

On the Calendar...

August 22 – Prayer Walk for schools 6 p.m.
August 23 – Rosary at St. Stephen 12:00 noon
September 1 – RCIA classes begin
September 11 – KC 4th Degree Exemplification ceremony

Readings for August 29, 2021

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Moses urged the Israelites to be faithful to the commands of the Lord. They were not to change them in any way but to follow them wisely.

Responsorial Psalm– Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading – James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 In order for God's word to take root, believers must do more than merely listen to it. They must act upon it.

Gospel – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Jesus said that nothing coming from outside can make a person impure. Rather, it is the evil coming from within that constitutes impurity.

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.

Please pray for:

Kayla Benson McAndrews	Jeff Thomas	
Phyllis Taylor	Lakian Lehenbauer	Janice Kendrick
Richard Elliott	Rusty Adam	Regina Hays
Tim Quinn	John Kendrick	Deacon Mike Long
Trent Zeiger	Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert
Natalee Amos	Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman
Jackie Ryan	Logan Maher	Mark Leake
Daniel Patrick Mudd	Bonnie Ess	Barbara Kendrick
Connie Kendrick	Nick Mudd	Bill Smith
Teresa Ritter Toland	Frankie Maddox	
Michael Kellerman		

Liturgical Ministries

August 28 – 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Dennis & Dorothy Moss
Servers: Brynn Williams, Natalee Amos
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Dean, Ruth Ann Shaver, Rose Ellen Mudd, Gina Carroll, Dorothy Moss, Dennis Moss, Mary Davis
Lector: Bob Kendrick
Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Joe Gass, Kent Bichsel
Cross Bearer: Tom Pratt
Gift Bearer: Tully & Cathy Tonsor
Greeters: Jina McClintic, Audrey Fuemmeler

August 29 – 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Mike Bichsel
Servers: Ava Potterfield, Collin Potterfield
Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Elliott, Toni Hunter, Zachary Jones, Ed Born, Jerry Copenhaver, Steve DeLaporte, David Little, Marie Little, Phyllis Campbell
Lector: Carl Thompson
Ushers: Mike Bichsel, Scott G. Hays, Parker Kendrick
Cross Bearer: Mandy Painter
Gift Bearer: Josh Potterfield Family
Greeters: Steve DeLaporte Family

The **K of C Fourth Degree** tentatively will have an IN PERSON Exemplification Ceremony for any/all Third Degree members that want to join on Saturday, September 11, 2021. The Ceremony will be at the St Louis Airport Hilton with registration starting at 9:30 am. Contact Parker Kendrick 735-4746 for more info if any members are interested in attending. FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 25.

Faith is a beam radiating from the face of God.
~ Saint John Eudes

Parish Council election results – Marie Little, Tiffany Greiman, John Long and Toni Hunter were newly elected.

School News

- Holy Rosary School began its 120th year on Thursday, August 19, with an enrollment of 198 students in preschool through the eighth grade! Holy Rosary and St. Stephen parishes are blessed in so many ways with very generous support that provides a solid Catholic education for the students.
- Prayer Walk will be held on Sunday, August 22, at Holy Rosary School and at the Monroe City RI School beginning at 6:00 p.m. Families are invited to come and gather for a short time of prayer asking for blessing as this school year begins.
- Pre School Classes will begin on Monday, August 23.
- Mass on Friday, August 27, will begin at 8:20. The eighth-grade students will lead the celebration. All kindergarten students and other new members of the Holy Rosary School Family will be introduced and welcomed. As always, everyone is invited and welcome to attend this celebration of the Mass.



Following God's Lead along with Donna

PSR Registration – Online registration is available on the parishes' websites. In-person registrations will be August 21/22 after the weekend Masses at both churches.

Parish-Wide Study – Parousia: The Bible and the Mass will continue with Lesson 3 – The New Testament: Document of Sacrament? this week. You are welcome to join us this week even if you missed weeks 1 and/or 2. We meet on Mondays at 5:00 pm; Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; and Thursdays at 1:30 pm – choose the session that fits your schedule. Each session is the same. Bring a friend!

RCIA Sessions - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on September 1 at 6:30 at Holy Rosary School. If you or someone you know someone is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith contact Donna at the rectory.

FORMED.org – We celebrate St. Augustine on August 28. St. Augustine is a Doctor of the Church. In his younger years he rejected his mother's Christianity, so where did his faith begin? Watch Augustine: A Voice for all Generations with Mike Aquilina.

<https://watch.formed.org/augustine-a-voice-for-all-generations-with-mike-aquilina>

We celebrate St. Augustine's mother, St. Monica, on August 27. FORMED Now! Feast of St. Monica gives us some insight about St. Monica.

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-now-feast-of-saint-monica>

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at donnalong.hrss@gmail.com or call me at the rectory at 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.



Prayer Chain If you or a loved one becomes hospitalized, or in need of prayer, send your prayer petition to Cheryl Elliott at (cherylbillelliott@gmail.com). Request must be made by an immediate family member.