

405 S. Main St.  
Monroe City, MO 63456

**Office hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m.-4 p.m.**

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.  
or anytime by appointment

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 9</b>
5:30 p.m.	Becky Labuary Underwood
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 10</b>
8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Bichsel
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 11</b>
7:30 a.m.	Scripture Service – Marie Little
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
9:30 a.m.	Mass at Monroe City Manor Care Center Lawrence and Rose Bono
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 13</b>
7:30 a.m.	Brandon Devlin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 14</b>
7:30 a.m.	Sr. Eileen Friel Michael Mulford
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 15</b>
8:20 a.m.	Ina, Bernard and Greg Mudd Ministers: Group 3
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 16</b>
5:30 p.m.	Wes Wainwright
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	Longina Pimentel

Please see Liturgical Ministries section

February 2 & 3	\$ 8,082.58
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Parish goal -- \$24,000.00  
As of January 31, 2019:  
Amount received: **\$27,241.25**  
**Over our goal by \$3,241.25**  
Percentage of goal: 111.42%  
Number of donors: 118

**Bishop McKnight:** *For the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Jefferson City; that through all our prayers, works, joys and sufferings together, we may experience the communion of the Church and the bonds of peace.*

**Vocalist/Musician:** Lindsay Thome and Shannon Quinn

I pray that you have a good and Happy St. Valentine's Day this week. It is essential that we take time to tell the ones we love how important their relationship is to us. Sometimes we take for granted the ones we love the most and do not express our appreciation to them for how they enrich our lives. Chocolate, candy, flowers, a dinner out, jewelry, and gadgets are nice expressions of our love, but those material things need to be supported with the actual words and actions of love that we share with each other.

This holiday takes place on **St. Valentine's Day!** In our “politically correct” nation, the word “saint” has been dropped to make the holiday more secular. But the tradition developed around two martyred saints of the Catholic Church — yes, **two saints** named Valentine. One was a priest who was known to be martyred on February 14, around the year 269 AD. The other was a bishop named Valentine martyred sometime around the year 273 AD. It is presumed that the dates of their martyrdoms were celebrated on the same day because they had the same name. The practice of giving Valentines and the act of young men and maidens choosing each other to “Be My Valentine” on this day is derived from an English tradition. It is presumed, based on popular belief which was recorded in one of Chaucer’s books, that birds began to pair on St. Valentine’s Day. I hope you will use this week not only to tell your Valentine that you love them, but to also express your love for all who are special to you.

There are a few fun ways to 'treat' yourself in the next few days. Saturday night is/was the Lucky Hearts Dinner, Drawing and Dance; St. Valentine's Day is Thursday; and the Daddy/Daughter Dance is Saturday. Prayers and Blessings.

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*Please bring your blessed palms from last year and yesteryear to church and place them in the containers near the exits. After Mass on March 3rd, the palms will be collected and burned on March 5th, Mardi Gras, as part of a prayer service. We will meet at 8:05 a.m. on the Holy Rosary School Playground to pray as we burn the palms which will then be used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday.*

6:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary Church

**February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8** Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish, but those who trust in the Lord will remain strong, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons.  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6** Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20** If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless.  
**Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26** Jesus described the blessings in store for the meek and lowly who place their trust in the Lord and said that the rich and powerful will lose everything they have.

**Charitable Contribution Letters**

Charitable Contribution Letters for your offertory donations are available for 2018. To obtain yours, please call the rectory office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 735-4718.

**From Deacon Mike’s Desk**

**PSR:** Class today, February 10, following 9:30 Mass.  
**Grade School PSR:** Class Wednesday, February 13, from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Chosen:** Holy Rosary/St. Stephen High School Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary School.  
**Small prayer group study options:** These subjects are available from Deacon Mike for small groups – “*Catholicism*”, “*Conversion*” and “*Priest, Prophet, King*”, all by Bishop Robert Barron and “*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*” by Jeff Cavins.

**Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service  
at Monroe City Manor**

February 24, 2019 – Howard and Linda Willard  
March 10, 2019 – Jim and Sheryl Underhill  
March 24, 2019 – Mark and Cathy Yager

**School News**

**Classes will be held** on Monday, February 18, Presidents Day  
**The Daddy-Daughter Dance** will be held on Saturday evening, February 16, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
**The Holy Rosary Basketball Fun Night** will be held on Saturday, February 23 at Holy Rosary School. A meal will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. and games for all students will begin at 7:00 p.m.  
**Student Liturgy** at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, February 15, will be led by the sixth grade class.  
**Thanks** is extended to everyone who helped with and supported the **Lucky Hearts Banquet!** It was a great event!

**Perpetual Adoration Hours Available**

**Sunday:** noon-1 p.m., 11-midnight  
**Monday:** 7–8 a.m. (for winter only)  
**Tuesday:** 6-7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** 11-midnight, every other week  
**Friday:** 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., 8-9 p.m., 9-10 p.m., 10-11 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 7-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m.  
Please contact **Phyllis Campbell**, 573-795-2290 or **Howard and Linda Willard**, 573-735-4552

**Please pray for...**

Connie Kendrick	Trent Zeiger
William P. Smith, Sr.	Jenine Zeiger
Rose Shinn	Rosemary Evans
Sue Gilbert	Nick Hays
Margaret Hughes	Deanna Buckman
Natalee Amos	Bill Janes
Kyndal Underwood	Bonnie Ess
Kimberly Spalding	Anna Pennewell
Jackie Ryan	Don Davis
Gerry Spalding	Logan Maher
Jan Thompson	Baby Jordyn Painter
Pauline Quinn	Charlotte Schneider
Troy Ritter	Lindsay Ritter
Mary Smith Sprague	Kenny Underhill
Barbara Kendrick	

*For all who are ill, especially those who are awaiting, or recovering from surgery, or seriously ill and for their care-takers & their families; and for those who have died.  
We pray to the Lord.*

**Daughters of Isabella**

**\*\*\*Our next business meeting** will be February 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. An audit will be conducted prior to the meeting at 6:30. The Social Committee for the evening will be Marie Little, chair; Joanne Franklin; Ellie Couch; and Kathy Dean.  
**\*\*\*Our March 14 business meeting** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a carry-in dinner. The Social Committee Chair is Laurie Assell. She will be assisted by Beverly Walker, Carol Bichsel, Jane Wilson and Tiffany Greiman. They are responsible for dessert and beverages only.  
Fr. Greg and Janet Kolton, our State Regent, will be joining us. **This is a very important meeting as we have some decisions to make. Please plan to attend.**  
**\*\*\*Msgr. Connolly Circle #105 Daughters of Isabella – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – October 12, 2019.

**Things to Do...**

**Monday, Feb. 11** Youth Core Group meeting at 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 13** Youth Group – 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 14** Daughters of Isabella meeting at 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 16** Daddy-Daughter Dance at 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 19** Liturgy Committee meeting at 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 20** Youth Group – 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 23** Holy Rosary Basketball Fun Night  
**Friday, March 1** PTO Carnival – 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 2** First Saturday Rosary – 10 a.m.  
**Wednesday, March 6** Ash Wednesday

**Have you checked out FORMED yet?** Discover all the best Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, programs, talks, audio dramas and ebooks – just a click away! Here are this month’s features:

February 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita  
February 10 – St. Jose Sanchez del Rio  
February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes  
February 14 – St. Valentine’s Day  
February 20 – Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto  
February 22 – Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

**FORMED KIDS’ KORNER**

The Opus Joyous Show – Episode 1: The Catholic Voyagers  
This half-hour Catholic adventure story is an epic quest about living with heroic virtue while fighting a spiritual battle to save the world from evil.  
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**Treasures from our Tradition**

The song of the angels, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God’s presence have always been inseparable.  
In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. “Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,” and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing.

Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song. We are born to sing – just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities! Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard.

All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone is in the choir. Why not start practicing now? — James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

