

December 6, 2020
Second 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 – 8:20 a.m.
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	December 5
5:30 p.m.	Joe Ralph Buckman Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
Sunday	December 6
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
9:30 a.m.	George & Juanita Yates and Family Facebook Live at Greg Oligschlaeger
Monday	December 7
	No Scripture Service
Tuesday	December 8
8:20 a.m.	Phil & Donna Thompson and Family
6:30 p.m.	Gerry Spalding (at St. Stephen)
Wednesday	December 9
7:30 a.m.	Lawrence & Rose Bono
Thursday	December 10
7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	December 11
7:30 a.m.	Jack Quinn
Saturday	December 12
5:30 p.m.	Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
Sunday	December 13
8:00 a.m.	John Ivan & Ella Tewell Carolyn Whelan
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

Your Gifts to God and Parish

November 8	\$ 5,102.00
November 15	\$ 4,448.25
November 22	\$ 5,940.50
November 27	\$ 10,421.25

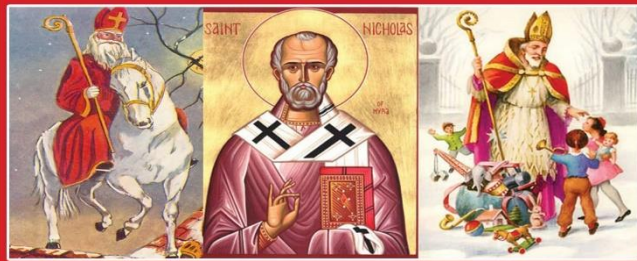
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

Tuesday, December 8, 8:20 p.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

St. Nicholas Day



Dear Parishioners,

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”... we hear in the first reading and the gospel today. On this Second Sunday of Advent, I pray that you are having a Blessed Advent Season. It is truly a challenge to remove or step over the clutter that preparing for Christmas can put in the path of our ability to meet the Lord. It is even more difficult to pause and remember to let Christ come to us. How can we allow the Lord to shape our lives and thus level the hills, fill-in the valleys, and make straight the pathway to our God? So, we continue to pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Notice our Advent celebrations this week. This weekend Sunday, -December 6th- we celebrate the **Feast of St. Nicholas**. St. Nicholas is the 4th century saint who inspired our modern figure of Santa Claus. Bishop Nicholas was interested in making sure that families had enough to eat and a good place to live. He ministered in a way that helped children to be successful in life and so that the elderly lived out their lives with dignity and respect. St. Nicholas was known for giving children small gifts—some candy or a toy. His kindness, which always managed to surprise the children, touched their hearts and they learned from this holy man what a beautiful thing it is to be charitable. St. Nicholas Day is the day I put up Christmas stockings at the rectory and hope St. Nicholas leaves something in the stocking or in my shoe.

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is on Tuesday, December 8th. On this day we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary because on the day she was conceived in St. Anna’s womb, God favored her with a special grace to be free from Original Sin. Mary’s decision at the Annunciation to cooperate with that Grace has blessed humankind. This is a great solemnity of the Church and an important Advent celebration. (Check this bulletin for Mass times.)

Friday, December 12th is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. We celebrate this apparition of Blessed Virgin Mary that took place in the neighboring country of Mexico. She is the “Patroness of the Americas” and “Protector of Unborn Children”. After the Blessed Mother’s Apparition in 1531, in just 10 years, all of Mexico converted to Catholicism.

These feasts of the Church, when celebrated well, help us to mold us into the vessels God has created us to be. We ‘Prepare the Way of the Lord’ so that we might truly have a Merry Christmas. “Come, Lord Jesus, Come!”

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger



Christmas Poinsettias - Please return your Christmas flower envelope to the parish office by Friday, December, 18th. If you are attending Mass, you may drop your envelope in the collection basket with your loved one’s names on the outside envelope or you may drop by the parish office. If you are not currently attending Mass you can email your names to the parish office at hrosarymc@gmail.com and mail in your donation as well.

Liturgical Ministries

December 12 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Leanna Moss, Audrey Fuemmeler
Servers: Audrey Lucas, Myra Jones
Eucharistic Ministers: David Pfaff, Cathy Jo Pfaff, Regina Miskell
Lector: Wayne & Gina Carroll
Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, John Ritter

December 13 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Mike Bichsel
Servers: Reed Miller, Kyle DeLaporte
Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Elliott, Phyllis Campbell, David Wilson
Lector: Dianne Kunce
Ushers: Steve DeLaporte, Mike Hunter, Cliff Seward
Vocalist/Musician: Kailynn Fuemmeler, Sophia Mudd

Readings for December 13, 2020

1st Reading – Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11 The spirit of the Lord God enabled Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

Responsorial Psalm – Luke 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54

My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 Paul exhorted the faithful of Thessalonica to “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

Gospel – John 1:6–8, 19–28 John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself “the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.”

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:

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| 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 | | |

On the Calendar...

- December 7** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon
- December 9** – Penance for second graders & families only
- December 10** – Penance from 3:30 – 5:30
- December 16** – Penance from 10:30 - 12:30
- December 17** – Penance from 6:30 – 8:00

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until further notice. 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 -- \$ 24,500.00
Amount pledged: \$ 16,101.00
Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000.00
Amount pledged - \$ 1,789,386.43



Christmas is Caring - Holy Rosary and St. Stephens are again helping with Christmas is Caring. 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 Second week of Advent!

PSR/Youth Group Announcement – Due to the increasing numbers of positive Covid-19 diagnoses in our community, all PSR (K-12) and Youth Group activities for December 2020 have been canceled. At this time, PSR and Youth Group activities will resume in January 2021.

Job Opportunity: Now hiring! Totus Tuus Missionaries for 2021

– Are you a Catholic young adult interested in bringing the Gospel to kids and teens across our diocese? Please consider applying to be a Totus Tuus missionary. Download the materials below and return your application to the Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Ed. Hiring is on a rolling basis, so the earlier the better! The application packet includes a job description, application, and instructions for a letter of recommendation. *Totus Tuus Missionaries serve from May 27 – Aug 1. This is a full-time, paid position.* Visit <https://diojeffcity.org/totus-tuus/> to find out more.

FORMED.org – Advent Study - How exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we have ever been given? *Advent*, a 4-episode study, explores the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the event surrounding the arrival of Jesus. This study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas. It includes a leader and study guide if you are meeting as a couple, with family or friends as a group either in-person or virtually, or even to study on your own.

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:

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| Totty Burditt | Kathy Wilper | Jeanette Price |
| Shirley Lorensen | Julie Leake | Eddie Watson |
| Juanita Pfanner | Verna Fortner | Kenny Ryan |
| Frankie Maddox | Regina Hays | |

