

**December 12, 2021  
Third 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**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 11</b> Becky Labuary Underwood
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 12</b> Ceil Kendrick Jack Quinn
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 13</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>December 14 – Manor Mass</b> Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>December 15</b> Raymond & Bernice Chappel
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>December 16</b> Raymond Karr
<b>Friday</b> 8:20 a.m.	<b>December 17</b> John Ivan & Ella Tewell
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 18</b> Chris Couch
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>December 19</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Jerry & Sherry Copenhagen

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**Daily Mass Servers: December 14 – 17**  
Ava Potterfield, Collin Potterfield

**Advent Penance Service**

December 21 - Holy Rosary - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

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| November 14 | \$ 6,992.21 |
| November 21 | \$ 7,484.10 |
| November 28 | \$ 5,326.64 |
| December 5  | \$ 7,436.59 |

“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” - Luke 1:45

**MONROE CITY MANOR CARE CENTER**

**Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service**

December 12 – Howard & Linda Willard  
December 26 – Jim & Sheryl Underhill

**Rosary**

December 21 – Mary Ann Hagan

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Gaudete Sunday, which means “Rejoice” a translation of the first word of the Entrance antiphon of today’s Mass that proclaims: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! The Lord is near.” [Philippians 4:4]. Penitential violet vestments are replaced with rose vestments, a color of joy. We light the third candle of the Advent wreath that is rose in color.



After today, our scripture readings change from the focus of the second coming of Christ to the approaching celebration of Christmas--the incarnation of the Son of God. After today, the readings and prayers at Mass refer to the greatest of all God’s action in human history-God himself becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the hope of salvation.

This week the Church will begin using the O Antiphons as part of evening prayer. We are familiar with the antiphons in the hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”. Each verse is on the ancient titles and biblical names for the coming Messiah. Starting on December 17th and each of the 7 days until Christmas Eve, we address our prayer: **O Wisdom** (12/17); **O Sacred Lord** (12/18); **O Flower of Jesse’s Stem** (12/19); **O Key of David** (12/20); **O Radiant Dawn** (12/21); **O King of all Nations** (12/22); **O Emmanuel** (12/23).

It’s wonderful how our liturgical worship guides us well in truly celebrating Christmas. Paul’s letter to the Philippians tells us in today’s second reading:

*The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Don’t fret or be too tense. All that **needs** to get finished to celebrate the birth of the Lord will take place. Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Prayers & Blessings,

*F. Greg Oligschlaeger*



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| Goal: \$ 24,900      | Diocese Goal: \$ 2,000,000 |
| Pledged: \$17,380    | Pledged: \$ 1,253,549.24   |
| Collected: \$ 11,361 | Collected: \$ 1,045,589.49 |



**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias** –Please place your envelope in the offertory or bring your envelope by the church office. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Loved one’s names will be published in the January 2 bulletin.

**Your help is needed!** We will be cleaning the church Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We’ll start around 4:30 p.m. and be finished around 7:30 p.m. If you’d like to help for all or part of this time, please stop in! If you have a vacuum that’s easy to carry, we could use a few extras to make it go faster.



Available Adoration Hours  
 Sunday: 2-3 pm  
 Monday: 2-3 am  
 Tuesday: 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 11-noon, 3-4 pm, 10-11 pm, 11-12 pm  
 Wednesday: 1-2 am, 2-3 am  
 Thursday: 3-4 am  
 Friday: 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm  
 Saturday: 7-8 am  
 Marie Purool (573) 881-1918  
 Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541

**Flowers for Mary Ministry** - This is to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary, by placing flowers at the statue of Mary in the sanctuary. To sign up please follow the link to complete the form <https://holynosary.dioieffcity.org/flowers-for-mary/> or call/text Laurie Assell at (217) 257-7705.

Please remember during this Christmas season our parishioners who are in the nursing home at Monroe City Manor Care Center, 1010 Highway 24 and 36 East, Monroe City, MO 63456:

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Regina Hays     | Emma Jo Mudd     | Kathy Wilper          |
| Totty Burditt   | Shirley Lorenson | Julie Leake           |
| Juanita Pfanner | Rusty Adam       | Frankie Maddox        |
| Frank Schwartz  | Darlene Miller   | Ferd Dames            |
| Lorena Crowe    | Sue Gilbert      | Bud & Phyllis Shively |

**On the Calendar...**

December 12 – Memorial at O'Donnell Funeral Home  
 December 13 – Rosary at St. Stephen / 12:00 noon  
 December 16 – Church cleaning for Christmas at 4:30  
 December 21 – Advent Penance service at Holy Rosary  
 December 22 – Decorate the church for Christmas 5:30

**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.

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. Amen.

**Please pray for:**

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| David Griffin          | Mark Leake           | Caitlin Shively   |
| 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 |                   |

**School News**

- ❖ Basketball games - the teams will participate in the Monroe City Tournament this week. On Monday, December 13, the girls will play at 5:30 and the boys will play at 7:00. These games will be held in the Holy Rosary Gym.
- ❖ Christmas Program will be held on Tuesday, December 21. The eighth-grade students will present a Christmas play and other students will present Christmas songs. The program will begin at 9:30. All students will be dismissed at approximately 11:00. Bus service will not be available at 11:00. All parents, grandparents, etc. are welcome to attend this gathering.
- ❖ Mass at 8:20 on December 17, will be led by the fifth-grade students.
- ❖ After Mass on December 17, the students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas** – we will be decorating the church on Wednesday, December 22, at 5:30. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Liturgical Ministries**

**December 18 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Leanna Moss  
**Servers:** Rhett Watson, Blain Watson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ruth Ann Shaver, Dorothy Moss, Gary Yager, Bob Kendrick, Dennis Moss, Betty Yager, Dorothy Ritter  
**Lector:** Jim Assell  
**Ushers:** Ron Dean, Jerry Durbin, Joe Gass  
**Cross Bearer:** Jeff Albus  
**Gift Bearer:** Bill & Ellie Couch  
**Greeters:** Tony DeGrave Family

**December 19 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Phil & Donna Thompson  
**Servers:** Raina Stone, Ava Potterfield  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Toni Hunter, Jennifer Richardson, Kay Elliott, Ed Born, Howard Willard, Steve DeLaporte, Zachary Jones, Jerry Copenhaver, David Pfaff  
**Lector:** Sophomore Class  
**Ushers:** Mark Yager, Brett Shively, Danny Benson  
**Cross Bearer:** Sophomore Class  
**Gift Bearer:** Sophomore Class  
**Greeters:** Jim & Dorothy Mudd, Sophomore Class

**Readings for December 19, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Micah 5:1-4a** Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel. "He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock...he shall be peace."

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19** Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10** God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.

**Gospel – Luke 1:39-45** When Mary visited Zechariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, "the infant leaped in her womb."

**Following God's Lead along with Donna**



**Prayers for Confirmation Candidates** –

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates. If you would like to pray for a specific student, there are baskets at the entries of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Churches containing the names of our Confirmation candidates. If you wish to send them cards of encouragement, please mail cards to school, 415 S. Locust, or to church, 405 S. Main, and we will make sure the student receives your card of encouragement. Please be sure to put the student's name on the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at the parish office.

**RCIA Sessions** – Our next session will be December 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be *The Early Church & Church History*.

**FORMED.org** – December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are several options to learn about this feast day on FORMED.

*Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*  
<https://watch.formed.org/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message> (in Spanish with English subtitles).

*Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego*  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-lady-of-guadalupe-and-saint-juan-diego>

*Sacred Art: Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/sacred-art-our-lady-of-guadalupe>

For the kids *Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe*  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/juan-diego-messenger-of-guadalupe>