

January 17, 2021  
 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

*Livestreamed on Facebook at Greg Oligschlaeger*

**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.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>January 16</b> Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 17</b> Jack Quinn Carolyn Whelan
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 18</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 19</b> Pamela Hammer
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 20</b> Bennie and Tony Hays
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 21</b> Bernadine Mudd
<b>Friday</b> 8:20 a.m.	<b>January 22</b> Dan & Sue Mudd
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>January 23</b> Joe Ralph Buckman
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 24</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	Madilynn Rose St. Clair Mark Saunders

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

December 20	\$ 6,050.00
December 27	\$ 7,548.00
January 3	\$ 6,602.25
January 10	\$ 6,044.25

**Prayer Intentions for the month of January**

**Intention of Pope Francis:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.



Dear Parishioners,

Many of you know that I enjoy cooking. One of the more tantalizing cooking aromas takes second place only to the smell of baking bread, and that is the aroma of sautéing garlic. I like the flavor of garlic too in many foods. If one likes lots of garlic in food, an unfortunate side effect is that anyone who comes in contact with the person in the next day or so will also know the person has eaten lots of garlic. Medicinally garlic is very good for a person. However, the sulfuric properties of garlic do not fully digest and so are carried through the blood and then to the lungs and the skin where it is excreted. Since digestion takes several hours and the release of the garlic sulfides several hours more, the effect of eating garlic may be present for a long time. I think garlic taste wonderful, and I know it's good for me but it can remain with me for quite a while.

In 1 John 3:24 John says, "...Those who keep [Jesus Christ's] commandments remain in Him and He in them, and the way that we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit He gave us..." In chapter 15 of John's Gospel, Jesus originates this teaching, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." [We witnessed the startling effect of "broken off" branches in the first days of 2021.]

"Behold the Lamb of God!" John the Baptist proclaims in our Gospel today. As a result, Andrew and Peter become Jesus' apostles. They chose to leave their old lifestyle to remain with the Christ. Do we realize that abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit? Not to make a direct analogy to our lesson about garlic above, but how often do we feel the presence of God within us? **Do other people know we are Christian by our behavior?** Often, we speak about God beside us. The *Footprints Prayer* speaks of Jesus carrying us and yet, Jesus teaches that he REMAINS IN US and thus we REMAIN IN GOD. Our sacrament of Holy Communion allows us to receive our God into us as food. The Sacrament of Confirmation implants God's Gifts of the Holy Spirit within us.

We could give no more wonderful gift back to God in 2021 than to witness, wherever we go, in a way so that people would know we are Catholic Christians by the way we live our lives... as if the love of God and the service of neighbor exuded from our pores. It's a much more pleasant attraction in crowds than garlic. Only evil would fear the goodness that would come from the work we would do for the Church. But of course, garlic teaches us that lesson too after all, how does legend say one keeps Vampires away? In this season of Ordinary Time, may you live your Catholic faith in extraordinary ways. Prayers and Blessings,

*F. Greg Oligschlaeger*

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**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** – This Friday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes this annual day of prayer. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Mass will be at 8:20 a.m. on this day. More information can be found at [respectlife.org/January-22](http://respectlife.org/January-22).

**Liturgical Ministries**

**January 23 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Dennis & Dorothy Moss  
**Servers:** Reed Miller, Zach Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gary Yager, Betty Yager, Ruth Ann Lorenson  
**Lector:** Dorothy Ritter  
**Ushers:** Kent Bichsel, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Dennis Moss

**January 24 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Mike Bichsel  
**Servers:** Junior Class  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dennis Long, Howard Willard, Linda Willard  
**Lector:** Junior Class  
**Ushers:** Junior Class

**Readings for January 24, 2021**

**1st Reading – Jonah 3:1-5** Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31** Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.

**Gospel – Mark 1:14-20** Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**On the Calendar...**

- January 18** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon
- January 22** – Day of Prayer for the unborn
- January 25** – Community Dinner at Christian Church 5:30
- February 1-5** – Catholic Schools week
- February 13** – Lucky Hearts Banquet
- April 10** – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

Father of goodness and love, Hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May they find lasting health and deliverance and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. Come Lord Jesus!

Please pray for:

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| Rusty Adam           | Regina Hays         | Tim Quinn         | P.A. Turnbull |
| John Kendrick        | Bonnie Werner       | Michael Kellerman |               |
| Deacon Mike Long     | Trent Zeiger        | Hazel Smith       |               |
| Sue Gilbert          | Natalee Amos        | Rosemary Evans    |               |
| Deanna Buckman       | 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        |                   |               |



**Altar Society** – We are missing an Oster roaster from the Knights of Columbus hall. If you have borrowed this, please return it to the hall.

**Charitable contribution letters** are available for 2020. To obtain yours, please call the rectory office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 735-4718.

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal**

Parish goal -- \$ 24,500.00  
Amount pledged: \$ 21,371.00  
Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000.00  
Amount pledged - \$ 2,705,790.00

**School News**

- Classes not held on Monday, January 18, as Martin Luther King Day is celebrated.
- Sports awards will be presented to student athletes on Thursday, January 21, at 5:30. This gathering will be held in Holy Rosary Gym. Due to COVID restrictions, a meal will not be served, but all athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments.
- Catholic Schools Week will be held from February 1- 5. We will not be able to have our regular Open House, but the school will be open for visitors on Saturday, February 6, and Sunday February 7.
- Lucky Hearts Banquet will be held virtually on Saturday, February 13. Tickets for the drawing will be sold, prime rib dinners will be available for carry-out. Pick up your meal and watch the drawing in the comfort of your own home! You should receive information in the mail very soon. Please support this major fund raiser for Holy Rosary School. You could be a big winner!
- Mass at 8:20 on Friday, January 22 will be led by the seventh-grade students.

**Following God's Lead along with Donna**

**Simon Scholarship** -The William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester to assist the student in meeting educational needs. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution or to the student upon presentation of receipts paid to the institution for tuition, fees, and/or room and board. It is the intent to award three new scholarships each year; however, the actual number of new awards will be contingent upon the current number of previous recipients that are eligible for renewal. Applications for the 2021-2022 Simon Scholarship are being accepted through March 31, 2021. Applications can be acquired through the parish office.

**PSR/Youth Groups** - PSR and Youth Groups will not be held during January 2021 due to Covid-19. Please pray that this virus will subside so that we can continue in February.

**FORMED.org** - *Finnian and the Seven Mountains* – Do you, your child or grandchild like graphic novels? FORMED offers this 4-issue series that is available in PDF, EPUB, and MOBI. Artists that worked on the graphic novels of Guardians of the Galaxy, Extraordinary X-Men, and Amazing Spiderman created the art for this series. Your child can follow this epic journey that begins on the mysterious island of Skellig Michael. Finnian leaves his monastic school in Ireland to find a legendary sword rumored to have the extraordinary power to defeat evil. Find out if Finnian finds the mythical sword and leads the way to victory or if the Vikings continue to destroy innocent villagers.

**The Bible in a Year** - 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. Our Facebook page, HR/SS Bible in a Year Online Study Group, to pose questions and comments about the daily podcasts. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please contact me.