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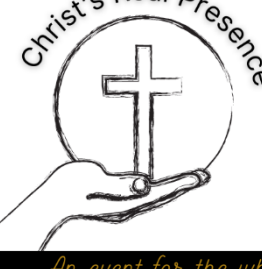


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MARCH 5, 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

| MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY | | | |
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| DAY | LOCATION | TIME | INTENTION |
| Sunday March 5 | St. Stephen* Holy Rosary | 8:00 AM 9:30 AM | Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Harry & Rosie Kendrick and family |
| Tuesday March 7 | Holy Rosary | 7:30 AM | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday March 8 | Holy Rosary | 7:30 AM | Pat Mudd Yates |
| Thursday March 9 | ** No Mass ** | | |
| Friday March 10 | ** No Mass ** | | |
| Saturday March 11 | Holy Rosary | 5:30 PM | Rebecca Leah Labuary Underwood |
| Sunday March 12 | St. Stephen* Holy Rosary | 8:00 AM 9:30 AM | Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Joe & Marilyn Miles families Living and deceased |
| *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 | | | |



Family Faith Night
 Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Parishes
MARCH 22, 2023
 Holy Rosary KC Hall


5:00 p.m. | Dinner Served
 6:30 p.m. | Programs Begin
 Lesson for Adults by Fr. Greg
 Youth Groups at HRS

An event for the whole family! Babysitting provided!

~ ST. PATRICK'S DAY DECREE OF DISPENSATION ~

The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight has issued a decree dispensing the faithful from the obligation of abstinence from meat on the Memorial of St. Patrick, March 17. [Please click here to read the full decree.](#) As stated in the decree, those who choose to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged observe at least one of three alternative penances on that day: participate at Mass; participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross; or pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.





Monroe City Lion's Club will have a drive thru fish fry at the Lion's Club Barn on Friday, March 10th from 4:00 p.m. until they run out of fish. The cost will be \$12 for an adult meal and \$6 for a kid's meal.

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 OFFERTORY~ \$3,626.00

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Virtus** - Our parish Virtus compliance for liturgical ministers is 70% (nice job!), but we still have 37 ministers who have not registered. Our Swinkey Picnic volunteers are 64.5% compliant with 51 still needing to register and complete the training. Most of those who are not compliant are on both lists. Please consider attending the training on March 18th or completing it online before our audit on March 28th.
- The next **Parish Council meeting** will be Thursday, March 16th at 7 p.m. in the St. Stephen Gym.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **March 9:** 3rd Quarter Ends
- **March 10:** No School - Professional Development Day for teachers.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- There is still **Swinkey Sausage** for sale! \$5/1 lb roll. You can buy it before or after Mass in the gym or contact a KC member.
- **Becoming a Knight** can transform your life and help you more fully engage in our parish community. We are a "band of brothers" and a "strong right arm" of the Catholic Church. If you would like to join us, please contact Grand Knight, Ed Born. There will be an initiation ceremony on March 19th.



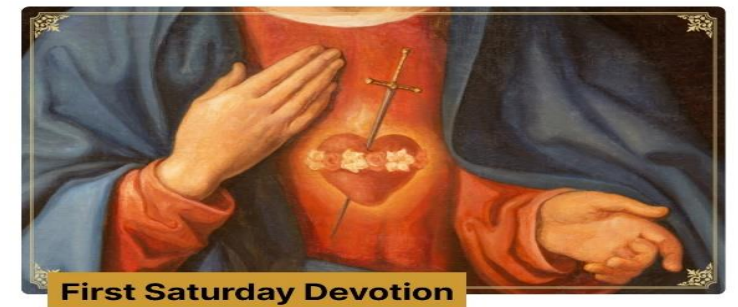
SOCCKER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR: In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support

from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more. **Don't forget to pick up your rice bowl in the back of church!**

~ MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS ~

Pope Francis: *We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*

Bishop McKnight: *For a greater respect for the dignity of all human life; may our Catholic Faith inspire us to recognize all human beings - no matter their age, race, or condition - as our brothers and sisters in the Lord.*



First Saturday Devotion

Mass is offered on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church to aid in the fulfillment of the First Saturdays Devotion. See below for a brief explanation. For more details on the devotion, including the history, explanation and modifications that have been made, go to <https://bit.ly/FiveFirstSaturdays>.

The **Five First Saturdays Devotion** is a request made by Our Lady of Fatima. This devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent men.

The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls, all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. Go to confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
7:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Church



~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Mother of God, Health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

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

Names are not added or removed without a request from the person listed or a family member. To update this list, please contact Sally.

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna

Safe Environment Audit - Our Parishes and School will be audited for compliance to the Safe Environment Policy on March 28, 2023. Currently, we stand at the following percentages for those who have completed Virtus and are compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

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| Holy Rosary School Parents | 67.96% |
| St. Stephen Parish | 70.15% |
| Holy Rosary Parish | 68.75% |

Thank you to all who have registered with Virtus and completed the training. If you have not done so, please contact Donna at the parish office and she will help you complete the registration and training, so we can be compliant and be ready for our audit.

Small Groups – As we enter our second full week of Lent, our **Grateful Living** focus is that we are made in the Image of God and includes this passage:



"A spirituality of stewardship invites us to recognize that God calls all of creation good. We who are created in God's image are called to reflect this goodness in the world."

How do you reflect God's goodness in the world around you? What else could you do?

RCIA – Our RCIA session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 will be in the church basement at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing *Scrutinies*. All are welcome to attend.

This past weekend we celebrated the Rite of Election at our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia with Bishop McKnight. These Elect and Candidates are preparing to be received into our parishes on Holy Saturday's Vigil Mass.

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| Ryan Thurman | Emilee Vollrath | Craig Spegal |
| Josh Gamble | Jordan Davis | Samantha Davis |
| Adam Grove | Alyssa Crowe | |

FORMED – Chris Stefanick has a 7-week series Lenten video series entitled **Fearless**. "Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid'. Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence." If you don't have time for a daily Lenten reflection, try this once-a-week series. I've begun watching and it speaks to us in the world we live in.

<https://watch.formed.org/fearless-a-7-week-lenten-video-series>



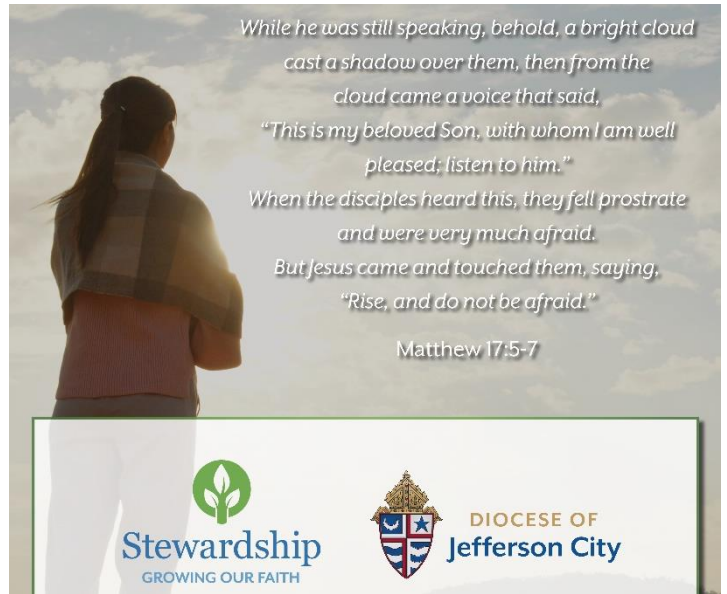
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 6 | Rosary at St. Stephen at Noon |
| March 10 | Lion's Club Fish Fry, 4:00 p.m. |
| March 10 | Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. |
| March 12 | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| March 16 | Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| March 18 | Virtus Training 9:00 a.m. |
| March 19 | K of C Initiation Ceremony |

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| March 21 | Swinkey Ladies' Coffee, 8:30 a.m. |
| March 22 | Family Faith Night |
| March 25 | HRS Carnival 11-2:30 p.m. |
| March 26 | Confirmation Mass, 9:30 a.m. |
| March 30 | Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 p.m. |



While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Matthew 17:5-7

~ SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 12, 2023 ~

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7:* The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9:* "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8:* "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Gospel: *John 4:5-42:* Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered him water from the well, and he, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior.

Liturgical Assignments

March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

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| Sacristan | Danny Adam |
| Greeter | P.A. and Kay Turnbull |
| Rosary | Katie Underhill |
| Music | Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns |
| Song Leader | Whitney Pfaff |
| Servers | Joey Puro & Holden Orf |
| Cross Bearer | Chuck Wunsch |
| Lector | Steve Yates |
| Offertory | Don & Kay Hays |
| Extraordinary | Sally Lemongelli, Rose McNally, Laura Mulvaney, |
| Ministers | Julie Orf, Doug Orf |
| Counters | Group 1 - Joe/Marie, Pat, Frank |

March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

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| Sacristan | Kathy Anderson |
| Greeter | Kathy Spurgeon |
| Rosary | Elaine Whelan |
| Music | Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns |
| Song Leader | Emily Spalding |
| Servers | Michael Spalding & Chloe Puro |
| Cross Bearer | Cole Hays |
| Lector | Jim Burns |
| Offertory | Donnie & Marie Hays |
| Extraordinary | Marie Puro, Nancy Shively, Mary Sims, |
| Ministers | Amanda Spalding, Kaye Spalding |
| Counters | Group 2 - Danny/Mary, Joe, Amanda |

March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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| Sacristan | Doug & Julie Orf |
| Greeter | Shane & Amanda Spalding |
| Rosary | Madeline Williams |
| Music | Sr. Sue Walker |
| Song Leader | Judy Irons |
| Servers | Caitlin Shively & Jacob Anderson |
| Cross Bearer | Dan Adam |
| Lector | Kathy Anderson |
| Offertory | Keith Hays |
| Extraordinary | Peggy Spalding, Kay Turnbull, Beth Whelan, |
| Ministers | Phil Whelan, Dwayne Williams |
| Counters | Group 3 - Shane, Michael, Jim |

March Ushers: Dwayne Williams, Tom Winking, Chuck Wunsch, Steve Yates