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FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday February 5	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Joe Miles
Tuesday February 7	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Clifton Moss
Wednesday February 8	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Families of Dwight & Joann Franklin Living and deceased
Thursday February 9	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Lawrence & Rose Bono
Friday February 10	Holy Rosary	8:20 AM	Matt & Lorene Hays
Saturday February 11	Holy Rosary	5:30 AM	Tim Kendrick
Sunday February 12	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Ben Smith Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen

*Mass will be live-streamed at <https://facebook.com/frgregolig>
RECONCILIATION: 4:00-5:00 PM Saturdays at Holy Rosary and
 7:15-7:45 AM Sundays at St. Stephen or by appointment 735-4718

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~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Old Palms** - Bring in your old palms and place them in the container in the back of church. We will collect them until the weekend of February 19th.
- **Swinkey Ladies' Coffee** will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Stephen gym.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **Thank you** to everyone who made Catholic Schools Week a wonderful celebration of our Christ-centered education. We are so thankful for all your prayers and support.
- **February 10:** Mass at 8:20 a.m. led by the 5th grade.
- **February 11:** Lucky Hearts Banquet

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- The **Swinkey KC's annual KC Chili Supper** will be held today, February 5th in the St. Stephen Gym. Social hour begins at 4:00 p.m. with chili being served at 5:00 p.m. ALL St. Stephen and Holy Rosary Knights are invited.
- The **HR Knights of Columbus free throw contest** will be today, February 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the old Holy Rosary School gym. Free and open to all area boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/2023). Please bring proof of age (birth certificate) and a parent or guardian to sign the registration form.

~ FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS ~

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis: *We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

Prayer Intention of Bishop McKnight: *For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families.*

~ CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE ~

Parish Goal	\$9364	Diocese Goal	\$1,100,000
Pledged	\$9500!!!!	Pledged	\$987,6456
Received	\$9150	Received	\$876,072

After the diocesan goal has been met, any parish meeting their individual goal is eligible to receive a rebate of 10% of the goal, plus 90% of any funds raised above the goal. Parish goals must be met with cash and/or pledges received by March 15, 2023 and fulfilled by the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you all for a blessed and fun celebration of Catholic Schools Week for this is a celebration for all our parishioners and not only for school children, parents and teachers. Catholic Schools Week is an important celebration each year for every parish. Our Catholic Schools and Parish School of Religion programs promote our Catholic Faith and Christian Virtues and help nurture our children and youth in the 'Wellspring of Life,' God's grace. Any parent knows that our Catholic Schools help to educate him or her as well. The Christian Virtues and Truth of the Catholic Faith are presented to us again through the lessons the children are learning, and we have the privilege of getting to integrate what we learned as children into our adult life. The whole parish is revitalized as we educate our children through Parish School Religion programs and our Catholic Schools.

A special "Thank You" once again to our principal, teachers and staff who support our parents in teaching their children about their spiritual and practical lives. Thanks to all who provided the soup supper and for all the attention to the other many details that are involved in making this celebration of Holy Rosary School a success.

This past Thursday was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The feast occurs forty days after Christmas because Jewish law required Jewish women, like Mary, to make an offering in the temple 40 days after the birth of a male child. This Mass begins with a Rite of Blessing of candles and lit candles held throughout the church to symbolize Simeon's proclamation: "...my eyes have seen your salvation...a **light for revelation** to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" [Luke 2:30-32]. For 1000 years this feast has also been known as *Candlemass* and all the candles used in church are blessed for the year.



Today we will bless throats of all who would like to receive the blessing. February 3rd is the optional Memorial of St. Blasé. Although we know very little of St. Blasé's life he is reported to be a doctor who healed a boy from choking on a fish bone; accordingly, this healer is invoked against illnesses of the throat and all other illnesses. The candles that are blessed at Candlemass are then used as part of the blessing of throats. Maybe this blessing will help to stop all the Strep throat that has contaminated our community.

Please remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving for Sr. Sue Walker, Sr. Loretta Keller, and Sr. Audra Turnbull. In church on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and this weekend's Masses, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We pray for Sr. Sue, Sr. Loretta, Sr. Audra and all those who have made commitments to Consecrated Religious life. Be sure to thank them on their special day for all they give to the Church. May more women from our parishes choose the vocation to serve the Lord Jesus as religious sisters or nuns.

Have a blessed February. Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

We give thanks to God today for continuing to call men and women to serve him as consecrated persons in the Church. May each of us be inspired by their example to love God above all things and serve him in all that we do.

~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.

Kay Turnbull	Kevin Elliott	Kay Elliott
Phyllis & Charlie Taylor	Riley Simms	Bill Couch
Teddy O'Connor	Kenny Wilson	Geoff Lanham
Michael Kellerman	Mark Leake	Trent Zeiger
Geoffrey Preckshot	Richard Elliott	Jeff Thomas
Kayla Benson McAndrews	Frankie Maddox	Janice Kendrick
Regina Hays	Dcn Mike Long	Bonnie Ess
John Kendrick	Natalee Amos	Tim Quinn
Sue Gilbert	Jackie Ryan	Hazel Smith
Deanna Buckman	Connie Kendrick	Rosemary Evans
Teresa Ritter Tolan	Nick Mudd	Logan Maher

UPCOMING EVENTS	February 6	Rosary at St. Stephen at Noon
	February 11	Lucky Hearts Banquet
	February 18	Confirmation Retreat
	February 26	HR/SS Parish Breakfast at KC Hall
	March 25	HRS Carnival
	March 26	Confirmation Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Adoration Hours	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
	9-10 p.m.	4-5 p.m.	8-9 a.m.	
	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	9-10 a.m.	
	2-3 p.m.	10-11 a.m.	10-11 a.m.	
			12-1 p.m.	
	Contact: Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541 or Marie Purol (573) 881-1918			

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna

Small Groups for Lent - Conversations, reading Scripture and praying with others brings us closer to God and to each other; we form and deepen new relationships. Small faith sharing groups help build discipleship. Our parishes of St. Stephen and Holy Rosary are participating in *Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship* and many new small groups are forming to recall moments of grace in our lives for when God has challenged or spoken to us. These small groups will bring us closer together and strengthen our community. Sign up today to be a part of a *Grateful Living* small group. You can sign up by filling out the sheet in the pew and drop it in the basket at the doors or sign up using the link in our Flocknote message you received on Friday. You can use this link <https://holyroary.diojeffcity.org/small-groups/> to sign up today!

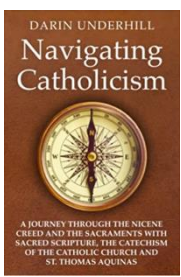


RCIA - Join our RCIA session Tuesday, February 7, 2023 in the church basement at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing *A Consistent Ethic of Life & Social Justice*. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all our volunteers that have completed their Virtus training. Your time is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet registered and completed Virtus, please go to <https://virtusonline.org> to complete this training to allow our parishes to be fully compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. It is a requirement of the Safe Environment Policy that **all volunteers**, whether you work with youth or not, complete Virtus training.

FORMED - February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. FORMED has several selections about Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. *Bernadette* is a movie <https://watch.formed.org/videos/bernadette-1>.

Breaking the Silence of Abuse - As a diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information, or want you to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.



Check out this book written by fellow parishioner, Darin Underhill - *Navigating Catholicism: A Journey Through The Nicene Creed And The Sacraments With Sacred Scripture, The Catechism Of The Catholic Church And St. Thomas Aquinas*. It's available on Amazon at <https://amzn.to/3DEieRr>. All proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Church.

~ SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2023 ~

First Reading: *Sirach 15:15-20*: Immense is the Lord's wisdom. The Lord God sees every created thing and understands every human deed. Human beings have life and death before them, and they receive whichever they choose.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*: "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*: Paul wrote that real wisdom is God's: hidden, mysterious, planned and prepared from the very beginning for the glory of those who love the Lord.

Gospel: *Matthew 5:17-37*: Jesus said he came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He described such fulfillment as a matter not of legal argumentation but of holiness, reconciliation and the obedience of faith. Jesus encouraged the disciples to let their "Yes" mean "Yes" and their "No" mean "No."

Liturgical Assignments

February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Greeter	Tom & Susan Winking
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Karlee Mudd
Servers	Bella & Bradi Keller
Cross Bearer	Aaron Whelan
Lector	Shane Spalding
Offertory	Seth & Kelsie Hagan
Extraordinary	Kathy Anderson, Deanna Buckman, Sally Lemongelli,
Ministers	Doug Orf, Laura Mulvaney
Counters	Group 1 - Joe/Marie, Pat, Frank

February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Greeter	Dwayne & Madeline Williams
Rosary	Maureen Lemongelli
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Emily Spalding
Servers	Kate Willingham & Avrie Hays
Cross Bearer	Acacia Hagan
Lector	Kay Turnbull
Offertory	Tom & Valerie Hagan
Extraordinary	Julie Orf, Doug Orf, Marie Purol, Nancy
Ministers	Shively, Mary Sims
Counters	Group 2 - Danny/Mary, Joe, Amanda

February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Phil & Beth Whelan
Rosary	Kaye Spalding
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Keaton Mudd & Emily Spalding
Cross Bearer	Bill Gill
Lector	Dwayne Williams
Offertory	Darren & Mindy Hays
Extraordinary	Amanda Spalding, Kaye Spalding, Peggy Spalding,
Ministers	Kay Turnbull, Beth Whelan
Counters	Group 3 - Shane, Michael, Jim

February Ushers: Alex Threlkeld, Darin Underhill, John Watson, Philip Whelan



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