

April 26, 2020  
Third Sunday of Easter



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

**SUNDAY MASS:**

**Holy Rosary & St. Stephen:** Livestream 8:00 a.m.  
(can be viewed anytime)

**WEEKLY MASSES:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays

By appointment call

Holy Rosary office 573-735-4718

**Mass Intentions**

Live stream link [shorturl.at/zNQ57](https://shorturl.at/zNQ57)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25</b> George & Juanita Yates
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Livestream	<b>April 26</b> Williams & Hays families, Living & Deceased
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 27</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 28</b> Mike Long family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 29</b> Donnie Quigley
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 30</b> Purgatorial Society
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 1</b> Pauline Quinn
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2</b> Robert Lee Bono John, Isabelle and Terry Ritter
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Livestream	<b>May 3</b> Brandon Devlin

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

April 5	\$ 7,657.70
April 12	\$ 7,254.03
April 19	\$ 6,574.97



Dear Parishioners,

"Good grief, Charlie Brown!" Lucy would often say in the Peanuts cartoon. Even as a kid I never thought those words went together... "good" and "grief". Can we call it "Good Grief"? No, grief is pain and suffering. It is something to be endured and shared with those we love. Grief is hard.

During this pandemic, we have been enduring grief in a variety of ways. Some people are grieving the loss of a loved one or a classmate. They are having to endure visitations and funerals restricted by lack of physical touch or the number of people who may be physically present to celebrate the person's life or attend the funeral and burial. I pray that you receive comfort through the prayers of family, friends, and your parishioners. Some are grieving the loss of one's job and wondering how to financially make ends meet.

Many grieve the loss of their social life. Some are lonely and others are frustrated that they cannot visit family and friends. They miss interaction with co-workers and prayer groups. They grieve the postponing of sacraments and graduations and the canceling of state competitions, sporting events, proms and graduations.

Although it's hard to comprehend that there is "good grief", I strongly believe that **good can come from grief** and also that there are healthy ways to grieve. That is what Easter and Resurrection teaches us. Going through the pain of loss may help us to appreciate life, the people in our lives, and the blessings that are bestowed upon us. Several people have shared with me how family time has become more important to them through this pandemic. The faithful are longing for Mass and the Eucharist more now that public celebrations of the Mass have been suspended. Some folks have shared with me that they now realize that their lives were too busy and may make significant changes in their routine to give more priority to family meals and not always being "on the go."

Each of the past two Sundays of Easter, in the gospel reading, Jesus has greeted His apostles and each one of us with the words, "Peace be with you." Resurrection conquers the fear and sting of death and brings hope and eventually peace to our imperfect world.

As your pastor, I echo these words of Jesus and say to you, "Peace be with you." Try to avoid asking God 'Why this had to happen?' or 'When will this end?' Rather, cry out to God instead praying, 'God show me where You are in this!' 'Jesus I trust in You!' and 'Holy Spirit be the Light to guide me through this!'

May you know Christ's peace and strength through the kindness of others. Continue to offer Christ's peace through your prayers and kind deeds. Ask God to make us all instruments of His peace. Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus in today's gospel, may your heart burn within you as you recognize Jesus walking with you on your good days and difficult days. May God continue to bless you and show you God's compassionate love.

Prayers and blessing

*Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger*

### Prayer Intentions for the month of April

**Intention of Pope Francis:** We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For a stronger sense of the mission of the Church, especially among our youth and young adults, in this time of pandemic and in our discernment of a new pastoral plan.

### On the Calendar...

**April 26** – Holy Rosary Mass 8:00 a.m. via livestream

**May 8** – Father Greg 27<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary

**May 9** – Pork burger pick-up from 9 – Noon at KC Hall

**May 18** – Anniversary for Holy Rosary Church dedication back in 1969

**July 16** – 35<sup>th</sup> Adoration Chapel Anniversary

Please pray for.....

Jim Schnitzler	Deacon Mike Long	Trent Zeiger
Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert	Natalee Amos
Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman	Nick Hays
Jackie Ryan	Logan Maher	Daniel Patrick Mudd
Troy Ritter	Kenneth Ryan	Bonnie Ess
Barbara Kendrick	Connie Kendrick	William P. Smith
Teresa Ritter Toland	Mark Leake	Nick Mudd

Father, God we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Right now over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL** – Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice. You are welcome to take your Holy Hour in either church in front of the Tabernacle.

**Sunday: 1-2 pm, 3-4 pm**

**Monday: 11 am - noon**

**Tuesday: midnight – 1am, 1-2 am**

**Wednesday 6-7pm**

**Friday: 2-3am & 3-4am**

**Saturday 2-3pm**

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

### **School News**

☞ **Applications are being accepted** to fill the **third grade teaching position** at Holy Rosary School. Please contact Sr. Sue Walker for additional information and to receive an application. (573-735-2422 - 573-822-9056)

☞ As school will not be in session for the rest of this academic year, we are grateful to all teachers, parents and students as they continue working with learning activities to challenge and develop young minds.

### From Deacon Mike's Desk

**Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Youth have sold all the pork burgers. Thanks to everyone for your orders to help our church youth! See you all for pick-up on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon!**

### **The Adventures of Occee Nash / Movie**

Based on Milam McGraw Propst's award-winning novel, A Flower Blooms on Charlotte Street, The Adventures of Occee Nash is a delightful and inspiring film you won't soon forget! Although nine-year-old Occee loves roaming Mississippi's 1898 rural landscape, her widower father (Keith Carradine) feels that Occee lacks a role model to help her become a "young lady." So, Occee boards a train to North Carolina, to be raised by her Aunt Mamie (Mare Winningham). Although Occee meets heroes like the Wright Brothers and the U.S. President, she ultimately proves that she, too, is capable of greatness in this heartwarming, rewarding film the whole family will enjoy.

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

### **DRE Retiring after 7 Years of Service to Our Parishes**

Deacon Mike Long has submitted his resignation as the Director for Religious Education for our parishes of St. Stephen and Holy Rosary. His last day in the position will be May 31, 2020. Deacon Mike will continue his ministry as an active permanent deacon for both parishes. His hope is that retirement will help him spend more time with family and friends. He pledges to do whatever he can to make the transition to hiring a new DRE as smooth as possible. Deacon Mike will continue to organize and help the RCIA Candidates, Confirmation Candidates and First Communicants until we are able to celebrate these initiation sacraments. I am grateful to Deacon Mike for his dedicated and faithful service to the adult and youth faith formation in our parishes and I wish him well and many blessings in his retirement.

### **ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger is accepting applications for the Director of Religious Education position for Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Parishes. This position is currently a part-time position with a minimum of 30 hours a week and benefits. Applications will be accepted during the month of May 2020. Please contact Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger for a job description by phone or email at: 573-735-4718 or [gregolig@gmail.com](mailto:gregolig@gmail.com)

### **Readings for May 3, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41** Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Peter 2:20b-25** Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by his death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

**Gospel – John 10:1-10** Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep." He declared that whoever enters through him will be saved because he came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.