

**September 13, 2020
Twenty-Fourth 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 – 7:30 a.m.
Friday – 8:20 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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	September 12 Gene Pfanner Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	September 13 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
9:30 a.m.	Moises Pimentel You Tube shorturl.at/zNQ57
Monday	September 14 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	September 15 Ira & Opal Davis Family
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	September 16 Ina, Bernard & Greg Mudd
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	September 17 Bill Winthop Jr.
Friday 8:20 a.m.	September 18 Harry & Maria Yates
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	September 19 Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	September 20 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	George & Juanita Yates Family; Living and Deceased

Your Gifts to God and Parish

August 16	\$ 6,050.29
August 23	\$ 6,946.00
August 30	\$ 5,126.00
September 6	\$ 5,967.50

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.

Liturgical Ministries

September 19 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Volunteer
Servers: Marah Greiman and Zach Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy Moss, Dennis Moss, Mary Davis
Lector: Leanna Moss
Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Jay Ritter

September 20 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Dennis Long
Servers: Whitney Shinn & Austin Shinn
Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Campbell, Dorothy Shively, Jan Spalding
Lector: Jane Wilson
Ushers: Scott Hays, Mike Hunter, Parker Kendrick, Cliff Seward

Dear Parishioners,
How many times a week do you pray the "Our Father"? Each time we pray this beloved familiar prayer given to us by Jesus, so that we would know how to pray to God, we pray, "...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." This Sunday's Gospel [Matthew 18:21-15] makes us aware of the emotions that either facilitates or blocks our willingness to forgive one another. Peter asks the question, "Lord ...how often must I forgive?" So Jesus tells Peter, don't keep track. Decide to forgive always. Then Jesus tells a parable about the love and mercy of God. God forgive us of our sins in ways we could never repay and God does not expect or even want restitution. God's example models for us how we are to "forgive those who trespass against us.

It is important to note that Jesus is NOT saying that people may harm others without punishment or facing the consequences of their actions. It does not mean that personal forgiveness of offenders frees them from paying the social consequences of their crimes or actions. However, forgiveness can free us from the burdens we carry that their sin put upon our shoulders. We can find the peace of Christ if we are willing to forgive and be freed from the burdens we carry of rage, hurt and resentment. In forgiving, we put those hurts at the foot of the cross and let Jesus bring about redemption and hopefully reconciliation. Trust that compassion is stronger than entitlement and mercy conquers vengeance. That is how Jesus helps us to love our neighbor. Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

Next weekend is **Catechetical Sunday (September 20)** We will recognize and bless those who teach the Catholic faith to our children and the youth of our parishes. Catechists also teach the faith to adults in our RCIA process who want to become Catholic as well as other Catholic Adults who want to continue to learn about our Catholic Faith. At all the Masses next weekend, I will commission and bless all our catechists as they begin another academic year.

Fill-Out and Submit Your Survey

By now you should have received your mailing about the "10 Counties" Survey. Please respond to your survey on line as directed or call the parish office and we will make sure you get a paper copy of the survey. All surveys need to be submitted ASAP. For more information see the article in the September 4, 2020 edition of Catholic Missourian <http://catholicmissourianonline.com/stories/surveys-sent-on-parish-collaboration-in-10-counties,2812> and read Bishop McKnight's August 21st column online: <http://catholicmissourianonline.com/stories/making-connections-initiating-a-process-for-discerning-a-path-forward-in-10-counties,2798> .

Readings for September 20, 2020

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9 Isaiah prophesied, “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near...For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

2nd Reading – Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Paul wrote, “Life is Christ, and death is gain...I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16a Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, “Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?” Jesus added, “The last will be first, and the first will be last.”

On the Calendar...

- September 13** – Middle/High School PSR begins
- September 16** – Grade School PSR begins
- October 6** – Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 8** – Daughters of Isabella meeting 5:30 p.m.

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:

Fr. Michael Penn	Glenda Staton	John Kendrick
Bonnie Werner	Michael Kellerman	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

September 21 – Free community dinner at Methodist Church 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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.

Daughters of Isabella news - We will try for an October 8th meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall. Please continue to pray for our members especially those in the nursing homes.

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 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.

Knights of Columbus - The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will meet in Hannibal on Sunday, September 13th, after the Holy Family 10 am Mass. The meeting will be in the Parish Center and a light lunch will be provided. Members and families are welcome to attend.



School News

- Softball Games - Monday home game will be at 5:00 vs. N. Shelby; Wednesday at Palmyra; Thursday at Canton
- Football - Tuesday, vs. Louisiana – 6:00 at the Monroe City RI football field
- Mass at 8:20 on Friday, September 18, will be led by the sixth-grade students

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Following God's Lead along with Donna

PSR - Classes for grades 7-12 begin this Sunday, September 13, 2020; for grades K-6 classes begin Wednesday, September 16, 2020. We look forward to seeing our students! **2020/21 PSR Online registration** is still available by following the link below - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tE0c7ZfDLRkLlRiIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQq/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 are interested or if you know someone that is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith or PSR, call Donna Long at the rectory office at 573-735-4718 or send an email to donnalong.hrss@gmail.com.

FORMED - The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life - “What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.”

I watched *The Search* a couple of weeks ago. I really do recommend it. It is a fantastic series. If you are interested in using it for small groups, **Formed.org** has developed group discussion questions. Let me know if your small group is interested.

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows. (feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th). Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. The Seven Sorrows Rosary involves praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on one of Our Lady's seven sorrows.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)