

February 14, 2021
Sixth 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, Thursday & 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	February 13 Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	February 14 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Phil and Donna Thompson & Family
Monday	February 15 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	February 16 Nick Hays
Wednesday 6:30 a.m. 8:20 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	February 17 Rita Jo Kendrick Gerry Spalding Ceil Kendrick (St. Stephen)
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	February 18 The Miller Cousins
Friday 7:30 a.m.	February 19 Ina, Bernard and Greg Mudd
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	February 20 Nick Hays
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	February 21 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Longina Bimentel

Your Gifts to God and Parish

January 17	\$ 10,502.25
January 24	\$ 6,247.45
January 31	\$ 5,075.25
February 7	\$ 6,060.25

Prayer Intentions for the month of February

Intention of Pope Francis: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: For parents: may they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared.



Dear Parishioners,

Tuesday of this week is Mardi Gras- the last day before your Lenten Fast. Ash Wednesday is the next day. Traditionally, Mardi Gras [Fat Tuesday] is the day we eat up or drink down all the food that we will be fasting from in Lent. I always encourage people to make good use of this day because it calls us to be prepared for Lent. One must know what you will be doing for Lent in order to feast on it the day before. Take some time to pray about what you will offer to God in regard to all **three of the Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**

Please note the schedule for the Ash Wednesday Mass times in the bulletin. We have a **6:30 a.m. Mass** at Holy Rosary Church this year. The rules for fasting and abstinence are also included for your review. Please take the disciplines of Lent to heart and work at it. They lead us to a greater awareness of our need to sacrifice as Jesus calls us to do.

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying, preparing for His ministry. While secluded from the daily routine of the world, He was not protected from all distractions. He was tempted by the devil. Your 40 days of Lent will not, by any means, be free from distractions. You will not be able to take 40 days away from your regular and often hectic routine. **Do something radical in this Year of St. Joseph to set off this season of Lent. What could you do that would make every day of Lent different this year?** This Lent I'm going to drink black coffee (without cream or sugar) and do an hour of prayer starting at 6 a.m. (5 days a week) for all 40 days.

You will have your daily schedule, but let your mind see these days as different from the rest of the year. Here are some ideas: 1) Take some extra time to pray. 2) Seek the counsel of a spiritual director or some inspirational spiritual reading like the Bible, "The Word Among Us", a daily Christian reflection from the internet, and/or use the Lenten reflection booklets provided at church. 3) Come to Mass during the week. 4) Spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. 5) Make sure you go to Confession and receive the Sacrament of Penance. 6) Connect your fasting to be reminders to pray for someone or to do an act of charity.

As your pastor, I would be glad to spend 15 minutes or more with you, in person or over the phone, to help you to design your Lenten 40-day retreat. We begin this Wednesday! Have a fun Mardi Gras and a blessed Season of Lent. Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger



Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Parish goal -- **\$ 24,500.00**

Amount pledged: **\$ 22,126.00**

Diocese goal - **\$ 2,450,000.00**

Amount pledged - **\$ 2,774,567.00**

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.

Liturgical Ministries

February 20 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Denny & Dorothy Moss

Servers: Natalee Amos and Mackenzie Crowe

Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy Moss, Dennis Moss, Dorothy Ritter

Lector: Jim Assell

Ushers: Regina Miskell, Kevin Bichsel, John Ritter

February 21 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Phil & Donna Thompson

Servers: Kolton Moses and Kyle Delaporte

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Hunter, Phyllis Campbell, Linda Willard

Lector: Howard Willard

Ushers: Mark Yager, Danny Benson, Carl Thompson

Readings for February 21, 2021

1st Reading – Genesis 9:8–15 (23B) After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3:18–22 As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Gospel – Mark 1:12–15 The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

On the Calendar...

February 13 – Lucky Hearts Banquet

February 16 – Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

February 17 – Ash Wednesday 6:30 a.m. and 8:20 a.m.

February 26 – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

April 10 – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

Mary, Full of Grace, spiritual Mother to those in need, we fervently request your heavenly intercession for those who are ill and seek God's miraculous assistance.

Please pray for:

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to 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. Please contact Phyllis Campbell, 573-795-2290 or Howard & Linda Willard, 573-735-4552 for questions or open hours.

During the Year of St. Joseph, the diocese is focusing on various aspects of St. Joseph each month. February is 'Family as the Domestic Church.' So... What is the 'Domestic Church?' It is a clear reminder that it is within the frame of our family where we first learn about God. Pray that St. Joseph guide us in nurturing our domestic Church!

School News

- ♥ All students will attend Mass at 8:20 on Ash Wednesday, February 17. The fourth grade students will lead the Mass.
- ♥ Mass will be at 7:30 not at 8:20 on Friday, February 19.

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. Applications for the 2021-2022 Simon Scholarship are being accepted through March 31, 2021. The application can be found under the NEWS tab of both parishes' websites. Go to <https://holyrosary.diojeffcity.org> or <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org>.

Happy St. Valentine Day! St. Valentine of Rome is a third century Roman saint and is commonly associated with "courtly love". He was a priest during the reign of Claudius II. Valentine was arrested for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Valentine tried to convert Claudius to Christianity. Claudius sentenced Valentine to death unless he renounced his faith. He healed his jailer's blind daughter. On the day of Valentine's death, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine". There are many variations of the story of St. Valentine. He is the patron of Love, Young People, and Happy Marriages.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159

For more on St. Valentine see

<https://catholicstraightanswers.com/who-is-stvalentine-and-how-is-he-connected-to-valentines-day/>.

FORMED.org - For Lent: 40 Days to Grace and Glory – sign up for daily Lenten reflections with Dr. Tim Gray in your email from FORMED - <https://formed.org/lent> - Each day you will receive a short video via your email which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. These daily Lenten reflections are free to you through our Parish's FORMED subscription. You can find a list of what FORMED has to offer for February 2021 go to the parish website, on the menu click on the Parish Life, Faith Formation; scroll down until you find "Monthly Themes on FORMED". You will find a list of what to watch, read, and listen for the days listed for the month.

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.



*As lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus' thirst.....
'repent and believe' Jesus tells us.
What are we to repent?
Our indifference,
our hardness of heart.
What are we to believe?
Jesus thirst even now,
in your heart and in the poor ---
He knows your weakness,
He wants only your love,
wants only the chance to love you."
~~St. Teresa of Calcutta*