

READINGS FOR December 29, 2019

1st Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 People who revere their father will live a long life; they who obey their father bring comfort to their mother. Kindness to a parent will take lasting root.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

2nd Reading – Colossians 3:12-21 The church at Colossae heard, “put on...heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Bear with one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. The author wrote, be thankful, and “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

Gospel – Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 Joseph was told in a dream to take the child and his mother to Egypt. In that way the prophecy would be fulfilled: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” When they returned, they settled in Nazareth to fulfill another prophecy: “He shall be called a Nazorean.”

On the Calendar...

- January 4** – First Saturday Rosary at 10 a.m.
- January 22 - 25** – March for Life in Washington D.C.
- February 8** – Lucky Hearts

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 - 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. Many blessings have come to us through our constant vigil in our Adoration Chapel. Don't deny yourself the experience!

- Sunday: noon-1pm, 3-4pm
- Monday: 5-6pm
- Tuesday: 2-3pm
- Thursday: 3-4am
- Friday: 6-7am, 6-7pm
- Saturday: 2-3pm

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

Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service at Monroe City Manor

- December 29, 2019 – Jim and Sheryl Underhill
- January 5, 2020 – Mark and Cathy Yager
- January 12, 2020 – Howard and Linda Willard

From Deacon Mike's Desk

- **Grade school PSR schedule:** classes resume on January 8, 2020
- **7th-10th grade PSR:** classes resume January 5, 2020
- **Chosen High School Youth Group:** classes will resume on January 8, 2020
- **Adult Study Group:** classes resume January 5, 2020

Formed: Book

Know Your Story by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

People love stories. But when we lose sight of where the story of our life is going, the “narrative” and meaning of our lives becomes confusing to us, and we can lose hope. In this dynamic talk, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, renews our sense of hope and wonder (and humor), revealing that the reason we love stories is that we are part of a good story; one that answers the deepest desires and longings of our hearts. Whatever chapter our lives are in, God can transform our story, so that we can know and experience the beauty, adventure, and love for which we were created.

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Please Be Generous in the Christmas Collection

On Christmas day, the diocese asks us to take up a collection to help support the men in our diocese who are discerning God's call to priesthood. Each parish is assessed an amount to help educate and support our seminarians. This year's assessment for our parish is **\$2,616.00**. Your contribution to the **8** men studying for priesthood in our diocese will help us to pay that assessment. Notice that these men are pictured on a poster in the back of church. Please be generous and remember to pray for these **8** men as they seek to follow God's call. Both parishes gave \$50 to each seminarian as a Christmas present and the St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus help sponsor Seminarian Erick Chincilla from Milan, Mo.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Choir Practice Schedule

***MONDAY, DEC 23 --6:00 pm (tentative time)**
 Tuesday, December 24–Midnight Mass (start singing @11:45 pm)

School News

- ****Student choir members are asked to attend their final practice on Monday, December 23, at 9:30 in the church. The students will sing at Holy Rosary Church on Christmas Eve at the 5:30 celebration.
- ****Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020 after the Christmas break. Bus service **will NOT** be available on that day.
- ****The second quarter of this school year ended on December 20. Report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, January 9, 2020.
- ****Lucky Hearts tickets are available. They may be purchased at school or from Loree Quinn at Alliant Bank. Buy your tickets right away and reserve your favorite seats.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Goal Progress

As of December 17, 2019
 Parish goal ----- **\$24,500**
 Amount received ----- **\$ 20,021**
 Only **\$ 4,479** left to meet our goal
 Diocese goal ----- **\$2,450,000**
 Received ----- **\$1,869,232**

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

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

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

March for Life

Any adult or youth (8-12 grades) who would be interested in going on the Right to Life trip to Washington, DC. January 23-25 please contact Deacon Mike asap. All expenses are paid by the local Right to Life group.

Daughters of Isabella

*****Annual dues in the amount of \$20** may be sent to Tara Elliott, 40537 Hwy. W, Monroe City, MO 63456 or you may put them in an envelope marked “D of I dues” and place them in the collection basket at Mass. **Please remit before the end of January.**

*****Our next business meeting** will be January 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. **(NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)** An audit will be conducted prior to the meeting at 4:30.

***Thank you to all those that came to enjoy our Christmas Party.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Merry Christmas