

**November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent**



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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	November 28
5:30 p.m.	Rink & Channie Benson Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
Sunday	November 29
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
9:30 a.m.	Margaret Dean Josephine Straub You Tube shorturl.at/zNQ57
Monday	November 30
	No Scripture Service
Tuesday	December 1
7:30 a.m.	Bill Winthop Jr.
Wednesday	December 2
7:30 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella
Thursday	December 3
7:30 a.m.	Shelby Shively
Friday	December 4
8:20 a.m.	Robert Wimsatt Family
Saturday	December 5
5:30 p.m.	Joe Ralph Buckman
Sunday	December 6
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	George & Juanita Yates and Family

Your Gifts to God and Parish

November 1	\$ 8,681.25
November 8	\$ 5,102.00
November 15	\$ 4,448.25
November 22	\$ 5,940.50

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, December 8, 8:20 a.m. at Holy Rosary
Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen

Christmas Eve & Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary
Thursday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary
Thursday, December 24, 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen
Thursday, December 24, Midnight, at Holy Rosary
Friday, December 25, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the Advent season.

“O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” [Isaiah 64:7]

Clay is not easy to work whether it be trying to break ground for crops or flowers, or trying to make a clay pot or cup on the potter's spinning wheel. But the good potter refines the clay by removing tiny stones or air bubbles or other impurities. The potter then adds water and works the clay until it is able to be formed into an object utility and of beauty.

The Old Testament peoples, at the time of the prophet Isaiah, were familiar with clay and how it was molded. In Genesis 2, God is pictured as forming man from the earth as a potter forms his pots from clay. When Job is going through all of his suffering, he refers to himself as clay in the hands of God. Isaiah, in our First Reading on this First Sunday of Advent, uses clay to refer to the relationship between God and man.

We are all God's people though we are very different. There are different colors and textures of clay. We are individuals in the hands of a wonderful God. The Master Potter molds each of us as individuals from the clay that is humanity. His love is given to each of us. He's the potter; we are the clay. We each have a unique design, talent, and purpose. When we submit to the authority of the potter; we are the clay. When we submit to the authority of God we are transformed by His love.

Why clay? When clay is first brought from the ground it is unusable; it is hard and full of impurities. As the clay is refined, we are also refined by the Master Potter. The water of Baptism and new life is added to every Christian. We need to be softened and pliable. We need to have the impurity of sin in our world removed so we can pass on the love of God to others.

Clay has two unique qualities. It is an always yielding and always surrendering substance from the earth. Only when we yield and surrender our lives into the hands of the Lord, can God then, in His marvelous handiwork, take each of us and shape us, mold us, mend us and form us into the artistic yet practical vessels God desires.

Today's Gospel reading calls us to **watch** for God's many ways of coming into our lives and then to respond to God's invitation. Waiting is not passive but rather active. We wait not for God, but we **wait with God**, who in this time of waiting forms us. Advent gives us the opportunity to spiritually "get back into shape". Thanks to the incarnation of Christ at Christmas, we imperfect, somewhat fragile vessels, are filled with the Holy Spirit. **We are the work of God's hands, called by Christ, to be God's hands working for unity, peace and justice in our world.** Let us allow ourselves to be formed in this Advent Season to be vessels of God's Grace and mercy for our families and this community.

Prayers and Blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger



Liturgical Ministries

December 5 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Dennis & Dorothy Moss

Servers: Rhett Watson and Blaine Watson

Eucharistic Ministers: Gina Carroll, Mary Davis, Ruth Ann Lorenson

Lector: Dorothy & Dennis Moss

Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, John Ritter

December 6 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Dennis Long

Servers: Whitney Shinn, Emily DeLaporte

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Born, Phil Thompson, Dennis Long

Lector: Maddie Gomez, Corey Weiss

Ushers: Steve DeLaporte, Mike Hunter, Cliff Seward

Vocalist/Musician: Kailynn Fuemmeler, Sophia Mudd

Readings for December 6, 2020

1st Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Speaking for God, Isaiah said, “‘Comfort, give comfort to my people,’ says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 85:9-10, 11-2, 13-14 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading – 2 Peter 3:8-14 Peter wrote that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8 Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

Father, your love is as wide as the oceans, As deep as the sea, And as tall as the heavens. May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come and restore those who are ill. You are the water of life, You are a fresh spring, You are healing rain to all those who are in need. Come Lord Jesus!

Please pray for:

Regina Hays Tim Quinn P.A. Turnbull
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 Mark Leake
Daniel Patrick Mudd Troy Ritter Kenneth Ryan
Bonnie Ess Barbara Kendrick Connie Kendrick
Nick Mudd William P. Smith Teresa Ritter Toland

On the Calendar...

November 30 – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon

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.



Prayer Intentions for the month of December

Intention of Pope Francis: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gift for those in need, especially the children of our world.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Parish goal -- \$ 24,500

Amount pledged: \$ 13,651

Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000

Amount pledged - \$ 1,207,521.82

This year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal goal for the entire diocese is \$2,450,000. After the diocesan goal has been met, any parish meeting their individual goal is eligible to receive a rebate of 10% of the goal, plus 90% of any funds raised above the goal. Parish goals must be met with cash and/or pledges received by March 15, 2021 and fulfilled by the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Christmas is Caring - Holy Rosary and St. Stephens are again helping with Christmas is Caring. The Hometown Volunteers take applications through NECAC from families who may need help providing Christmas presents and food for their families. We usually help anywhere from 70-90 local families, as well as deliver fruit baskets to everyone living in senior housing. The students at HR and the public school participate in a non-perishable food drive the week after Thanksgiving. Those items are then distributed to the families along with a turkey, potatoes, bread, laundry soap, toilet paper and other essentials. Each child in participating families receives one outfit, underwear, socks and 3 Christmas presents. Applicants fill out a list with sizes and requests for presents. The week before Thanksgiving there will be tags at the entrances of the Church with gift requests for the children. These gifts can be put in the baskets at the entrances marked for "Christmas is Caring". All donations need to be in by December 11. Distribution will be December 22. Monetary donations can be mailed to Shannon Quinn 622 James Lane, Monroe City or dropped in the collection basket and marked Christmas is Caring. My phone number is 573-289-6894.

Following God's Lead along with Donna

Happy First week of Advent!

FORMED – Join the Road to Bethlehem – Sign up for FORMED's Daily Advent reflections. *The Road to Bethlehem* includes: Daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray, Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids, weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts related to the theme of the week, and action items designed to help you take the Advent message and apply it to your life. Sign up today at <https://advent.augustineinstitute.org/>

New Parish Websites - The new websites are now available. I encourage you to check them out. The websites are wonderful and will be a great tool for our parishes to keep us all connected.

Holy Rosary's Website - <https://holynosary.diojeffcity.org/>

St. Stephen's Website - <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/>

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at donnalong.hrss@gmail.com or call me at the rectory, 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

Please remember during this Christmas season our parishioners who are in the nursing home at Monroe City Manor Care Center, 1010 Highway 24 and 36 East, Monroe City, MO 63456:

Totty Burditt	Kathy Wilper	Jeanette Price
Shirley Lorenson	Julie Leake	Eddie Watson
Juanita Pfanner	Verna Fortner	Kenny Ryan
Rusty Adam	Frankie Maddox	

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