristan     | Dwayne & Madeline Williams            |
| Greeter       | Tom & Valerie Hagan                   |
| Rosary        | Rose McNally                          |
| Music         | Julienne Burns                        |
| Song Leader   | Beth Whelan                           |
| Servers       | Taitym Foltz & Annie Willingham       |
| Cross Bearer  | Darin Underhill                       |
| Lector        | Kay Turnbull                          |
| Offertory     | Debbie Kendrick                       |
| Extraordinary | Laura Mulvaney, Mary Sims, Julie Orf, |
| Ministers     | Doug Orf, Marie Puro                  |
| Counters      | Carol Hagan, Mary Lou Dawson          |

January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sacristan     | Doug & Julie Orf                      |
| Greeter       | Mark & Carol Hagan                    |
| Rosary        | Nancy Shively                         |
| Music         | Beth Whelan & Debby Quinn             |
| Song Leader   | Whitney Pfaff                         |
| Servers       | Joey Puro & Rylie Mulvaney            |
| Cross Bearer  | David Hays                            |
| Lector        | Elaine Whelan                         |
| Offertory     | Ralph & Sherri Lemongelli             |
| Extraordinary | Nancy Shively, Amanda Spalding, Peggy |
| Ministers     | Spalding, Kay Turnbull, Phil Whelan   |
| Counters      | Carol Hagan, David & Julie Hays       |

Ushers for January

Lee Anderson, Matt Anderson, Dan Bichsel, Glenn Bichsel

*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  
*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

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
 JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022

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