

**February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent**



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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 & 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 20 Nick Hays
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	February 21 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Longina Pimentel
Monday	February 22 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	February 23 Pat Murphy
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	February 24 Joe Ralph Ralph & Flossy Buckman
Thursday 7:30a.m.	February 25 David and Tom Miles
Friday 7:30 a.m.	February 26 Brian Breedlove
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	February 27 Clifton Moss
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	February 28 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Rick & Channie Benson

Your Gifts to God and Parish

January 24	\$ 6,247.45
January 31	\$ 5,075.25
February 7	\$ 6,060.25
February 14	\$ 6,338.50

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,

This may sound weird, but ...enjoy Lent. Lent calls us to life: to become more and more in touch with the reality of God's life within us, to awaken God's Holy Spirit within each of us, and to remove the clutter that keeps us from good Christian service and worship. The season of Lent reminds us of what we hear in this Sunday's gospel. Jesus preached. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." [Mark 1:15]

On this First Sunday of Lent I have reprinted for you a reflection on the Lenten season from the *Liturgical Training Publications Sourcebook*.

Lent renews the entire Christian community. Some may see Lent as a period of drudgery, avoidance of joy or a season that is harsh and depleting. Easter then becomes a relief, a season of joyful renewal after the laborious, 40-day journey. Yet the Church emphasizes that Lent is indeed a period of joyful renewal. Preface I of Lent to the Eucharistic Prayer prays: [Father] "For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the Pascal feasts with joy of minds made pure." The renewal comes about through the preparation we are called to make for our celebration of the Pascal Mystery [during the Easter Season]. Anyone who has prepared a joyful event like a wedding, a vacation or a major anniversary knows that half of the joy comes in the preparation itself. Paradoxically, the work in preparing, while taxing and hard in some ways, can also give new life and energy.

The disciplines of Lent- self-denial, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving- are not the ends in and of themselves but the means by which we prepare for the renewal of our baptism in the celebration of the Pascal mystery, the total event of Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Sending of the Holy Spirit. In the joy and renewal of Lent we look forward to the great high feast of Easter.

May you have a Blessed Lenten Season and may you listen to God's call to "stretch" yourself and grow in your relationship with God and commitment to the Church during this season of penance and renewal.

Prayers and Blessings.

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

"PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL"

THIS IS OUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Alongside the USCCB's "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal" Campaign, The Diocese of Jefferson City has a cohesive, robust training program to create a safe environment for ministry in parishes across the diocese.

diojeffcity.org/safe-environment

Readings for February 28, 2021

1st Reading – Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 (26B)
 God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Seeing Abraham’s obedience, God relented. Because of Abraham’s faith, God blessed him greatly.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19
 will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:31b–34 We have received the ultimate proof of God’s love: Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all. “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Gospel – cf. Matthew 17:5 From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

On the Calendar...

February 22 – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon

February 26 – Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.
 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

March 6 – Rosary at Holy Rosary at 10 a.m.

April 10 – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

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.

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:

Richard Elliott	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	

In our Year of St. Joseph, this month we honor married couples who live and renew their wedding promises daily, building up the domestic Church in their homes.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - The Red Cross needs your help! With the colder weather, they are seeing a lower show rate. If you are able to donate please attend the drive at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Monday, February 22. Due to social distancing, please make an appointment, by calling 1-800-733-2767 or sign in to redcrossblood.org

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.

School News

† Thank you to everyone who helped make the Virtual Lucky Hearts a very successful event! The contributions of many individuals are truly appreciated!

† Classes will not be held next Friday, February 26, as all teachers attend the annual Faculty Retreat Day.

“May Mary, our guide on this Lenten journey, lead us to ever deeper knowledge of the dead and Risen Christ, help us in the spiritual combat against sin, and sustain us as we pray with conviction: “Convert us to you, O God, our salvation.” ~Pope Benedict XVI

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/blog/2021/02/08/simon-scholarship-application/> or <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/blog/2021/02/08/simon-scholarship-application/>

FORMED.org - For Lent: Led by the Spirit - 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> You can view more of what FORMED has to offer on the parishes’ websites, on the main menu click on the Parish Life - Faith Formation.

The Faith Formation Page (under the Parish Life tab) on each parishes’ website is new. The information on this page will change periodically. Check it out for Faith Formation news and ways to enrich our faith development as a parish family. 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.

Lenten Reflection

Focus on gratitude – give up complaining

Think kind thoughts – give up judgements

Be hopeful – give up discouragement

Turn to forgiveness – give up bitterness

Return good for evil – give up anger

Control your tongue – give up gossiping

Be optimistic – give up pessimism

Enjoy the beauty that is around you – give up gloom

Pray for trust – give up jealousy

Trust Divine Providence – give up worry

Hang in there – give up giving up