

**September 27, 2020**  
**Twenty-Sixth 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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 26</b>
5:30 p.m.	Brother Hugh Charlson, S.M. Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 27</b>
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
9:30 a.m.	Nancy Yates Earnest & Catherine Talbott Family
	You Tube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shorturl.at/zNQ57">shorturl.at/zNQ57</a>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 28</b>
	No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 29</b>
7:30 a.m.	Bonnie Moss
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 30</b>
7:30 a.m.	Becky Labuary Underwood
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 1</b>
7:30 a.m.	David & Manley Families
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 2</b>
8:20 a.m.	Marge Varga
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 3</b>
5:30 p.m.	John, Isabelle and Terry Ritter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 4</b>
8:00 a.m.	Carl & Jean Meyers and Family Richard "Huck" Lugerling
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

August 30	\$ 5,126.00
September 6	\$ 5,967.50
September 13	\$ 4,255.00
September 20	\$ 10,223.00

**Prayer Intentions for the month of October**

**Intention of Pope Francis:** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For all citizens in our country, that our participation in the upcoming elections may lead to a world which places a preeminence on the dignity of all human life.

**Liturgical Ministries**

**October 3 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Dorothy Ritter  
**Servers:** Natalee Amos and Kylee Kauble  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Pfaff, Cathy Jo Pfaff, Dorothy Ritter  
**Lector:** Lori Watson  
**Ushers:** Kenny Wilson, John Ritter, Kent Bichsel  
**Vocalist/Musician:** Bill Elliott and Sr. Sue

**October 4 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Paula Karr  
**Servers:** Kyle DeLaporte and Maddix Dowell  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marie Little, David Little, Toni Hunter  
**Lector:** Jerry Copenhaver  
**Ushers:** Jim Jarman, Mark Yager, Danny Benson, Mike Bichsel  
**Vocalist/Musician:** Donna Long and Connie Walker



Dear Parishioners,

Fall is officially upon us as of last Tuesday morning. As the crops begin to mature, we look forward to the varied autumn colors of changing leaves, vibrant mums and asters, and distinctive gourds. Time outside in the beauty of creation requires a change from shirt sleeves and shorts to jackets, sweaters and jeans. As the daylight wanes, we are awakened to dew and fog. The baseball season hits its crescendo and the football season begins. Children move from swimming in pools, ponds, and lakes to diving into piles of leaves.

What an awe-inspiring season of change; **how does God invite you to change with it?** Yes, each change of season naturally gives us a time to evaluate our life if we let it. The opportunity presents itself to set renewed goals for our worship and prayers to God, and to deepen our relationship with our spouse, family, friends, parish, fellow students and co-workers.

If you are like me, this pandemic can lull us into complacency and unhealthy habits. Like one of the sons in this Sunday's gospel parable [Matt. 21:28-32], I may want to do some form of chore, an act of service for someone, and even pledge to take more time for prayer, but I do not follow through with it. Jesus' parable challenges us to reexamine who will shape our daily routine. God's beauty and the change of season in fall in mid-America can inspire that change and renewal within you and me.

I pray that each of you find time to enjoy a walk sometime in this time of autumn beauty. May it be a walk and talk with God that allows you the privilege of offering all to the Lord or giving God thanks for the cornucopia of gifts we have been given. Use that time to pledge your commitment to renewed spiritual goals while the Lord has your attention. Allow yourself the luxury of such a wonderful autumn experience.

Prayers and Blessings,

**Time and Talent Forms** are ready and available this weekend. You may print and fill out a paper form or go online to this Holy Rosary's Time & Talent Form link: <https://forms.gle/ZGXfg3vSa1L8p3zL8> Please return forms by October 15, 2020.

Please fill out all the contact information. We are upgrading our parish database and need current information. Take some time too for prayer and reflection about how God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to serve our parish.

### Readings for October 4, 2020

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7** Isaiah sang of his friend, “My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.” The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God’s cherished plant.

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 80:9, 12-14, 15-16, 19-20**  
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 4:6-9** Paul wrote, “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition...the God of peace will be with you.” With thanksgiving, make your request known to God.

**Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43** Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them. “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.”

### On the Calendar...

**September 28** – Rosary at St. Stephen church 8:00 a.m.

**September 28** – Blood drive at Knights of Columbus

**October 6 – 9** No weekday Mass

**October 6** – Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 p.m.

**October 8** – Daughters of Isabella meeting 5:30 p.m.

**October 15** – Completed Time and Talent Survey due

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:

Charlette Schneider	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.



September 23 – November 1, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

**Prolife Garage Sale Cancelled** - The Holy Rosary/St. Stephen Prolife Committee have cancelled the annual Fall Garage Sale. 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.

**Daughters of Isabella** - We will try for an October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall. We will be participating in the Trunk or Treat on October 24<sup>th</sup> and would ask that you please bring candy for this event to our October meeting. Please continue to pray for our members especially those in the nursing homes.

*“Once you have surrendered yourself, you make yourself receptive. In receiving from God, you are perfected and completed.” ~ Fulton J. Sheen*

**Red Cross Blood Drive** - Holy Rosary Church members will host the upcoming drive on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It will take place from 12:45 to 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall. You may make an appointment by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). All blood donations will be tested for the COVID antibodies. In addition to blood donors, we are looking for 3 volunteers to make a dozen of their favorite sandwiches (bagged individually please) and 6 volunteers to work a 3 hour shift that day. Please call or text Riss Hays (573-406-7133) if you are able to help.

**Weekly rosary for an end to the pandemic** - The rosary will be prayed each Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. at St. Stephen for both parishes to petition for an end to the pandemic, its victims, and any other intention mentioned beginning Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Social distancing will be maintained.

### School News

- School Board Elections will soon be held. Digital ballots will be sent through email and text messages. Nominees include: Brenda Berry, Melissa Chinn, Christy DeLaporte, Desiree Mudd and Alisa Willingham. Present members of the board are: Christy DeLaporte, Beth Keller, Frank Lemongelli, Tessa Oswald, Cathy Jo Pfaff (finishing six years), Glenn Thome and Melissa Threkeld.
- Softball Games – Monday, September 28, at South Shelby; Wednesday at HOME vs. Paris at 5:00; Saturday, October 3, Conference Tournament at Palmyra.
- Football Game – Tuesday, September 29 at Scotland County
- Mass at 8:20 on October 2, will be led by volunteers from various grades.

### Following God’s Lead along with Donna

**2020/21 PSR Online registration** - is still available. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd\\_tE0c7ZfDLRkLlRRIIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQq/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tE0c7ZfDLRkLlRRIIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQq/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**RCIA** - Who do you know that may be interested in becoming Catholic? If you or if you know someone that is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, call Donna Long at the rectory office at 573-735-4718 or send an email to [donnalong.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalong.hrss@gmail.com).

**FORMED** - Did your Prayer Group/Bible Study stop meeting due to Covid-19? Check out Formed.org go to Programs and select Bible Studies. There are several Bible Study programs to choose from. There are also programs on the Sacraments and lots of current topics that may interest you. There are several good movies about modern-day saints. Log on to FORMED today! If you are new to Formed - go to Formed.org – choose SIGN UP – select “I belong to a Parish or Organization” – enter Holy Rosary and select our parish from the drop down and begin watching.

To inquire about faith formation/religious education 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.

**Holy Rosary Fall Dinner** – The Altar Society committee members have decided to cancel the fall dinner for 2020. We plan to see you next year.

The Diocese of Jefferson City has made the difficult decision to **cancel the annual pilgrimage to the DC March for Life**. This decision was made in consult with Fr. Anthony Viviano - Pastoral Moderator of Pro-Life Ministries, Kris Hartman - Diocesan Events Coordinator, and Bishop Shawn McKnight. The nature of the event, the travel and accommodations involved, and the fluid nature of the ongoing pandemic all led us to this conclusion. ~The Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Ed