

**405 S. Main St.
Monroe City, MO 63456**

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

or anytime by appointment

Keegan Hunter and Aidan Hunter

\$ 7,849.95

Poinsettias may be donated in memory of a loved one for Christmas Mass. Please ask your florist to wrap them in silver, gold or red foil and have delivery by December 21st.

December 15, 2019 – Howard and Linda Willard

Vocalist/Accompanist: Lindsay Thome and Shannon Quinn

Often I have a penitent tell me when they leave the confessional, they feel that they want to jump for Joy because it feels like a great weight has been lifted. Of course, this happens because we have turned to God for his Grace and Mercy and we find His love and forgiveness that helps remove our blindness so we want to sing for joy. Prepare the way of the Lord! May this joyful, week help you feel the love of God, avoid the stress of imposed holiday pressures, and **joyfully pray... “Come, Lord Jesus”!**

Prayers & Blessings.

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READINGS FOR December 15, 2019

1st Reading – Isaiah 35:1-6 The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Lord, come and save us.

2nd Reading – James 5:7-10 “Be patient until the coming of the Lord,” said the author of the letter of James. “The Judge is standing before the gates.” Take the prophets as your models in facing hardship. They spoke in the Lord’s name.

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11 John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured, and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.

On the Calendar...

December 8 – Connie Walker Christmas Recital 6:00 p.m.

December 9 – O'Donnell Funeral Home Christmas 6:30 p.m.

December 12 – D of I Christmas Party 12:00 p.m.

December 18 – Advent Penance Service at 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party 6 p.m.

January 22 - 25 – March for Life in Washington D.C.

Please pray for...

Deacon Mike	Trent Zeiger	Hazel Smith
Sue Gilbert	Natalee Amos	Rosemary Evans
Deanna Buckman	Nick Hays	Kenny Underhill
Jackie Ryan	Bill Janes	Charlotte Schneider
Logan Maher	Troy Ritter	Kenneth Ryan
Bonnie Ess	Barbara Kendrick	Connie Kendrick
William P. Smith	Teresa Ritter Toland	Mark Leake
Nick Mudd	Daniel Patrick Mudd	
	Mary Smith Sprague	

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL - As a suggestion for Advent, we have 10 open hours at this time. Please consider taking one of them for 1 week or through all Advent or maybe even longer. If none of these are suitable for your schedule, perhaps you could offer to sub for a certain time period or a certain day. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is so special to just sit an hour with our Lord, praying or reading or just listening to what He might be telling you.

Sunday: noon-1pm, 3-4pm

Monday: 5-6pm

Tuesday: 10-11am

Thursday: 3-4am, 4-5am

Friday: 6-7am, noon - 1pm, 6-7pm

Saturday: 2-3pm

Please contact Phyllis Campbell, 573-795-2290 or Howard & Linda Willard, 573-735-4552.

From Deacon Mike's Desk

In an effort to keep a relationship with young adults/college students of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen parishes, our middle school youth group (HR-SEC) is planning on sending a Christmas card and a small gift to these individuals. The purpose is to let them know that they are supported and remembered in prayer. Donations are being accepted to help with this project. If you are able to support this activity, please put your donation into the Sunday collection with checks being made to Holy Rosary SEC. You can also drop off the check to the parish office.

- **Grade school PSR schedule:** Wednesdays 3:15-4:30
- **7th-12th grade PSR:** Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Chosen High School Youth Group:** No class on December 11, last meeting this year will be December 18.
- **Adult Study Group:** Sundays 10:30 a.m. – NOON

The 3 Stages of the Interior Life by Matthew Leonard Formed: Audio/Being Catholic

Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint.

To sign up download the free app or visit www.formed.org and use parish code R8YRMG.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Parish Goal Progress

Parish goal -- **\$24,500.00**

As of December 2, 2019

Amount received: **\$19,446.00**

Only **\$5,054.00** left to meet our goal

School News

- ❖ Tuesday, December 10, at 5:30 vs. North Shelby (Last home game)
Thursday, December 12, **AT** Palmyra 5:00.
- ❖ Christmas Program at Holy Rosary School will be held on Friday, December 20, beginning at 9:30, all are welcome.
- ❖ Mass at 8:20 on Friday, December 13, will be led by the sixth grade students.
- ❖ Lucky Hearts Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 8. Tickets will soon be for sale.

Advent Penance Services (all services begin at 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 10 —HR & St. Stephen 1st Reconciliation
St. Clement, Bowling Green

Monday, Dec. 16 -- Holy Family, Hannibal

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – St. Mary, Shelbyna

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Holy Rosary, Monroe City

Friday, December 20 – St. Joseph, Palmyra

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Choir Practice Schedule -

We welcome anyone who would love to share their talents in music.

NO PRACTICE December 11 (MC Tourney)

Sunday, December 15 at 8:30 am

*Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 (Penance Service at 7)

***MONDAY, DEC 23 ---6:00 pm (tentative time)**

Tuesday, December 24–Midnight Mass (start singing @11:45 pm)

Please remember our parishioners who are in the nursing home or homebound this Christmas season.

Kathy Wilper	Totty Burditt	Jeanette Price
Sue Wilbert	Shirley Lorenson	Julie Leake
Nellie Yates	Rita Jo Kendrick	Juanita Pfanner
Eddie Watson	Mary Evans	

Christmas is Caring - Holy Rosary and St. Stephens are again helping with Christmas is Caring. Gift tags are at the entrances to the church with requests for the children. These gifts can be put in the baskets at the entrances marked for “Christmas is Caring”. All donations need to be in by December 11. Distribution will be December 22. 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.

Christmas Recital - Students of Connie Walker will perform on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church. All are welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus - Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus will hold their Christmas party on December 18, starting at 6 pm with a short meeting, followed by a supper of soup and sandwiches, and then card playing and other games. You may leave for the penance service, and return later if desired. Swinkey Knights are invited to join their Brother Knights in this celebration.

Daughters of Isabella - The annual D of I Christmas will be meeting on Thursday, December 12 at 12:00 in the KC hall. Drinks, meat and dessert will be provided. The social committee will be the Officers. We will NOT be having a gift exchange. Hope to see you there.

Prayer for Pope Francis 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on December 13, 2019

Father of mercy,
we come before you with gratitude
for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis,
whom you have made Peter's successor.
Support him with the Spirit's gifts,
so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal
and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage.
May his example of long and faithful service
be an inspiration to your priests and to all your faithful.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.