

November 8, 2020
Thirty-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 – 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.	November 7 Harry & Maria Yates family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 8 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Bertha Williams
Monday	November 9 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	November 10 Mark Saunders
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	November 11 Dan & Maggie Lillis Family, Living & Deceased
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	November 12 Joe Ralph Buckman
Friday 8:20 a.m.	November 13 Pauline Quinn
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	November 14 Becky Labuary Underwood
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 15 Judy Hagan John Kramer Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

Your Gifts to God and Parish

October 11	\$ 5,287.00
October 18	\$ 6,600.50
October 25	\$ 8,036.25
November 1	\$ 8,681.25

Prayer Intentions for the month of November

Intention of Pope Francis: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

Liturgical Ministries

November 14 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Leanna Moss and Audrey Fuemmeler

Servers: Karsyn Williams and Zach Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: David Pfaff, Cathy Jo Pfaff, Mary Davis

Lector: Dorothy Ritter

Ushers: Ron Dean, Regina Miskell, Dennis Moss

Vocalist/Musician: Donna Long and Sr. Sue

November 15 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Frank Harris

Servers: Kolton Moses and Grace Thome

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Little, David Little, Dennis Long

Lector: Annette Carmean

Ushers: Scott Hays, Parker Kendrick, Phil Thompson

Vocalist/Musician: Lindsay Thome and Shannon Quinn

Dear Parishioners,

Psalms 42:2 "As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God."

I often tease about the 'Holy Days of Deer Season', and yet as the rifle season begins this next weekend, I believe that there are some excellent and relevant comparisons between the discipline of the hunt and the enrichment of our spiritual life. Think of the preparation it takes to deer hunt well. The scouting, looking for the signs, setting up the blind or stands, and finding the deer paths and where the deer bed down, takes a lot of time. **Prayer** is our preparation to understand God's will for us. Think of how much more you may get out of Mass when you get there early and prepare by reading the scriptures ahead of time and being quiet so you might encounter the Lord. When we prepare ourselves, it is more likely that we will recognize more of the signs of God's work around us. God wants to be with us. There is no chance that God will snort and run the other way when we see God.

It takes patience to deer hunt. This is a great lesson for spiritual life. Just as hunting happens on the animal's schedule and depends on the climate and other elements. We need to be patient and allow God's providence to happen in God's time. Isn't it ironic that people can sit in a deer stand for 8 hours at a time to wait for the prey and yet have a hard time understanding why their prayers were not immediately answered by God? God knows what is best for us and sometimes the climate is not right to grant our request. Sometimes that longing for the Lord helps us to better appreciate God's grace when the prayer is answered. Hunters will sit in terrible weather waiting for the trophy buck, but will have difficulty giving an hour to the Lord at Mass. Hunting can teach us **the lesson of how to wait** well for the prize. The prize of God's help and Salvation at Mass is greater than any prize Boone & Crocket or Pope & Young could award. Our Gospel reading this Sunday calls us to: *"Stay awake and be ready for you know neither the day nor hour when the Lord will come"* [Matthew 25:13].

Finally, many hunters witness to me about how close to God they feel in the midst God's creation. Long hours waiting for game give them excellent opportunities to pray and give thanks to God. I agree. It is a blessed moment to arrive to your stand in the dark and watch the woods come alive. I'm sure each hunter could come up with similar analogies to the tranquility of hunting and one's spiritual life that I have shared here. I pray that you **become enlivened in faith through your hunting season retreat**. In this month of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for all our blessings. Let this deer season not be a distraction from Mass and our spiritual life, but rather enrich our faith and help us to set goals for how we will pray and serve God in the busy-ness of life. Let us pray for God's blessing and safety for all hunters through this deer season.

Remember also to pray for our Veterans this week. Their sacrifice away from home and family as well as their gruesome witness of war is often forgotten once the conflict is ended. Their military service to our country changed their lives as they knew it. Let us pray in gratitude for their service to our country and in compassion for how war may have affected them. All this month we pray for those who have died and on Wednesday we remember the people who have died in war. Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

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Readings for November 15, 2020

1st Reading – Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 A worthy wife has value far beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: “Let her works praise her at the city gates.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober, and alert.

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. Upon his return, he said to the one who made the greatest profit, “Well done...I will give you great responsibilities.”

On the Calendar...

November 12 – Daughter of Isabella meeting
November 22 – Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving service

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

Please pray for:

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	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.



D of I News – Our next meeting will be November 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Altar Society – Please return your quilt raffle tickets by dropping them in the offertory basket or dropping them off at the parish office by November 15th.

School News

- Basketball Games - Tuesday, vs. Mark Twain at Holy Rosary beginning at 6:00 and Thursday, vs. South Shelby AT South Shelby beginning at 5:30 - two games each night - 7th grade girls and then 8th grade girls.
- Mass at 8:20 on Friday, November 13, will be led by the 7th grade students.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

As of November 2, Holy Rosary parish has raised **\$6,860.00** of our parish goal of \$24,500. The Diocese goal is \$2,450,000.00 and has currently received **\$846,319.26**. Please prayerfully consider making a donation - gifts of any size are appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

Following God's Lead along with Donna

New Parish Websites - It has taken some time, but 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. You may see some minor details that need updated. If you are the chair of a committee and you need your name and contact information listed or updated, please contact me, I am the website administrator for both parishes. These websites are fluid and can be changed and updated as we move forward. We haven't had many events of late, but if you have photos of recent (2019) events please email me a copy of the photo and I may be able to use it to update some photos that are stock from the Diocese to personalize the websites for Holy Rosary and St. Stephen. I am working on updating Google so that when you search for the websites for each church you will find them.

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

Social Media - I have a new Facebook page titled Holy Rosary/St. Stephen Faith Formation. I will be posting faith formation opportunities for all ages on this page. The page is still in the planning and development stage right now. I plan for this page to be a faith formation information resource for both Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Parishes. There is also an Instagram page titled hrss_faithformation.

FORMED - *Father Michael McGivney* is a documentary that brings to life the story of one of America's most extraordinary Catholic priests. Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, a mutual benefit society that today remains the world's largest Catholic lay organization with 1.8 million members in 13 nations. This film offers a rare glimpse into to life of an extraordinary priest and visionary leader.

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.

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.

