

**December 20, 2020
Fourth 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:

Mass livestreamed on Facebook at Greg Oligschlaeger

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Rosary: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
St. Stephen: Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	December 19 Chris Couch Matt & Lorene Hays
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 20 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Rita Jo Kendrick and Family
Monday	December 21 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	December 22 Gene & Margaret Hughes
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	December 23 Rink Benson
Thursday 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Midnight	December 24 Joe Ralph Buckman Ina, Bernard & Greg Mudd Ceil Kendrick at St. Stephen Nancy Yates
Friday 9:30 a.m.	December 25 Tom & Lucille Hays and Family Seth Hays
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	December 26 Becky Labuary Underwood Lanny Neyens
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 27 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Brandon Devlin Linda Shively

Your Gifts to God and Parish

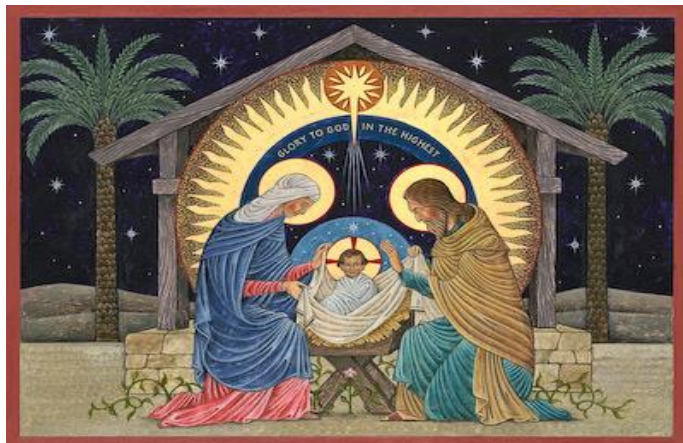
November 22	\$ 5,940.50
November 27	\$ 10,421.25
December 6	\$ 13,299.25
December 13	\$ 4,329.25

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

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen
January 1, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary



Dear Parishioners,

Just 5 days until Christmas. I hope to spend only one of them shopping.

I love the Christmas season. The Christmas season begins with Christmas Eve Mass. As I was growing up, only school Christmas parties and office parties were celebrated before Christmas. It was Christmas day and the days after Christmas that we got together with family and friends to celebrate. I have fond memories of having people over to our house and going to friends and relatives' homes to see their Christmas tree and play games, cards and have some Christmas goodies and Christmas cheer. This year the Christmas season lasts until January 10th. The Octave of Christmas goes on for the eight days after Christmas Eve, where every Mass that week is celebrated as if it were Christmas Day. We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on that eighth day. The Feast of Epiphany is January 3rd and we will have a special celebration at Mass on Wednesday, January 6th, the traditional day of The Epiphany.

Celebrate Christmas well and celebrate often! If the Christmas tree dries out and needs to come down you can still leave up the lights on the house and the other decorations through the celebration of Epiphany: the arrival of the Three Wise men. To continue the celebration of Christmas, take the Kings away from the Nativity set and have them move each day gradually through the room(s) until they reach Jesus in the manger on January 3th. Celebrate a special meal or give a final gift on the Feast of Epiphany. [It is a tradition to bless homes on Epiphany but I'll talk more about that next week.] The Christmas Season helps us appreciate the spiritual meaning of Christmas and takes the emphasis away from the material and puts the focus on the expressions of faith, hope, and joy and the experience of Christ's peace in the world and in our family and friends. We need those virtues in an abundance during this Covid year of 2020.

In today's Gospel Mary accepts her vocation in life; to be the Mother of God. The Gospel at Mass this past Friday told of our patron St. Joseph's call to be the husband of Mary and the guardian, teacher, and provider for Jesus. Mary and Joseph cooperated with God's will and thus helped to save the world. The celebration of Christmas is a reminder to all of us to pray that we may do God's will and to seek to live our vocation to the fullest. On Christmas day, the diocese asks us to take up a collection to help support the men in our diocese who are discerning God's call to priesthood. Each parish is assessed an amount to help educate and support our seminarians. This year's assessment for our parish is \$3,407. Your contribution to the 7 men studying for priesthood in our diocese will help us to pay that assessment. Please be generous and remember to pray for these 7 men as they seek to do God's will. Deacon Derek Hooper will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Jefferson City on June 5, 2021.

Come Lord Jesus, Come! Have a Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

Liturgical Ministries

December 26 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Dennis & Dorothy Moss
Servers: Jaxyn Helm, Wyatt DeGrave
Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Kendrick, Dennis Moss, Dorothy Moss
Lector: Jim Assell
Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, John Ritter

December 27 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Frank Harris
Servers: Macy Painter, Marah Greiman
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Copenhaver, David Little, Marie Little
Lector: Steve Kendrick
Ushers: Steve DeLaporte, Mike Hunter, Cliff Seward

Love

Readings for December 27, 2020

1st Reading – Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heaven.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
 The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

2nd Reading – Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are “as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.” Abraham’s faith was tested.

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.

On the Calendar...

December 21 – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon

December 22 – Confession 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Confession 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

December 23 – Confession 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Confession 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (by appointment only call: 573-310-1491)

Father, we lift up those today that are fighting disease and ailments, whether in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch. Come Lord Jesus!

Please pray for:

Rusty Adam	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	
Pete Schuman			

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 -- \$ 24,500.00

Amount pledged: \$ 20,981.00

Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000.00

Amount pledged - \$ 1,932,836.43

School News

The last day of the first semester of this school year ended on Friday, December 18. Classes will resume after the holidays on Monday, January 4, 2021. Report cards will be given to all students on Thursday, January 7.

Mass at 8:20 on Friday, January 8, will be led by volunteers from different classes.

Following God’s Lead along with Donna

Happy Fourth week of Advent! I wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas.

The Bible in a Year – begins January 1, 2021

Fr. Mike Schmitz with Ascension Press is offering The Bible in a Year. Each podcast episode is 20-25 minutes long and includes 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection by Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. A downloadable reading plan is included. Sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

There is no cost for the podcast.

FORMED.org - Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ – A feature film on the story of St. Joseph. God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man – to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. Joseph is a man of faith who must grapple greatly with the profound mysteries of the miraculous conception, the Virgin Birth, the Incarnation of the Son of God, and the incredible challenges of protecting and raising Jesus amidst the threats on his life from the moment of his birth and beyond. You can also watch FORMED’s daily Advent reflections – The Road to Bethlehem.

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.

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.



Memorial Poinsettias

Madilynn St. Clair	Steve & Mary Broughton
Harry & Rosie Kendrick	Pearl & Mary Mudd and Donnie
Mary Graupman	

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	Rusty Adam
Juanita Pfanner	Verna Fortner	Kenny Ryan
Frankie Maddox	Regina Hays	

Peace