

September 6, 2020
Twenty-Third 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

Saturday	September 5
5:30 p.m.	Fuemmeler Family Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
Sunday	September 6
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
9:30 a.m.	Nancy Yates shorturl.at/zNQ57
Monday	September 7
	No Scripture Service
Tuesday	September 8
7:30 a.m.	Jack Campbell Roberta Dodson John Redman
Wednesday	September 9
7:30 a.m.	Leo Neyens
Thursday	September 10
7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	September 11
8:20 a.m.	Bernice & Raymond Chappel John & Corey Yates
Saturday	September 12
5:30 p.m.	Gene Pfanner
Sunday	September 13
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	Moises Pimentel

Your Gifts to God and Parish

August 9	\$ 6,802.25
August 16	\$ 6,050.29
August 23	\$ 6,946.00
August 30	\$ 5,126.00

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.

Let the church always be a place of mercy, and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven. ~ Pope Francis

Liturgical Ministries

September 12 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Volunteer

Servers: Rhett Watson and Myra Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Dean, Debbie Durbin, Matthew Harris

Lector: Dorothy Ritter

Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Jay Ritter

Vocalist/Musician: Donna Long and Sr. Sue

September 13 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Phil & Donna Thompson

Servers: Addison Oswald and Grace Thome

Eucharistic Ministers: David Wilson, Michelle Wilson, Toni Hunter

Lector: Dianne Kunce

Ushers: Scott Hays, Mike Hunter, Parker Kendrick, Cliff Seward

Vocalist/Musician: Toni Hunter and Connie Walker



Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you are having a great Labor Day weekend. Whether the jobs you do each day are rewarding, or it is simply a job that pays the bills, let us pause today and thank God for the gifts that He has given us to do an honest day's work. Let us be grateful for the ability to provide for those we love and also for the ways God helps us to care for those who are less fortunate.

Our Catholic Church celebrates labor differently than our society. The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, is One who shows us how to work and how to be good stewards. The Holy Spirit will even lead us and give us strength when we feel weary or frustrated. I can humbly serve any human boss or authority if I remember that I am first and foremost serving the Lord.

We give praise to God for the ability to work and to serve God and the Church through our labors. Our specific job is not as important as being able to benefit from the work of our hands. The message of our Church's social teaching is that it is a person's right to work and a moral imperative to share the fruits of our labor and to care for the poor. Out of gratitude for the gifts of labor we tithe back to God. We pool resources to help the missions and the poor of our parish and of our world. We provide as best as we can for our families.

For us, as Catholics, the profit is not the ultimate goal. The benefit and the satisfaction comes in using well the gifts God gave us to deal with the blessings and shortcomings that the material world provides. So we know that our country is not 'going to hell in a hand basket', because our country was built on the Gospel values of stewardship and hard work and it will continue as long as Labor Day is celebration of the faith and spirit of the worker and not about the state of the economy. Have a blessed and safe holiday weekend.

Prayers and blessings,

Readings for September 13, 2020

1st Reading – Sirach 27:30-28:7 Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sins, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant, and overlook the faults of others.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading – Romans 14:7-9 We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35 In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials: Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him.

On the Calendar...

September 9 – Parish Council meeting 7 p.m.
September 13 – Middle/High School PSR begins
September 16 – Grade School PSR begins
September 21 – Free community dinner at Methodist Church 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
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	William P. Smith	Connie Kendrick
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.

Daughters of Isabella news - Due to increased Covid cases in our area the meeting that was tentatively set for September 10th has been cancelled. We will try for an October 8 meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall. Please keep all of our members in your prayers 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 donate 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

- Classes will not be held on Monday, September 7, as Labor Day is celebrated.
- Softball Tournament will be hosted by Holy Rosary on Saturday, September 12. Seven teams from surrounding areas will participate. **Gate workers are needed for this tournament.** If you can help, please call the school 573-735-2422.
- Mass will be at 8:20 on Friday, September 11, and will be led by the seventh-grade students.

Following God's Lead along with Donna

- PSR**- I have had some questions recently about what PSR is. Very simply it is Parish School of Religion, what we formerly referred to as CCD, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. **2020/21 PSR (formerly CCD) registration** - Online registration is still available. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvoLd_tE0c7ZfDLRkLlRRIIzLDxs5gQzb9x68GiVP3h2CQg/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 or at the rectory 735-4718, between the hours of 8:00 am and Noon, Monday through Friday.

FORMED - The Feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta is September 5, 2020. The film *Mother Teresa* is available on Formed.org. I've watched it and it is very good. The film follows her through the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone. It also shows her stubbornness with the people who want to block her way.

Her faith and loving works transcended hardships and ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.

To learn more, go to:

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5611

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta-