

Readings for February 2, 2020

1st Reading – Malachi 3:1-4 The prophet Malachi prophesied that the Lord God will send a messenger “to prepare the way.” The Lord will appear at the temple and God will “refine and purify” the people.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 24:7,8,9,10 Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

2nd Reading – Hebrews 2:14-18 Jesus was fully human. Through his death he frees all who live in fear of death. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help all who are tempted.

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna the prophetess gave thanks to God.

On the Calendar...

January 21 – 29 – Novena for Life at St. Stephen 7 p.m.

January 26 – Teaching Mass Sunday at 5:30

January 30 – Catholic Week lunch 11:20 a.m.

Catholic Week Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.

February 1 – Knights of Columbus Chili Supper at SS

February 8 – Lucky Hearts

February 11 – Mass at SS for special needs & illness 7 p.m.

February 15 – Daddy/daughter dance

March 19 – Confirmation for high school students

March 25 – Parish Family Faith Night

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole, and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting help and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Please pray for...

Trent Zeiger	Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert
Natalee Amos	Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman
Nick Hays	Kenny Underhill	Jackie Ryan
Bill Janes	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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL - "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."- St. Padre Pio

Sunday: noon-1pm, 3-4pm

Monday: 5-6pm

Friday: 6-7am, 6-7pm

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



Lucky Hearts tickets are available. They may be purchased at school, from Loree Quinn at Alliant Bank or from Sr. Sue. Buy your tickets right away and reserve your favorite seats. Lucky Hearts will be on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

Parish pictorial directory Our photography dates for our upcoming directory event is fast approaching. Photography times are still available – visit our website, Facebook event page or contact the parish office 735-4718 to sign up now.

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 March 1.**

Our next business meeting will be February 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. There will be an audit at 4:30.

We will be hosting next month’s community dinner at the Methodist Church on February 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick and Our Lady of Lourdes is Tuesday, February 11th. The St. Stephens Knights of Columbus will sponsor a special Mass for people with special needs and illness at St. Stephens at 7 p.m. Fr. Greg will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during this Mass.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Goal Progress

As of January 20, 2020

Parish goal ----- **\$24,500**

Amount received ----- **\$ 23,851**

Only **\$ 649** left to meet our goal

Diocese Goal-----\$2,450,000

Received-----\$2,620,795.44

School News

- * Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this week. Special daily prayer services will be held in the gym beginning at 8:20. Everyone is welcome to attend these times of prayer.
- * Open House will be held on Thursday, January. 30. All visitors may visit classrooms from 9:30 until 1:00. Visitors may eat lunch with the students beginning at 11:30. A Soup Supper will also be served from 5:00 – 6:30 and all classrooms will be open for viewing until approximately 8:00.
- * CSW Raffle - raffle tickets are being sold by the students. Please support this fundraising activity. Prizes are: \$250, \$500, and \$1000. The drawing will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, at approximately 12:30 in the gym.
- * Mass at 8:20 on Friday will be led by the students in the third and fourth grade.

Holy Rosary School is certainly blessed with the support of so many faithful families, parishioners and individuals who continue the tradition of providing the long and strong support of solid Catholic Education for the students of the Monroe City area.

From Deacon Mike’s Desk

We are well in to the 2nd semester of our High School PSR program and it’s going well. The attendance is great with adults now for an adult class. It’s a beautiful thing! We need your help with preparing breakfast after mass on Sunday morning. Some of the ways you can help.

- 1) Sign up to make an egg dish, potato dish, bring pastries, etc.
- 2) Donate drinks, yogurt, fruit, donuts, etc.
- 3) Donate condiments and staples.
- 4) Monetary donations – Can be placed in offertory basket marked PSR.

We are also in need of prep items for the kitchen such as cookie sheets, electric skillet, towels and dish rags, paring knives, can opener, etc. These items do not have to be new. We welcome any used items in good condition. We appreciate any help you can give as well as coming down and helping to serve our young people. They enjoy seeing new faces each Sunday morning. Thanks so much for those who have helped already, it is much appreciated!

Jane Vollrath (573-406-8889 / Text or Call anytime)

Simon Scholarship and Warack Scholarship applications for 2020-2021 are being accepted through March 31, 2020. Applications can be acquired through Deacon Mike or may be downloaded at diojeffcity.org/scholarship.

Completed applications should be sent to: Attn: Scholarship Facilitator, PO Box 104900, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4900 or faxed to 573-635-2286. Applications must be postmarked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2020. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2020.

- **Grade school PSR schedule:** Wednesday 3:15-4:30
- **7th-10th grade PSR:** Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Chosen High School Youth Group:** Wednesdays 7 p.m.
- **Adult Study Group:** Sundays 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Indian Creek Knights of Columbus will have their annual Chili Supper and card game Saturday, February 1st with the social beginning at 4:00 and the meal at 5:00 in the Swinkey Gym. All St Stephen and Holy Rosary Knights are invited to attend.

There will be a March for Life at St. Stephen, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus as a part of their *9 Days Novena For Life*, Tuesday, January 28th. The Novena prayers will be prayed in Church, beginning at 7:00, followed by the March to the highway and back. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

This Sunday, January 26, Fr. Greg will offer an additional Sunday Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church. This will be a “teaching Mass”. A spaghetti dinner will follow at the school.