

**April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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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, Wednesday and 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 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

or anytime by appointment

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	April 24 Denny & Dorothy Moss
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	April 25 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Phil & Donna Thompson
Monday	April 26 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	April 27 Dan & Maggie Lellis Family Living & Deceased
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	April 28 Jillian Michelle Goehl
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	April 29 David and Tom Miles
Friday 8:20 a.m.	April 30 Manning & Emily Thompson
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	May 1 Holy Rosary Class of '63
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 2 – First Communion Day Otho & Tolhe Bichsel Ceil Kendrick Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

Your Gifts to God and Parish

March 28	\$ 4,322.25
April 4	\$ 8,073.55
April 11	\$ 6,318.25
April 18	\$ 5,310.25

Prayer Intentions for the month of April

Intention of Pope Francis: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday gives us two tremendous opportunities for reflection, prayer, and celebration. It is evident from the gospel reading why this Sunday is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. *Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."* [John 10:11] Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Good Shepherd images of the Old Testament most famously in Psalm 23 - *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall not want*; and most explicitly in Ezekiel 34:1-16 - *I myself will search for my sheep and examine them*.

Knowing Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd is comforting for many reasons. The Good Shepherd knows every one of His sheep. He truly protects and feeds his flock. He is ever watchful and keeps away the predators. The Good Shepherd searches for those who are lost until he finds them and brings them safely back to the flock.



Take some time to reflect today on how the Good Shepherd is a calming image for you and think about how you can let go of some of your control to allow Jesus to shepherd you.

Some in our flock are no doubt being called to serve the Church as priests, religious, and deacons. Let us pray that the Good Shepherd will lead them to answer God's call to service in the Kingdom. In praying for vocations, remember that we also need to encourage men we know to consider the priesthood and let men and women know that we recognize their holiness and talents that would serve the Church well. I pray that this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may not only encourage prayer for vocations but be a practical reminder for us to ask someone, "Have you ever thought about being a priest?" or "Could you see yourself as a sister or nun?" I'm sure each of us have thought, "one of these days I'm going to say something to him or her." Let this Sunday or this week be the opportunity to ask the question. The Good Shepherd leads us to food that satisfies our hunger and to streams that quench our thirst, but we have to choose to eat and drink.

And so, through all the length of days, Your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise within Your house forever. [from the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Henry Baker.]

Prayers and Blessings,

St. Peter's Church at Brush Creek

Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church, Brush Creek, on April 25, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Venerable Fr. Tolton's priesthood anniversary is April 24. We will celebrate 135 years this year.

Fr. Mike's Golden Jubilee Celebration will be on Sunday, June 6, 2021 beginning with Mass at 3 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 1111 Broadway, Hannibal, MO 63401. Dinner reception to follow at the Admiral Coontz Armory, 301 Warren Barrett Dr, Hannibal. Live streaming of the Mass will take place. Everyone is welcome, please R.S.V.P. your reservation to Melody at the Holy Rosary Rectory before June 1, 2021 for food preparation count. Social distancing will follow CDC guidelines at that time. Masks will be provided if anyone needs one.

Readings for May 2, 2021

1st Reading – Acts of the Apostles 9:26–31 (53B) Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.

Responsorial Psalm– Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading – 1 John 3:18–24 “Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” If our hearts do not condemn us, we can have confidence that God will grant our requests.

Gospel – John 15:1–8 Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” Everyone else “will be thrown out like a branch and wither.”

Liturgical Ministries

May 1 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Therese Long
Servers: Maddix Dowell, Karsyn Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Ellen Mudd, Regina Miskell, Bob Kendrick
Lector: Leanna Moss
Ushers: Dennis Moss, Ron Dean, Jerry Durbin
Cross Bearer: Tom Pratt
Greeters: Ryan Seward Family

May 2 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Paula Karr
Servers: Kylee Kauble, Blaize Kauble
Eucharistic Ministers: Charlotte Schneider, Kay Elliott, Toni Hunter
Lector: Stephen Kendrick
Ushers: Steve DeLaporte, Ron Hays, Zachary Jones
Cross Bearer: Brett Shively
Greeters: Annette Carmean, Jane Crowe

Heavenly Father we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and may they experience the healing power of your love. Amen.

Please pray for:
Richard Elliott Rusty Adam Regina Hays Tim Quinn
John Kendrick Bonnie Werner Deacon Mike Long
Trent Zeiger Hazel Smith Sue Gilbert Natalee Amos
Rosemary Evans Deanna Buckman Jackie Ryan
Logan Maher Mark Leake Daniel Patrick Mudd
Kenneth Ryan Bonnie Ess Barbara Kendrick
Connie Kendrick Nick Mudd William P. Smith
Teresa Ritter Toland

On the Calendar...

April 25 – Mass at Brush Creek 1:00 p.m.
April 26 - Rosary at St. Stephen 12:00 noon
April 30 – Holy Rosary School talent show
May 2 – 1st Communion at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Monroe City High School bachelorette 5:00 p.m.
May 6 – World Day of Prayer MC Highschool 11:00 a.m.
May 12 – Holy Rosary Graduation Mass 7:00 p.m.
June 6 – Father Mike Quinn Golden Jubilee 3:00 Mass








Adoration Chapel open hours:

Sunday – 2-3 p.m.
Monday–Midnight-1 a.m., 1-2 a.m., 2-3 a.m., 3-4 a.m.,6-7 a.m., 6-7 p.m.
Tuesday – Midnight-1 a.m., 1-2 a.m., 2-3 a.m., 11-Noon, 10-11 p.m., 11-Midnight

Wednesday – 12-1 a.m., 1-2 a.m., 2-3 a.m., 3-4 a.m.
Thursday – 3-4 a.m.
Friday – 4-5 p.m., 6-7 p.m., 10-11 p.m.
Saturday – 12-1 a.m., 1-2 a.m., 2-3 a.m., 7-8 a.m., 8-9 a.m., 9-10 a.m., 10–11 a.m.

School News

 Track Meets - Tuesday, April 27 at Knox County; Wednesday, April 28 at Palmyra; Saturday, May 1 in Louisiana.
 Talent Show will be held *virtually* on Friday, April 30th, beginning at approximately 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. It can be viewed on the Facebook page of **Greg Oligschlaeger**.
 **Applications** are being accepted for the First-Grade teaching position at Holy Rosary School. Please contact Sr. Sue Walker for additional information. 573-735-2422
 **Applications** for the three-year-old preschool class are being accepted. Please call Holy Rosary School for additional information. (573-735-2422)
 Mass at 8:20 on Friday, April 30, will be led by the first-grade students.



Following God's Lead along with Donna

First Communion – The following students will be receiving their First Communion on May 2, 2021 at Holy Rosary Church and St. Stephen Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

<u>Holy Rosary</u>		<u>St. Stephen</u>
Jackie Albright	Angel Berry	Ellie Hays
Taylor Harrison	Liam Hunter	Owen Mudd
Natalie Miller	Addilyn Mudd	
Sydney DeGrave	Charlee Mudd	

FORMED.org – The Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker will be May 1. FORMED has several selections dedicated to St. Joseph. There is the Four-part series on St. Joseph on FORMED Now <https://watch.formed.org/saint-joseph-series>; *Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ* <https://watch.formed.org/videos/joseph-of-nazareth-the-story-of-the-man-closest-to-christ>; *St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church* <https://watch.formed.org/st-joseph-patron-of-the-universal-church-by-mark-miravalle>; and *Saint Joseph Novena* <https://watch.formed.org/saint-joseph-novena>. All free to you through Holy Rosary's membership. To see FORMED Pick of the Week visit Holy Rosary and St. Stephen's Websites, look under Parish Life tab for Faith Formation. <https://holynosary.diojeffcity.org/> or <https://ststephenic.diojeffcity.org/>

Prayer Groups – If you have a prayer group please let Donna know who your group's contact person is, who is in your group, when, and where you meet. As we begin to gather in our groups again, I have several resources for prayer group studies that are available to you.

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.

American Red Cross Blood drive – Monday, April 26 from 12:45 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Hall, sponsored by the Monroe City United Methodist Church. **By appointment only.** Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass or call 1-800-RED CROSS for an appointment.

Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service at Monroe City Manor

May 2 – Howard and Linda Willard
May 16 – Jim & Sheryl Underhill
May 30 - Mark and Cathy Yager