

**August 30, 2020**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Times**



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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
**St. Stephen:** Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 7:30 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.  
 or anytime by appointment

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>August 29</b> Becky Labuary Underwood
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>August 30</b> Floyd Buckman Joyce Maher
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 31</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> Jim Ragan
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>September 2</b> Daughters of Isabella
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>September 3</b> James Jr. & Chris Blair and family
<b>Friday</b> 8:20 a.m.	<b>September 4</b> Pauline Quinn
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>September 5</b> Fuemmeler Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>September 6</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Nancy Yates

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

August 2	\$ 6,064.50
August 9	\$ 6,802.25
August 16	\$ 6,050.29
August 23	\$ 6,946.00

**Prayer Intentions for the month of September**

**Intention of Pope Francis:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For children deprived of a safe and healthy home, that they experience the love of God through the care and concern shown by Catholics.

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**  
 ~ 1 Corinthians 13:13

**Liturgical Ministries**

**September 5 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Therese Long  
**Servers:** Aidan Hunter and Keegan Hunter  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gina Carroll, Bill Couch, Regina Miskell  
**Lector:** Dennis & Dorothy Moss  
**Ushers:** Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Jay Ritter

**September 6 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Frank Harris  
**Servers:** Raina Stone & Wyatt DeGrave  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jerry Copenhaver, Gary Hays, Sharon Hays  
**Lector:** Stephen Kendrick  
**Ushers:** Scott Hays, Mike Hunter, Parker Kendrick, Cliff Seward

Dear Parishioners,

In today's gospel, Jesus gives His disciples the **definition of discipleship**, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." [Matthew 16:24]. A verse before that Jesus says to Peter "Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me." Peter innocently wanted Jesus to use His power to conquer His enemies. In Peter's mind, there was no reason Jesus should suffer if He was, "The Christ, The Son of the Living God." [Matthew 16:16]

Jesus says, get behind Me and do as I do. The wisdom in Jesus' rebuke to Peter is that Peter needs to let Jesus show the way and clear the path. The Christ will show His disciples how to spread the gospel and He will lead, all who will follow, to God's love and their place in heaven. The key is to follow Jesus' example and to walk in His footsteps. As disciples, we are to humble our pride and deny self in order to follow. Jesus will help us carry our burdens and show us the way to Salvation.

Frustration arise from this pandemic disrupting our everyday routines and events. The worry and concern of family and friends of those infected with the Covid-19 virus continually present in our community, can lead us to cry out "God, why don't you stop this and take it away?!"

I believe that Jesus is teaching us, as he did St. Peter, that the Son of God's love is strong enough to help us **carry our crosses** and we need to **deny ourselves** wanting to know the way out and to control our destiny. Jesus wants us to trust Him and that we will find our way through if we **follow Him**. Prayers and Blessings,

*Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger*

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Bishop McKnight wants your feedback. Please take the time to read Bishop McKnight's "Making Connections" column in the August 21, 2020 edition of *The Catholic Missourian* entitled "Initiating A Process for Discerning a Path Forward in 10 Counties". Read the newspaper you receive at home or use the following link: <http://www.catholicmissourianonline.com>. Fr. Greg spoke about this last weekend at all the Masses.

The ten counties are: **Monroe, Ralls, Pike**, Chariton, Cooper, Crawford, Howard, Phelps, Pulaski and Saline. [The counties in bold are in the Hannibal Deanery.]

The harsh reality is that within 5 years there will likely be 11 less priests in active ministry in our diocese. Bishop McKnight wants your input. The purpose is not to close parishes. It will mean parishes working together and being creative in deciding Mass times and other ways to collaborate. The article will alert you to a process on how we hope to receive your input over the next three months starting soon after Labor Day.

**Readings for September 6, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9** God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God’s behalf, they are saved.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 13:8-10** All commandments are summed up in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20** Jesus said, “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

**On the Calendar...**

- September 1** – Knights of Columbus meeting 7 p.m.
- September 10** – Daughters of Isabella meeting 5 p.m.
- September 13** – Middle/High School PSR begins
- September 16** – Grade School PSR begins

For all who are ill, especially those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, the seriously ill, their care-takers and families; and for those who have died. When you pass through waters, I will be with you; through rivers, you shall not be swept away. ~ We pray to the Lord.

Please pray for:

Glenda Staton	John Kendrick	Bonnie Werner
Michael Kellerman	Deacon Mike Long	Trent Zeiger
Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert	Natalee Amos
Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman	Nick Hays
Jackie Ryan	Logan Maher	Daniel Patrick Mudd
Troy Ritter	Kenneth Ryan	Bonnie Ess
Barbara Kendrick	Connie Kendrick	William P. Smith
Teresa Ritter Toland	Mark Leake	Nick Mudd

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come at any time during those 12 hours for prayer and adoration. Adoration contacts - Phyllis Campbell, 573-795-2290 or Howard & Linda Willard, 573-735-4552.

**PROLIFE GARAGE SALE CANCELLED** The Holy Rosary/St. Stephen Prolife Committee have cancelled the annual Fall Garage Sale because of health concerns. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Prolife Fund which donates to area homes for mothers in need of shelter, you may leave an envelope in the offertory baskets. Thank you for all your support in the past.

**The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** (USACE) regretfully announces that the 2020 Mark Twain Lake Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities scheduled for November 21 and 22, 2020 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff and public safety are our top priorities, and this cancellation is based on capacity to protect the health, safety and security of the public, our partners, event participants, and USACE employees.



**School News**

- ❖ As the Holy Rosary boys play football with the Monroe City RI team they will have their first game on Wednesday, September 2, beginning at 6:00 on the Monroe City Field. The opposing team is Highland.
- ❖ The Trojan Softball Team will open their season on Saturday, September 5, in a tournament at Community R6.
- ❖ Mass at 8:20 on Friday, September 4, will be led by the fourth-grade students.



**Congratulation to Riley Fortner and Bailee Hays on their Confirmation. May your faith shine brightly.**

**Following God’s Lead along with Donna**

**PSR 2020/21 registration** (formerly CCD) - If you were unable to register on August 22/23, you can still register: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd\\_tE0c7ZfDLRkLlRRIlzLDxs5gQzb9x68GIVP3h2CQq/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tE0c7ZfDLRkLlRRIlzLDxs5gQzb9x68GIVP3h2CQq/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**RCIA** - Who do you know that may be interested in becoming Catholic? Do you have a friend or family member that asks questions or seems interested in why you believe what you believe? Maybe you or someone you know would like to know about how to become a Catholic. The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is the place to begin. We will start the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** sessions in the Fall. Coming to an inquiry session does not commit one to becoming a Catholic but does help to answer questions and is meant to help a person discern whether they want to practice their faith in the Catholic Church.

Maybe you are a non-Catholic spouse of a Catholic and want more info and a forum to ask questions, or maybe you were baptized Catholic but did not receive Holy Communion or become fully initiated by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation- RCIA Inquiry sessions would be for you too. The RCIA Inquiry sessions will be facilitated on the adult learning format of presentation and discussion (No memorization will be required). Questions will certainly be welcomed and discussed.

If you have questions/concerns about PSR or RCIA contact Donna Long anytime at [donnalong.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalong.hrss@gmail.com) or call me at the rectory, 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

**FORMED** - For the Family – *The Adventures of Ociee Nash* – Based on Milam McGraw Propst’s award-winning novel, *A Flower Blooms on Charlotte Street*, *The Adventures of Ociee Nash* is a delightful and inspiring film you won’t soon forget? Although nine-year-old Ociee loves roaming Mississippi’s 18908 rural landscape, her widower father (Keith Carradine) feels that Ociee lacks a role model to help her become a “young lady”. Although Ociee meets heroes like the Wright Brothers and the U.S. President, she ultimately proves that she, too, is capable of greatness in this heartwarming, rewarding film the whole family will enjoy.