

**November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent**



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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.

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.	November 27 Howard & Anna Moss
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 28 Bichsel Family Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen
Monday	November 29 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	November 30 Gerry Spalding
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	December 1 Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen Living & Deceased
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	December 2 Joe Ralph Buckman
Friday 8:20 a.m.	December 3 Patricia Mudd Yates
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	December 4 Tim Kendrick
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 5 Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen Harry Kendrick & Family

Daily Mass Servers: November 30 – December 3
Keaton Mudd, Keegan Hunter

Your Gifts to God and Parish

October 31	\$ 14,235.93
November 7	\$ 7,296.64
November 14	\$ 6,992.21
November 21	\$ 7,484.10

Intention of Pope Francis: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.



Dear Parishioners,

“Thank God!” This exclamation has often been uttered from my lips when a difficult task has been accomplished, when I finally get to talk to someone after waiting on “hold”, or when one of my favorite sports teams wins a game that they were seemingly trying so hard to lose. I often utter these words in exasperation. Isn’t that a shame?

Although I am truly thankful to God, gratitude needs to lead us to a sense of joy and appreciation. Because I am truly thankful for the gift of Faith and the freedom to practice our Catholic faith. I am grateful for the support other Christian brothers and sisters give me as we make up one Church that goes forth to meet the challenges of a materialistic society. I am thankful for both my immediate family and our parish family for helping me experience the love of God through their love and guidance. I am so thankful and more mindful this year for my good health and the blessings of modern medicine.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, I thank you for all you do to make our parishes an example of God’s presence in our communities and workplaces. I thank you for your giving of time and resources to the ministry of our parishes. I thank you for your prayers and continued support of me as your pastor.

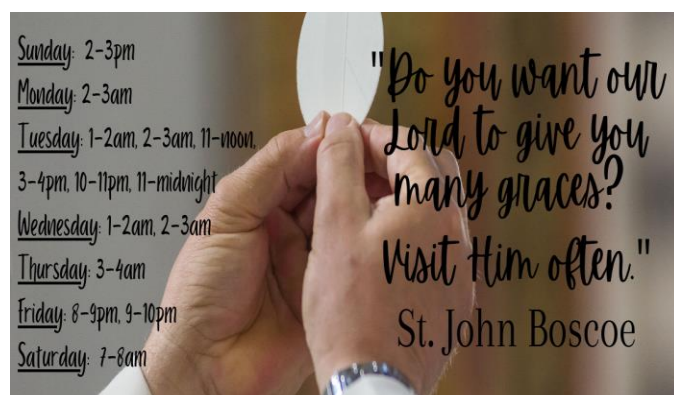
Today we begin the new liturgical year with the Advent Season. The candles we light on the Advent wreath in church and in our homes are an important Advent symbol. Light builds and becomes brighter each week as we approach Christmas. The imagery of light is found in many places in our Advent scripture readings. In particular, from Isaiah, “*a people who walked in darkness have seen a great light....*” (Isaiah 9:2)

What does light do? It helps us to see; it points the way; and it scatters the darkness.

We all know people who are in darkness. Many of us have gone through periods of darkness ourselves. Some of you may be going through a period of darkness right now. Advent announces the light that is to come; and that Light of Christ gives us Faith, Hope, Joy and Peace.

Not only is Advent a time to reflect on the Light that is to come (and that has already come), but it is an opportunity for us to be light in a world that is so often in darkness. This is the Light that guides toward Christmas just as profoundly as the Magi were guided by the star. Come Lord Jesus, be our Light!

Prayers & Blessings,



Flowers for Mary Ministry - This is a new ministry to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary. We are inviting parishioners to place flowers at the statue of Mary in the sanctuary. We will do this year-round except during the Lenten season. While fresh/garden flowers are preferred, silk arrangements are fine and should be placed no later than Saturday before Mass on your schedule day. We anticipate the arrangement lasting two weekends. When you bring your bouquet in a container/vase, please place the previous arrangement on the counter in the room behind the altar so the container can be picked up. To sign up please follow the link to complete the form <https://holyrosary.diojeffcity.org/flowers-for-mary/> or call/text Laurie Assell at (217) 257-7705.

On the Calendar...

November 29 – Rosary at St. Stephen / 12:00 noon
December 4 – 1st Saturday Rosary – 10:00
December 10 Deadline for Christmas is Caring donations
December 12 – Memorial at O'Donnell Funeral Home
December 21 – Advent Penance service at Holy Rosary

Christmas is Caring –Gifts do not need to be wrapped and may be dropped in the baskets at the door entrances **with tags firmly attached.** All donations need to be in by December 10. Distribution will be December 18. Monetary donations can be mailed to Shannon Quinn 622 James Lane, Monroe City or dropped in the collection basket and marked Christmas is Caring. My phone number is 573-289-6894.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, rest your weary ones and bless the dying. Soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones and shield your joyous ones. And for all your loves sake. Amen.

Let us pray for:

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



Liturgical Ministries

December 4 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Henrietta Hughes
Servers: Karsyn Williams, Mackenzie Crowe
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Yager, Courtney Smith, Dennis Moss, Gary Yager, Bob Kendrick, Dorothy Moss, Ruth Ann Shaver
Lector: Lori Watson
Ushers: Ron Dean, Jerry Durbin Joe Gass
Cross Bearer: Audrey Fuemmeler
Gift Bearer: Wayne & Gina Carroll
Greeters: Gary & Betty Yager

December 5 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Frank Harris
Servers: Addison Oswald, Macy Painter
Eucharistic Ministers: Howard Willard, Ed Born, David Wilson, Linda Willard, Toni Hunter, Jennifer Richardson, Dennis Long, Kay Elliott, Steve DeLaporte
Lector: Annette Carmean
Ushers: Mark Yager, Brett Shively, Danny Benson
Cross Bearer: Billy Taylor
Gift Bearer: Jerry & Sherry Copenhaver
Greeters: Jim Underhill Family



"Don't get hurried. There may be something that you have to leave undone, then let it be undone. Just don't lose the essence of this season so that you really are alive with Jesus in the Womb of His Mother. Hidden, growing, patient, waiting; waiting for the birth in our lives - that birth of Jesus that makes Him radiate through us, that makes our wills one." - Mother Angelica

Readings for December 5, 2021

1st Reading – Baruch 5:1-9 Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in joy."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

Gospel – Luke 3:1-6 The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer. From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

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Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service

November 28 – Mark & Cathy Yager
 December 12 – Howard & Linda Willard

Rosary

November 30 – Deacon Mike Long
 December 7 – Dorothy Moss

School News

- 🌿 **Basketball games** - the teams will participate in the South Shelby Tournament this week. Girls play Monday, November 29 at 4:00 and the boys play at 5:30.
- 🌿 **Mass at 8:20** on Friday, December 3, will be led by the first-grade students.
- 🌿 As the season of Advent begins, students will participate in activities and prayer to prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

Following God's Lead along with Donna

As we begin this Advent season – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 NAB

PSR – December 2021 Class dates:
 Grades K-6 – December 1, 8, & 15
 Grades 7-12 – December 5, 12, & 19

RCIA Sessions – next session will be December 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be The RCIA Process and Rites.

"Prepare Ye" Advent Booklets – The weekly Advent preparation developed for our diocese; If you didn't pick up a copy of this booklet and want one, please call me or stop by my office. I have a pdf copy that I can print for you.

FORMED.org – The Advent season begins today. If you are looking for an Advent study, try Advent on FORMED. There are 4 episodes and it also includes a downloadable leader guide and study guide. <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>. If you need help downloading and printing, please stop in and see me.

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at donnalong.hrss@gmail.com or call me at the rectory.