

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	December 10
5:30 p.m.	Chris Couch
Sunday	December 11
8:00 a.m.	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Seth Joseph Hays
Monday	December 12
	No Mass
Tuesday	December 13 – Manor Mass
9:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	December 14
7:30 a.m.	Joe Miles
Thursday	December 15
7:30 a.m.	Jim Spalding
Friday	December 16
8:20 a.m.	Don & Mary Davis Family Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger
Saturday	December 17
5:30 p.m.	Judy Hagan
Sunday	December 18
8:00 a.m.	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Dwight & Joann Franklin Family Living and deceased

Daily Mass Servers: December 14-16

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Your Gifts to God and Parish

November 13	\$ 8,055.04
November 20	\$ 10,488.02
November 27	\$ 7,003.00
December 4	\$ 7,392.00

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis: We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Bishop McKnight's prayer intention: During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.



Advent Penance Services

December 7 @ 6:30 p.m. - Holy Family – Hannibal
December 8 @ 6:30 p.m. – St. William – Perry
December 14 @ 6:30 p.m. - St. Joseph – Palmyra
December 15 @ 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's – Shelbina
December 22 @ 6:30 p.m. - Holy Rosary – Monroe City

December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

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.

On Saturday of this week, the Church will begin using the O Antiphons as part of the Evening Prayer. We are familiar with the antiphons in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each verse is one 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 tells us "*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks...Do not quench the Holy Spirit...*" [1 Thessalonians. 5:16-20]

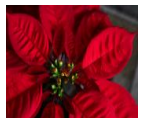
Please welcome Fr. Walter Kispotta to our parishes. He arrived in Monroe City on Friday night. Please get to know him and help him to get to know you. He will be with us for a couple of months or more. Fr. Kispotta will be at all the Masses this weekend.

Don't fret or be too tense these last two weeks before Christmas... All that **needs** to get finished to celebrate the birth of the Lord will take place. Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Prayers and Blessings.

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias – If you would like to purchase poinsettias, in honor or memory of a loved one to adorn our parish this Christmas, please place your envelope in the offertory or drop it by the parish office. Loved one's names will be published in the December 25 bulletin.



Stewardship



Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5: 7-8



Vocations: Please pray for the men who are studying and discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Christopher Hoffmann Gregory Clever Bryce Smith
Jacob Hartman Shane Kliethermes Gage Niesen
John Paul McGuire

We will do the annual cleaning of the Church on **Monday, December 12th starting at 4:00.** We appreciate all help! Please stop in for an hour or two and help us prepare our Church for the Christmas celebrations.



Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2023 Goal/Totals

Goal:	\$ 25,490
Pledged:	\$ 16,729
Received:	\$ 14,281.50
Diocese Goal:	\$1,100,000
Pledged:	\$414,683
Received:	\$331,190

Fourth Degree Knights will have their next meeting on Sunday, December 11, at Holy Rosary Parish AFTER 9:30 Mass. Brunch will be served about 10:45, with the meeting after. Families are welcomed.

Event calendar.....

- December 11** – Midnight Mass Choir rehearsal 8:15 a.m.
- December 12** - Rosary at St. Stephen 12:00 noon
Cleaning the church 4:00 p.m.
- December 14** – Midnight Mass Choir rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
- December 21** – Midnight Mass Choir rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
- December 22** – Penance service 6:30 p.m.
- January 22** – Ladies of HR soup & bingo
- February 18** – Confirmation retreat 10-3 p.m.

Liturgical Ministries

December 17 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

- Rosary:** Leanna Moss
- Servers:** Ivy Kauble, Blaize Kauble
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Courtney Smith, Debbie Durbin, Bill Couch, Dorothy Moss, Dennis Moss, Dorothy Ritter, Regina Miskell
- Lector:** Lori Watson
- Ushers:** Joe Gass, Jerry Durbin, Kevin Bichsel
- Cross Bearer:** Greg Smith
- Gift Bearer:** Audrey Fuemmeler, Mary Davis
- Greeters:** Betty Buckman, Susie Buckman

December 18 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

- Rosary:** Frank Harris
- Servers:** Hayden Vollrath, Raina Stone
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve DeLaporte, Marie Little, David Little, Cathy Jo Pfaff, David Pfaff, Maria Werr, Phyllis Campbell, Toni Hunter, Ed Born
- Lector:** Howard Willard
- Ushers:** Mike Bichsel, Scott Hays, Scott G. Hays, John Long
- Cross Bearer:** Zachary Jones
- Gift Bearer:** Frank & Deanna Harris
- Greeters:** Josh Potterfield Family

Monroe City Manor Care Center

Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service

December 11 – Howard & Linda Willard

Rosary

December 20 – Karen Benson, Kathy Dean

Readings for December 18, 2022

1st Reading – Isaiah 7:10-14 The Lord offered Ahaz a sign. Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Nevertheless, the Lord gave a sign: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

2nd Reading – Romans 1:1-7 Paul told the Romans he was called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God about Christ Jesus. He said to them, "We have received the grace of apostleship" that we may spread the name and bring to faith all those called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 1:18-24 Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

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, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones. Amen.

Please pray for:

Riley Simms	Charlie & Phyllis Taylor	Bill Couch
Geoff Lanham	Kenny Wilson	Mark Leake
Caitlin Shively	Geoffrey Preckshot	Trent Zeiger
Jeff Thomas	Janice Kendrick	Richard Elliott
Rusty Adam	Regina Hays	Frankie Maddox
Tim Quinn	Hazel Smith	Natalee Amos
Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman	Jackie Ryan
Logan Maher	Bonnie Ess	Nick Mudd
Michael Kellerman	Bill Smith	Teresa Ritter Toland
Kayla Benson McAndrews	John & Connie Kendrick	

School News

Congratulation to Cale Chapman, 8th grade student who joined the Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

- December 12-17** - Monroe City Junior High Tournament
- December 15** - 1st Grade will sing at the Nutrition Center at 10:45
- December 16** - Volunteers from 7th and 8th Grade will lead the Mass at 8:20

Following God's Lead along with Donna

FORMED – On December 12 we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Littlest Saints is a great video for our youngest parishioners learn about St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with Our Lady of Guadalupe. <https://watch.formed.org/litest-saints/season:1/videos/our-lady-of-guadalupe-littlest-saints-episode-1>

RCIA – all are welcome! – We meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm in Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic for December 13, 2022 is The Eucharist. Call Donna for more information on RCIA.

PSR – Grades 7-12 meet today, December 11 following 9:30 am Mass, breakfast is provided. Grades K-6 will meet Wednesday, December 14 after school, snacks are provided. Our Christmas break begins this week. Class will resume for grades 7-12 on January 8, 2023 and for grades K-6 on January 11, 2023.

Confirmation – Please continue to support our Confirmation candidates with your prayers. Cards and encouraging notes for the students can be sent to Holy Rosary School or the parish office.

Confirmation Retreat –All Confirmation students are required to attend one of four retreat options. A letter was sent home for all students. If your student did not receive this letter, please call Donna at the parish office. We will host one of the retreats at Holy Rosary School on February 18, 2023 from 9:30 to 3:00. If your student has been Confirmed, but would like to attend this retreat, they are welcome to attend.

To inquire about faith formation, religious education or VIRTUS contact Donna Long anytime at donnalong.hrss@gmail.com or call the parish office at 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday and most afternoons 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

