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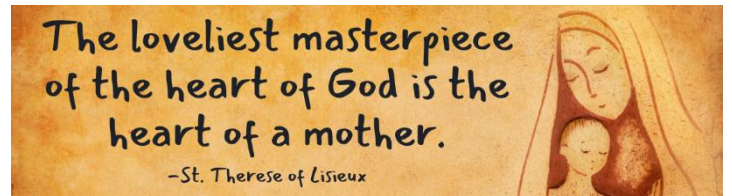
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MAY 12, 2024 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday May 11	St. Stephen	5:30 PM	Jenine Zeiger
Sunday May 12	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	St. Stephen	10:00 AM	Darin & Fema Yager Family Living and deceased
Tuesday May 14	Monroe City Manor	9:30 AM	Tewell Family Living and deceased
Wednesday May 15	KC Hall	7:30 AM	Melody Hoover
Thursday May 16	KC Hall	7:30 AM	George & Elinor Watson
Friday May 17	KC Hall	7:30 AM	Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
Saturday May 18	St. Stephen	5:30 PM	Davis & Epperson Family Living and deceased
Sunday May 19	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	St. Stephen	10:00 AM	Moises & Longina Pimentel Family Living and deceased
*Mass will be live-streamed at <a href="https://facebook.com/frgregolig">https://facebook.com/frgregolig</a> <b>RECONCILIATION:</b> 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,

Happy Mother's Day! Let us give thanks to God today for the mothers who are the inspiration and foundation of faith in our homes. In most homes, a mother, a grandmother, or a godmother is the one who encourages church participation and initiates prayer in the family. These women pass on the traditions of faith and in many ways model the unconditional love of Christ to spouses and children. Maternal fortitude has preserved and instilled the Catholic faith in many families. The wisdom and insight women have in regard to practicing their faith are modeled well for us in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Queen of all Saints. Mary's willingness to accept the will of God, her determination to nurture and encourage her Son Jesus, and her surrender to suffer the pain that unconditional love requires make her a wonderful intercessor for all who are mothers.

It's no accident that Mother's Day falls in the month of May. As Spring comes into full blossom, we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother. Try to create a special place in your home as a prayer space for the Blessed Mother. If you have a statue of Mary, move it to an accessible place, keep fresh flowers or greenery there from the spring produce, and remember to pray through her intercession several times during the month of May. Remembering to say the Angelus and to pray the Hail Holy Queen prayer (Salve Regina) are also ways to honor the Blessed Mother during this glorious month of May.

On this Mother's Day, we thank our moms who nurtured us. A mother's love continues praying, nurturing, and being concerned for us long after we leave home. Mother's Day brings up a mixture of emotions in our complex society, so let's pray for all who are moms. For mothers who have died, we pray that they may be with God in heaven. We pray for mothers who had a child die recently, may God be with them in their grief. We pray for mothers who have to be away from their children because of military service, occupation, adoption, geographical distance, or incarceration. We pray that their children may know the love of God through a mother's love.

Mother's Day falls in the month of Mary, may the Blessed Mother be with all Mothers to help them be the good mother and wife they strive to be. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers! May the love of God be seen in the way you love your children!

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayers and Blessings,  
*F. Greg Oligschlaeger*

**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.

**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.

Date	Collection	Amount	Attendance
04/14/24	Offertory	\$4,149.00	201
04/21/24	Offertory	\$2,240.00	171
04/28/24	Offertory	\$2,660.00	153
05/05/24	Offertory	\$3,305.00	316



~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~

Congratulations to **Austin Whelan, George Grove, Frankie Lemongelli, and Stella Hagan** who received their First Holy Communion at St. Stephen last Sunday, May 5, 2024. May they be filled with the same excitement every time they receive Jesus into their bodies as they did the first time.

Thank you for joining us in the celebration of our First Holy Communion. Your prayers, support and gifts are greatly appreciated. We are grateful to everyone who helped us prepare and grow in our faith.

Love, Austin, George, Frankie and Stella

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Swinkey Ladies' Coffee** will be on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Stephen gym. Ladies with last names beginning with B-F are asked to bring food.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **Our May students of the month** for their qualities of patience like that of St. Rita of Cascia are 8th grade: Sophie Gares, 7th grade: Marlee Benson, 6th Grade: Yuri Kunce, 5th grade: Owen Mudd, 4th grade: Reed Threlkeld.
- **We would like to welcome our new staff** for next year. Teaching second grade is Allie Ell. Ashlin Wilson, our current second-grade teacher is moving to the upper grades, and Haleigh Amos will teach part-time reading and science in the upper grades! We will also add Scott Roberts as the physical education teacher for kindergarten, third, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.
- **May 14:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen.
- **May 15:** No School - Teacher work day
- **May 16:** Last day of school - Awards Ceremony at 9:30 in the gym. Dismissal will be at approximately 11:00.

**~ 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.*

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

*Congratulations to our St. Stephen Graduates!*

<p><b>HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL</b> MAY 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><i>Sophie Gares</i> <i>Rylie Mulvaney</i> <i>Joey Puro</i> <i>Caitlin Shively</i> <i>Michael Spalding</i></p>	<p><b>MONROE CITY R-1 HIGH SCHOOL</b> MAY 19, 2024, 2:00 P.M.</p> <p><i>Maridith Gares</i> <i>Ella Hays</i></p>
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**FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna**

**FORMED**

Happy Mother's Day! Check out *Our Mother Mary*, a short video on Mariology and understanding Mary. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-mother-mary>. Also, if you have more time, watch *Mother Teresa*, starring Olivia Hussey, which illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/mother-teresa-1>.

**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** – If you or your group began on May 1 you should be on Day 12 today. I hope you are receiving many graces during this Consecration to Jesus through the Eucharist. 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 or call Donna at the parish office.

**Safe Environment** – just a reminder that all parishioners working in various ministries and all school parents need to be 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.** Call Donna with questions.

**VIRTUS®** Training is for ALL volunteers, (including Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Musicians, Small Groups etc.) and parents in our parishes & school to help us recognize the signs & symptoms of abuse and how we can help stop the abuse for someone unable to help themselves. **Thank you** to all who have completed their Virtus training. Your time is greatly appreciated.

**If you have not yet completed Virtus, please go to <https://virtusonline.org>**

1. Register and complete the requested documentation
2. Watch the online training or choose an upcoming in-person training – if you prefer an in-person training, call Donna at the parish office.

Everyone's efforts will allow our parishes to be fully compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.



**Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all Mothers**

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother's day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	May 13	Rosary at St. Stephen at Noon
	May 14	HRS 8th-grade graduation, 7:00 p.m.
	May 16	Last day of school / Awards Day
	May 21	Swinkey Ladies' Coffee, 8:30 a.m.
	May 28	Bishop McKnight's 30 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniv
	June 2	Corpus Christi Procession
	June 11	Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
	June 19	Family Faith Night
	July 1-5	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
	July 15-17	Swinkey Days for Kids
July 13	Mosswood 5K/HRS Golf Tournament	
July 21	Swinkey Picnic	

**~ SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 19, 2024 ~**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11:* On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues, "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34:* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13:* The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

**Gospel:** *John 20:19-23:* Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit."

**Liturgical Ministries**

**May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord**

Sacristan	Mark & Carol Hagan
Greeter	Jared & Acacia Hagan
Rosary	Madeline Williams
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne 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	Kathy Anderson
Greeter	Adam & Tracy Grove
Rosary	Elaine Whelan
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 26 - The Most Holy Trinity**

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Mark & Carol Hagan
Rosary	Susan Winking
Music	Julienne Burns & Beth Whelan
Song Leader	Kiersten Pfaff
Servers	Holden Orf & Jacob Anderson
Cross Bearer	Owen Mudd
Lector	Laura Mulvaney
Offertory	David & Julie Hays
Extraordinary	Doug Orf, Julie Orf, Amanda Spalding,
Ministers	Kaye Spalding, Peggy Spalding
Counters	Group 4 - Greg/Gena, David/Julie, Jared/Whitney

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