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NOVEMBER 3, 2024 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday November 2	St. Stephen	8:00 AM	Davis & Epperson Family Living & deceased
	St. Stephen	5:30 PM	Matt & Lorene Hays
Sunday November 3	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
	St. Stephen	10:00 AM	Phil & Donna Thompson
Tuesday November 5	St. Stephen	7:30 AM	Cliff Seward
Wednesday November 6	KC Hall	7:30 AM	John & Shelly Long
Thursday November 7	KC Hall	7:30 AM	CPT Ben Smith
Friday November 8	HRS Gym	8:20 AM	Jack Kunce
Saturday November 9	St. Stephen	5:30 PM	Bichsel Family Living & deceased
Sunday November 10	St. Stephen*	8:00 AM	Lamar & Mary Louis Hays Ray & Ruth Puroi
	St. Stephen	10:00 AM	Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen
*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			

Date	Collection	Amount	Attendance
10/06/24	Offertory	\$3,721.00	268
10/13/24	Offertory	\$3,217.00	214
10/20/24	Offertory	\$3,329.00	227
10/27/24	Offertory	\$3,076.00	257

~ School News ~

This coming week we will be collecting cans for Hometown Volunteers. We will host our first home basketball games, speech meet and a confirmation retreat all this week!

- Nov 4-8: Canned Food Drive
- Nov 5: Basketball at home vs. St. Pius X
- Nov 7: Basketball at home vs. Paris
- Nov 9: Speech Meet at Holy Rosary
Confirmation retreat at 11:00
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day Assembly at 12:30 p.m.

~ Catholic Stewardship Renewal ~

The remaining packets have been mailed. Please complete your forms by November 10. You can return them to the basket in the back of church labeled "St. Stephen Completed Stewardship Forms." The forms are available online if you prefer! <https://bit.ly/sscsr2024>. Only 17% have been returned.



Christmas is a very special time of year and Monroe City Hometown Volunteers strive to ensure that the love and care of the community is felt by every family and every child. The

Christmas is Caring program provides food for families and gifts and clothing for the children in participating households. NECAC will be accepting applications in Monroe City at 201 North Locust St (LOQW) on the following days:

- November 5 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- November 6 – 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- November 7 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Monroe Co NECAC at 660-327-4110 or contact Kaci at 573-822-7402 for an application.

Open Adoration Hours	Sunday	Wednesday	Saturday
	4 – 5 p.m.	7-8 p.m.	10-11 a.m. 12-1 p.m.
Contact: Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541 Marie Puroi (573) 881-1918			

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated religious life or to live as generous single people. **National Vocations Awareness Week is November 3-9, 2024.** Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, St. Mark tells us that "they abandoned their nets and followed him" (Mk 1:18). When Jesus called James and his brother John, they did not hold back. They even "left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mk 1:20). **We grow in faith by making acts of faith.** This dynamic of self-gift and trust is fundamental to the life of any disciple of Christ, but it is also the way that we gain greater clarity in our particular vocation.

God called me to priesthood through the voices of many people in my 20+ years that I was discerning my vocation. And through all those people... my second-grade teacher, Sr. Christina, my 8th grade & high school classmates, priest friends, teachers, the TEC community, my spiritual directors, my family, and people I served in ministry; God called me to be ordained a priest in 1993.



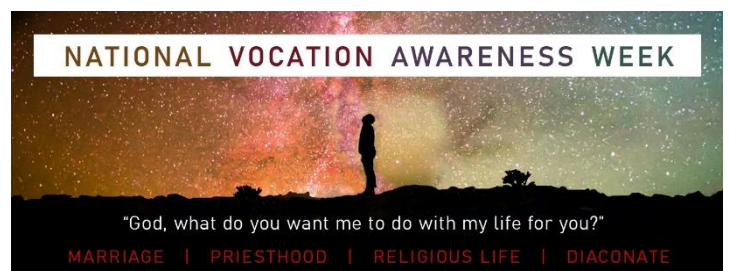
One of the signs of a good and authentic discernment is if we can describe our vocation in terms of a desire to give ourselves completely to God in response to an encounter with God's love. Does one's entering into seminary or the convent look like taking a step deeper into relationship with Jesus? Can I see my preparation for marriage to my fiancée through the lens of preparing to give my life to Jesus as Christ as He laid down His life for me?

Whether we are still discerning our own vocation or we are accompanying someone else in their discernment, the first and most frequently recurring step forward in moments of doubt is to seek to grow even closer to Christ, to spend more or better time with Him, and to examine our hearts to see if there is anything that we are holding back.

During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger



~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact Sally at churchst.stephen@gmail.com or Melody at hrosarymc@gmail.com.

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

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna



Endow Study for Women – Letter to Women, a study guide to John Paul II's Letter Addressing Women

Monday Evening Group:

November 11 – 6:30 pm – HRS Faculty Room

Thursday Morning Group:

November 14 – 8:30 am – KC Hall small side

Call Donna at the parish office if you would like to join a group.

Confirmation Upcoming Events



November 3 – Parent Meeting & Scavenger Hunt after 10:00 am Mass, meet in the gym after Mass.

November 9 – Confirmation Retreat at Holy Rosary School 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch is provided. Call Donna at the Parish Office with questions.

RCIA: Parishioners are welcome to join us at our RCIA gatherings to join in our discussion. NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE THIS WEEK.

TUESDAYS - 6:30 PM
at **Holy Rosary Parish Office**

This week's topic: **November 5**
Who Shepherds the Church & The Church as Community

All are welcome to attend

FORMED Have questions about your Catholic faith? Try the series **What Catholics Believe**. The second season has just begun. <https://watch.formed.org/what-catholics-believe>.

Grades 7-12 - November 3, 2024
after 10:00 Mass at St. Stephen

**CONFIRMATION SCAVENGER HUNT ON
NOVEMBER 3 AFTER 10:00 MASS**

Grades K-6 - November 6, 2024
after school at Holy Rosary School

~ Scripture Readings for November 10, 2024 ~

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16: Elijah the prophet arrived at the city gate and met a poor widow gathering sticks. He asked for water and a bite to eat. She made a little cake from her flour and gave it to him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:7-10: Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28: Christ, the high priest standing before God, was "offered once to take away the sins of many." He will appear again "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him."

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44: Jesus saw a poor widow go up to put all she had into the collection box: a few cents. She put in more than all the others, for she gave from her need while they from their surplus.

~ Card Shower for the Quarter Guy ~

Sonny Marquart, the quarter guy, as many may fondly remember him, is celebrating his 90th birthday. If you'd like to send a card and perhaps a quarter, his address is Sonny Marquart, 1411 Belgrove Drive, St. Louis, MO 63137.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious sister?

UPCOMING EVENTS	Nov 4	Rosary at St. Stephen at Noon
	Nov 9	Liturgical Ministry Training in Macon
		Confirmation Retreat 11-4
	Nov 19	Swinkey Ladies' Coffee, 8:30 a.m.
	Nov 25	Red Cross Blood Drive

~ Christmas Is Caring ~

The Holy Rosary/St. Stephen's Christmas Outreach is working with the Monroe City Hometown Volunteers Christmas is Caring again this year to help provide Christmas to members of the Monroe City Community who are in need.

The collection process for Holy Rosary and St. Stephen's will be a bit different than in past years. Due dates for gifts are earlier this year so we will begin the process earlier. All donations will be distributed through the Hometown Volunteers to members of our own community. There will be tags located in the foyer of St. Stephen church and a collection basket for the gifts. For your convenience, there will also be a collection box in the office at Holy Rosary School as well as a limited number of tags. Gifts can be dropped there during school hours. **Tags will be available beginning November 9th at the church and school.**

Each child enrolled in Christmas is Caring receives an outfit, new under clothes, and 2-3 toys. Other donated toys, clothes, etc. are also appreciated. Each family also receives food needed for a turkey dinner as well as toiletries, paper products and canned foods. If you are making a monetary donation, please make the check out to Monroe City Hometown Volunteers. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket and marked "Christmas is Caring." They can also be mailed or dropped off with Shannon Quinn at 622 James Lane. You may wrap the gifts if you would like and firmly attach the provided tag. **Collection will continue until December 1st.** This is earlier than in the past. Gifts will be dispersed to families on December 15th. Please join us in helping to provide a nice Christmas for members of our community. For more information you may call Shannon Quinn at 573-289-6894.

Liturgical Ministries

November 3 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Danny Adam
Greeter	Joe & Marie Puro
Rosary	Rose McNally
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Rylie Mulvaney & Titus Mulvaney
Cross Bearer	Dennis Spalding
Lector	Amanda Spalding
Offertory	Dwayne & Madeline Williams
Extraordinary	Amanda Spalding, Kaye Spalding, Peggy Spalding,
Ministers	Kay Turnbull, Dwayne Williams
Counters	Group 1 - Joe/Marie, Jeff/Emily

November 10 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Mark & Carol Hagan
Greeter	Tom Murphy
Rosary	Desiree Mudd
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Emily Spalding
Servers	Caitlin Shively & James Shively
Cross Bearer	Dillon Pfanner
Lector	Kaye Spalding
Offertory	Tom & Susan Winking
Extraordinary	Madeline Williams, Kathy Anderson,
Ministers	Deanna Buckman, Sally Lemongelli, Rose McNally
Counters	Group 2 - Danny/Mary, Joe, Tracy

November 17 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Tyson & Laura Mulvaney
Rosary	Nancy Shively
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Cole Hays & Trayce Thompson
Cross Bearer	Desiree Mudd
Lector	Shane Spalding
Offertory	Chuck Wunsch
Extraordinary	Beth Whelan, Laura Mulvaney, Julie Orf,
Ministers	Doug Orf, Marie Puro
Counters	Group 3 - Shane/Amanda, Jim, Frank

Ushers: Tom Murphy, Marcus Pfaff, Joe Puro, Michael Puro