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WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Rosary: Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Stephen: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday – Mass at Monroe City Manor – 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday – 7:30 a.m.

Friday - 8:20 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Rosary: Saturday 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. or anytime by appointment

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 23 5:30 p.m. Mark Saunders Sunday March 24

8:00 a.m. The Bichsel Family, Living and Deceased

Gerry Spalding

Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen 9:30 a.m. March 25 Monday

7:30 a.m. The Annunciation of the Lord Flovd Buckman

March 26

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Mass at Monroe City Manor

Cecilia White

Wednesday March 27 Don Davis Family 7:30 a.m. **Thursday** March 28

7:30 a.m. Bill and Cheryl Elliott and Family

Friday March 29 **Gerry Spalding** 8:20 a.m. Ministers: Group 4

March 30 Saturday

5:30 p.m. **Becky Labuary Underwood**

Sunday March 31

Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Judson Stewart

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Servers:

Daily Mass March 24, March 27 - March 29

Beau Lucas and Denten Hays

Weekend Masses - March 30 & 31

Please see Liturgical Ministries section

Your Gifts to God and Parish

March 2 & 3	\$ 6,802.50
March 9 & 10	\$ 7,042.67
March 16 & 17	\$ 8,424.16

Prayer Intentions for the month of March

You are invited and encouraged to unite your prayer intentions with those of Pope Francis and Bishop McKnight.

Pope Francis: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Bishop McKnight: For a penitential spirit: that our observance of Lent may open our own hearts to greater sorrow for sins that offend our love of God and neighbor.

Reconciliation Services - 7:00 p.m.

March 28 - St. Michael Church, Kahoka April 3 - St. Clement Church, Bowling Green April 4 - St. Joseph Church, Palmyra April 10 - Sacred Heart Church, Vandalia

Liturgical Ministries March 30 & 31 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Cheryl Elliott

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Kendrick, Linda Willard, Dorothy Ritter, Howard Willard, Ruth Ann Shaver and Jim Assell

Lector: Matthew Harris Gifts: Tully and Cathy Tonsor Greeters: Tim and Tina Schmitt

Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Bill Couch, Jerry Durbin and Ruth Ann

Servers: Cynthia Gamble and Taylor Pfaff

Vocalist/Musician: Donna Long and Connie Walker

9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Frank Harris

Eucharistic Ministers: Tonya Elliott, Dorothy Shively, Jerry Copenhaver, Kay Elliott, Phyllis Campbell, Phil Thompson,

Dennis Long and Steve DeLaporte

Lector: Frank Harris Gifts: Nick Pfanner Family

Greeters: Annette Carmean and Laura Lucas Family

Ushers: Ron Hays, Parker Kendrick, Bill Schneider and Jerry

Servers: Terryn Moses and Kolton Moses

Vocalist/Musician: Jan Kendrick and Jackie Pangborn

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to ask the question, "Where is God in our human misery today?!"

Satan can turn that question into despair and lead us to think that God is far away from us or God doesn't listen to us. I had a friend that once said, "I thought if I got closer to God my life would become easier. Why do I have to keep trying so hard to be Holy?" Our scripture readings this weekend, on the surface, seem depressing and meant to cause us to be afraid of God's wrath. But look deeper at the message! God, in the burning bush, calls out to Moses who responds, "Here I am.' God commits to free His people from slavery if Moses commits to trust in God and put personal effort into obeying God so God can make salvation happen. In the Gospel, terrible things are happening to the Jews through Roman occupation and even freak accidents. Jesus tells the people to not despair but rather repent of the sins of this world and put their hope in God. He warns about praying and looking religious but not truly believing and trusting in God. Everyone is challenged to change one's own way of thinking and respond to God's

It is true that God our loving Father watches over us, but not to catch us in sin and punish us. He cares for us like the gardener in the gospel parable cares for the fig tree that seems to only be taking up space and not producing fruit. The gardener, who cultivates hope, is patient. He cultivates our soul. He loosens the soil, applies the fertilizer of Grace, prunes and encourages us to be who he created us to be. The compassionate gardener who intercedes for us is Jesus who begs that we not be cut down and trashed. [From Workbook for Lectors, 2019, LTP.]

So, where is God in our Human misery today?! He is in the thick of it, in the wounds and pains of our everyday life. Christ's interventions, sometimes drastic, are proof of God's love. Good Friday is evidence of this for us. What may seem like injury is God's work to heal us. So let us put our hope in Jesus who never abandons us, even in our pain.

There are lots of ways we distance ourselves from God. We can pray daily, but we may pray to God as if God is far away and/or like God is a boss that we check-in with each day. We can give God only a portion of our day (maybe fifteen minutes or an hour a day) and yet not welcome God into all we do. We can share only good things with God or think that we have to be good before God will hear us. Jesus wants us to invite Him into our sorrows, our sins, our failures, our depression, and our grief and let Him raise us out of that muck and wash us clean by the waters of baptism and sacramental grace.

During this Season of Lent, take the risk to give yourself completely to Christ. Take time to receive the Sacrament of Penance and confess your sins to God through the priest and hear Christ tell you are loved and forgiven. Let the grace of the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist bring you ever closer to our Lord during our Lenten retreat. Prayers and Blessings,

7. Hardlyschlage

School News from Sr. Sue

Student Liturgy at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, March 29, will be led by the sixth grade class.

<u>Kindergarten Registration</u> will be held on Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

<u>Pre-School classes</u> are almost full. Names may be added to a <u>waiting list.</u>

Applications for teaching at Holy Rosary School are being accepted for the fourth grade position for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Sr. Sue Walker for additional information at 573-735-2422 or hrssw@socket.net.

Second Collection Next Weekend

We will have an additional collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services and Development (3 in 1). This collection will benefit:

- 1. Catholic Relief Services to help needy, sick and hungry overseas.
- 2. Peter's Pence to help the Holy Father respond to the neediest through the world, sustaining those who suffer and empowering the weak, defenseless and voiceless.
- 3. Holy Land to support the Holy Places, but above all to support the Church's pastoral, charitable, educational and social work in the Holy Land.

From Deacon Mike's Desk

PSR: Class today, March 24, following 9:30 Mass. The guest speaker will be Peggy Spalding.

Grade School PSR: Class Wednesday, March 27, 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

April 7, 2019 – Howard and Linda Willard April 14, 2019 – Jim and Sheryl Underhill April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday – Mark and Cathy Yager

From our Choir Director...

Rehearsal Schedule for the Easter Cantata

Wednesday, April 3 – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7 – 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 Mass) Wednesday, April 10 – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14 – 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 Mass)

CHWC Pork Burger Sale!

The 2019 Catholic Heart Work Camp group will have frozen pork burgers available at the KC Hall on a first-come, first-serve basis on Saturday morning, March 30th, from 9 a.m. -12 noon and again on Sunday, March 31st,following 9:30 Mass until 11:30 a.m. Twelve patties per bag at \$10 per bag. To reserve your burgers, call or text Riss Hays at (573) 406-7133.

<u>Have you checked out FORMED yet?</u> Discover all the best Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, programs, talks, audio dramas and ebooks – just a click away!

This week on FORMED! Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

This week's FORMED features focus on Our Blessed Mother. Topics to watch, read and listen to include "Mary: God's Yes to Man"; the Joyful Mysteries; Catholic teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary; "Is Bowing before a Mary Statue Idolatry?"; and much more!

To sign up for **FORMED** please visit <u>www.formed.org</u> and use Parish code: **R8YRMG**. This service is **free** to our parishioners so please use it as much as you would like.

22nd Annual Lenten Breakfast, sponsored by Monroe Lodge #64 A.F. & A.M., will be held April 15 through April 19 in the basement of the Monroe City Christian Church beginning at 7:00 a.m. and concluding at 8:00 a.m. Guest speakers and musicians will be featured throughout the week.

On the Calendar...

Friday, March 29 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, March 30 & 31 CHWC Pork Burger Sale

March 31 CHWC informational meeting following PSR

Tuesday, April 2 Nursing Home Rosary Group, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2 Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:00 p.m. **Saturday, April 6** First Saturday Rosary, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 7 Hospitality Sunday

Thursday, April 11 Chrism Mass, Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Jefferson City, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 Daughters of Isabella meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, 2215 W. Main St., Jefferson City on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH JOB OPENING

The Administrative Assistant/Parish Secretary provides clerical and office support to the Holy Rosary Parish Office. Applicants need to be able to have good people skills, proper telephone etiquette, respect for confidentiality, have clerical experience, know Microsoft Office programs, and be a self-starter. Please provide a cover letter and resume to Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger by mail or email [gregolig@gmail.com] by April 15, 2019. Cheryl Elliott is retiring from the position and our parish wishes her all the best.

Please pray for...

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

For <u>all</u> who are ill, for their caretakers and for their families. We pray to the Lord.

The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2 at the KC Hall. Brother Lou Holtman from St. Louis will have a presentation about the Special Olympics Training Center in Jefferson City. Come and enjoy the meeting and stay for a special fish fry of spoonbill and catfish cooked by brother John Kendrick!

March 31, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 God delivered Israel from Egypt. All the people celebrated Passover with unleavened cakes and parched grain in their new land, the promised land flowing with milk and honey. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:17-21 We are ambassadors for Christ

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Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Jesus told his followers the parable of the prodigal son. It is never too late to repent, to be received back by a loving father, and to enjoy his presence forever.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Stephen

9:45 AM Mass at Holy Rosary

2:00 PM Ministerial Alliance Holy Week Service/Easter Cantata 7:30 PM Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Rosary Church

Holy Wednesday - April 17

12:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Holy Rosary Church

Holy Thursday - April 18 - Holy Rosary Church

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 PM to Midnight – Adoration at side altar

Good Friday – April 19 – Holy Rosary Church

11:00 AM Confessions

Noon – Stations of the Cross

12:30 to 1:30 PM Confessions 7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Easter Vigil Holy Saturday, April 20 – Holy Rosary Church NO 5:30 PM Mass or confessions Saturday evening

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21 8:00 AM Mass at St. Stephen

9:45 AM Mass at Holy Rosary

Census Jobs!! \$14.00-\$15.50 per hour

Earn extra income while helping your community. The Census is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs including census takers, recruiting assistants, and field supervisors. Pay rates are \$14.00 to \$15.50 per hour. Apply for one of thousands of temporary 2020 Census jobs.

The Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as how funds are spent on roads, schools and hospitals. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs. There will be an application drive at the Monroe City Public Library March 25 from 11am-1pm.