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MAY 5, 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday May 4	St. Stephen	8:00 AM 5:30 AM	Lester & Julia Miles Jeff Fuemmeler
Sunday May 5	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Jack Kunce
Tuesday May 7	KC Hall	7:30 AM	David & Graver Families Living and deceased
Wednesday May 8	KC Hall	7:30 AM	Elbert Mudd Family
Thursday May 9	KC Hall	7:30 AM	Joe B Mudd Mike Mudd
Friday May 10	HRS Gym	8:20 AM	Jack Kunce
Saturday May 11	St. Stephen	5:30 PM	Jenine Zeiger
Sunday May 12	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Darin & Fema Yager Family Living and deceased
*Mass will be live-streamed at https://facebook.com/frgregolig RECONCILIATION: 4:00-5:00 PM Saturdays at St. Stephen and 7:15-7:45 AM Sundays at St. Stephen or by appointment 735-4718			



Dear Parishioners,

May God's grace and blessings be upon our second graders who receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. The Holy Eucharist is an incredible gift of God's divinity and salvation to us. We have the privilege and blessing of passing that gift on to those who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time and in this Easter Season.

This Sunday our young children are dressed in their best clothes and have a special place reserved for their families. Pictures will be taken, receptions and dinners served and gifts given. It is always a wonderful day for the child, the parents, and the parishes.

In John's Gospel today, Jesus reminds us of the love of God and implores us,

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." [John 15:9-10]

In receiving Jesus in Holy Communion these First Communicants and all of us receive the Grace to Remain in Christ's love.

First Communion is also an important reminder to the young and old of both parishes **what a privilege it is to receive the Lord** each and every time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion and so we celebrate with them. In all the celebration, let us not forget that we **'do all in memory of Christ Jesus.'**

"Do this in memory of me" is not simply a command to remember history, of what happened long ago, but rather a call to be Christ to others with the love that Jesus demonstrates for us in the washing of feet, the forgiveness of our denial and betrayal, and the want to satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst. He is the Lamb that was sacrificed and His blood protects us from evil and death, and eating His body takes away our sins and gives us the strength to go forth from church and be Christ to all we meet. Holy Communion gives us the Grace we need to follow, "... a new commandment: **love one another**" [John 15:34].

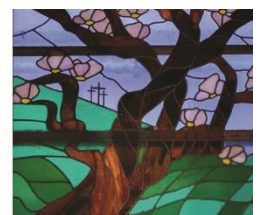
Congratulations to all our First Communicants on this Holy Day for you, your family and our parish family. Celebrate well and after receiving Christ today in the Holy Eucharist, may you never be the same! May Christ be with you always.

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

This is agape love – a sacrificial love, selfless and pure. It is a love of choice which Jesus Christ displayed on the cross, dying for our sins.



Stewardship
 GROWING OUR FAITH



Congratulations on the **31st Anniversary of your Ordination!**

We praise and thank God for the gift of you, Fr. Greg! We honor your faithful service and dedication. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry abundantly!



~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- Our **May Saint of the Month** is St. Rita of Cascia focusing on the virtue of patience.
- **May 9:** HR Track Banquet at 5:00 p.m. in the gym
- **May 10:** Kindergarten leads Mass at 8:20 a.m.; Field Day
- **May 14:** 8th Grade Graduation at St. Stephen
- **May 15:** No School, Staff PD Day
- **May 16:** Awards Ceremony at 9:30 in the gym. Dismissal immediately following at approximately 11:00.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis: For the formation of religious and seminarians - We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



"Come, let us Adore." As we celebrate our 150th Jubilee, the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to visit for a weeklong Monastic Experience June 1-6, 2024, at our monastery in Clyde, Missouri. It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and more details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

God of gentleness and love, we entrust to your care all those in need of any form of healing, and ask you to guide and sustain all who offer them healing and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lola Werr	Jim Couch	Sonja Greeves
Becky Murphy	Jamie Blair	Bill Elliott
Dorothy (Fran) Long	Regina Miskell	Sue Mudd
P.A. Turnbull	Riley Simms	Donna Hadfield
Kevin Elliott	Kenny Wilson	Kyle Neisen
Phyllis & Charlie Taylor	Mark Leake	Kay Elliott
Teddy O'Connor	Richard Elliott	Bill Couch
Michael Kellerman	Frankie Maddox	Geoff Lanham
Geoffrey Preckshot	Natalee Amos	Trent Zeiger
Regina Hays	Jackie Ryan	Janice Kendrick
John & Connie Kendrick	Logan Maher	Bonnie Ess
Teresa Ritter Toland	Nick Mudd	Hazel Smith
Deanna Buckman	Rosemary Evans	



The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace...
Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary, full of grace...
And the word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, full of grace...
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna



First Communion Sunday is today, May 5, 2024 at the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses. There will be a cookie and punch reception after the 10:00 am Mass.

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers and congratulate them on receiving Jesus today!

St. Stephen

George Grove
Stella Hagan
Frankie Lemongelli
Austin Whelan

Holy Rosary

Charles Allen
Casen Brandt
Cooper Cox
Ryan DeLaporte
Charlotte Gander
Esme Minor
Sloan Moss

Emmaline Mudd
Iker Ortega
Ilah Ritter
Ainsleigh Seward
Addisyn St. Clair
Willow Williams

FORMED

Since we are celebrating First Communions, check out *My First Communion/Lukas Club/Episode 2*. Lukas Club is a great way for our young parishioners to learn about their Catholic faith at home or on the go (there's an app)! Check it out at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/prayer-lukas-club-episode-2>

Sign up for FORMED - Still don't have FORMED? It's simple (no passwords or codes to remember). There is so much to watch, read and listen to!

1. Visit <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Enter 63456 (our zip code)
3. Enter your name & email address

Check your email account for a link to enjoy FORMED.

There is an app for that!! Are you always on the go?

FORMED has an app available on Google Play, and Apple. You can listen and pray while driving and waiting. The younger ones can watch Brother Francis or Lukas while the older ones play ball. You will have to sign up for FORMED on your desktop first, then download the app to your mobile device and sign in.



RCIA - will begin again in the fall. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Donna at the parish office.

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory – Did you begin on May 1? If so, your consecration day will be June 2 on the Feast of Corpus Christi. If you didn't begin on May 1, there are plenty of dates throughout the year, check pages 216 & 217 of your book. Don't have a book? They are available on Dynamic Catholic and on Amazon.

Prayer Intention of Bishop McKnight: *For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community of faith.*

UPCOMING EVENTS	May 6	Rosary at St. Stephen at Noon
	May 8	Fr. Greg's 31 st Ordination Anniversary
	May 14	HRS 8 th grade graduation
	May 16	Last day of school / Awards Day
	May 21	Swinkey Ladies' Coffee, 8:30 a.m.
	June 11	Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
	June 19	Family Faith Night
	July 15-17	Swinkey Days for Kids
July 21	Swinkey Picnic	

Open Adoration Hours	Sunday 3-4 p.m.	Thursday 4-5 p.m.	Contact: Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541 Marie Puro (573) 881-1918
	Wednesday 4-5 p.m.	Saturday 10-11 a.m.	

~ SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 12, 2024 ~

- 1st Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11:* The apostles witness Jesus' ascension into heaven.
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9:* God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
2nd Reading: *Ephesians 1:17-23:* God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.
Gospel: *Mark 16:15-20:* "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

Liturgical Ministries

May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter (First Communion)

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Greeter	Tom & Valerie Hagan
Rosary	Caitlin Shively
Music	Beth Whelan & Julianne Burns
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Josie Orf & Grant Watson
Cross Bearer	Meghan Hays
Lector	Mark McNally
Offertory	First Communicants
Extraordinary	Mary Sims, Amanda Spalding, Peggy
Ministers	Spalding, Kay Turnbull, Kaye Spalding
Counters	Group 1 - Joe/Marie, Jeff/Emily

May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord

Sacristan	Mark & Carol Hagan
Greeter	Jared & Acacia Hagan
Rosary	Elaine Whelan
Music	Beth Whelan & Julianne Burns
Song Leader	Emily Spalding
Servers	Caitlin Shively & Chloe Puro
Cross Bearer	Michael Spalding
Lector	Desiree Mudd
Offertory	Seth & Kelsie Hagan
Extraordinary	Phil Whelan, Madeline Williams, Kathy
Ministers	Anderson, Deanna Buckman, Sally Lemongelli
Counters	Group 2 - Danny/Mary, Joe, Tracy

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Adam & Tracy Grove
Rosary	Madeline Williams
Music	Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Meghan Hays & Ellie Hays
Cross Bearer	Natalie Shively
Lector	Tyson Mulvaney
Offertory	Mark & Carol Hagan
Extraordinary	Rose McNally, Laura Mulvaney, Marie Puro,
Ministers	Nancy Shively, Mary Sims
Counters	Group 3 - Shane/Amanda, Jim, Frank

May Ushers: Dwayne Williams, Tom Winking, Chuch Wunsch, Dan Adam