

**December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Holy Rosary Church

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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.	December 18 Chris Couch
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 19 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Jerry & Sherry Copenhaver
Monday	December 20 No Scripture Service
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.	December 21 Chris Couch
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	December 22 Kenneth Ryan
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	December 23 Brandon Devlin
Friday 5:50 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Midnight	December 24 Ina, Bernard, Greg, & Pat Mudd Harry & Dena Lindhorst – St. Stephen Seth Joseph Hays
Saturday 9:30 a.m.	December 25 Tom & Lucille Hays and Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 26 Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Lanny Neyens

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**Daily Mass Servers: December 21 – December 23**  
Kinley Fuemmeler, Ethan Fuemmeler

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

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| November 21 | \$ 7,484.10 |
| November 28 | \$ 5,326.64 |
| December 5  | \$ 7,436.59 |
| December 12 | \$ 5,141.25 |



Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago, at a grade school PSR class, the lesson I presented was on the Season of Christmas. We began the lesson talking about the Nativity Scenes we have in our homes. I had a large tote on one of the desks and, with the children gathered around, I took the stable out of the box and placed it on a bare table top in front of them. I invited each of the ten students ranging from ages 5-13 to come and take a small box out of my tote. They went back to their seat and unboxed their nativity piece.

“Who has Joseph?” I said. And the child brought up Joseph and placed him in the stable. And the requests continued, “Who has Mary?...Who has a donkey?... Who has the baby Jesus?... Who has the Angel?...Who has the Little Drummer Boy? With each request a child came forward and placed their figurine in the stable and surrounding area. The table filled up. By the time we got through sheep, shepherds, other towns people and the Three Kings, the whole table was full. What started as just a bare, cold empty stable was now crowded, colorful and warm. The table and stable were hardly seen because of all the people and animals who had come to see the New Born King.

Their teacher then asked, “What are some Christmas carols that we sing about Jesus’ birth?” The children called out, “O Little Town of Bethlehem...Silent Night... The Little Drummer Boy...We Three Kings!” It was precious and a strong reminder how the message of the birth of our Messiah is the reason we gather and give homage and worship to our God.

We all know the meaning of Christmas when we look at the Nativity Scene that St. Francis of Assisi made popular in our Church since the year 1200. Radio and streaming channels play mostly songs that sing about a winter wonderland, a White Christmas, being home for Christmas, being good for when Santa Claus comes to town, a snowman, a guinea, a redneck reindeer, and even a terrible accident with a grandparent and a reindeer on Christmas Eve. However, we all know that God becoming human is the reason to celebrate. We experience the peace and joy of knowing Christ has spread to the ends of the Earth, so with the angels we sing “Glory to God in the Highest.” Come and worship with your parish family at Mass on Christmas Eve, at Midnight or on Christmas Day and sing those carols that tell the story of the New Born King with us in church and in your homes. Come Lord Jesus!

Prayers & Blessings,

*F. Greg Oligschlaeger*



**Holy Rosary Parish**

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| Parish Goal: | \$ 24,900 |
| Pledged:     | \$ 21,980 |
| Collected:   | \$ 16,161 |

**MONROE CITY MANOR CARE CENTER**

**Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service**

December 26 – Jim & Sheryl Underhill  
January 2 – Mark & Cathy Yager

**Rosary**

December 21 – Mary Ann Hagan  
January 4 – Peggy Spalding

**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!



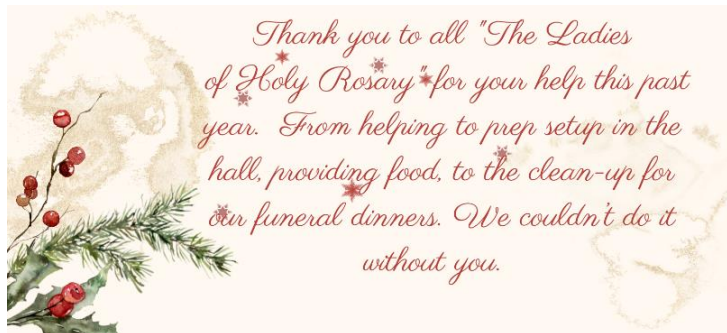
Available Adoration Hours  
 Sunday: 2-3 pm  
 Monday: 2-3 am  
 Tuesday: 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 11-noon, 3-4 pm, 10-11 pm, 11-12 pm  
 Wednesday: 1-2 am, 2-3 am  
 Thursday: 3-4 am  
 Friday: 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm  
 Saturday: 7-8 am  
 Marie Purosl (573) 881-1918  
 Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541

**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.

**On the Calendar...**

December 20 – Rosary at St. Stephen / 12:00 noon  
 December 21 – Advent Penance service at Holy Rosary  
 December 22–Decorate the church for Christmas 5:30



God of infinite love and mercy, we call upon you in times of illness and challenge. Grant healing and comfort to the sick and strength to all caregivers. Aid our perseverance and lessen our distress. May we put our trust completely in you. Through Christ our Lord. 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 |                   |



**Liturgical Ministries**

**December 26 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Servers:** Austin Shinn, Colin Harrison  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marie Little, Dennis Long, Linda Willard, David Little, Phil Thompson, Jennifer Richardson, Howard Willard, David Wilson, Michelle Wilson  
**Lector:** Ed Born  
**Ushers:** Mark Yager, Brett Shively, Danny Benson  
**Cross Bearer:** Luke Long  
**Gift Bearer:** Ron & Bette Hays  
**Greeters:** Steve & Nancy Hays

**Readings for December 26, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28** Hannah conceived and bore a son, Samuel, whom she presented to the Lord in the temple at Shiloh saying, “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord.”

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10** Blessed are they, blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24** God's love has been given to us so we may be called his children. And so, we are. We should believe in Jesus Christ and love one another as he commanded.

**Gospel – Luke 2:41-52** At age twelve, Jesus sat in the temple at Jerusalem listening to the teachers and asking them questions. He astounded everyone by his understanding and answers.

**School News**

🎄 The Holy Rosary Christmas Program will be held on Tuesday, December 21. The eighth grade students will present a Christmas play and members of other classes will present Christmas songs. The program will begin at 9:30 in the Holy Rosary Gym. 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 Christmas program.

🎄 Classes will resume after the holidays on Monday, January 3, 2022.

🎄 Holy Rosary School is certainly blessed with many faithful supporters – parents, grandparents, parishioners, teachers, students, alumni, etc. It is hoped that everyone has a most blessed Christmas as we pray in thanksgiving for all that we have.

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

**PSR** – There are no 7-12 PSR classes today. Classes resume for 7-12 PSR on January 9, 2022. Classes resume for K-6 PSR on January 12, 2022. Students not yet enrolled in PSR are welcome to join their class in January.

**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. 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 January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be The Sacraments: An Introduction.

**FORMED.org** – FORMED has many choices for your Christmas preparation this week. I enjoyed Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity <https://watch.formed.org/videos/christmas-in-rome-a-celebration-of-the-nativity>

The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas is also very good. <https://watch.formed.org/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas/videos/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas>

For our young parishioners there is a Brother Francis story The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn't. There are 4 downloadable coloring pages that go with the story. <https://watch.formed.org/the-christmas-pageant-that-almost-wasn-t>

**Youth Ministry**- Your support is needed! –If you would like to help our Youth Ministry by providing food or funds, please contact the following:  
 7-12 PSR Breakfast on Sundays – Jane Vollrath, (573)406-8889  
 Chosen HS Youth Group/Wednesday evenings – Sally Lemongelli, (573)231-6980  
 SEC MS Youth Group/Thursday evenings – Nancy Shively (573)248-9752