

**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

Servers:

Daily Mass	March 13 – March 15 Meghan Hays and Cole Hays
Weekend Masses – March 16 & 17	Please see Liturgical Ministries section

March 2 & 3	\$ 6,802.50
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Bishop McNight: *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.*

Charitable Contribution Letters for your offertory donations are available for 2018. To obtain yours, please call the rectory office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 735-4718.

Vocalist/Musician: Lindsay Thome and Shannon Quinn

The disciplines of Lent – self denial, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – are not the ends in and of themselves but the means by which we prepare for the renewal of our baptism in the celebration of the Pascal mystery, the total event of Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Sending of the Holy Spirit. In the joy and renewal of Lent we look forward to the great high feast of Easter.

May you have a Blessed Lenten Season and may you listen to God's call to "stretch" yourself and grow in your relationship with God and commitment to the Church during this season of penance and renewal. Prayers and Blessings.

F. Heydichlager

March 19 – Holy Family Church, Hannibal
March 20 – Holy Rosary Church, Monroe City
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

School News from Sr. Sue

Track Practice will begin on Monday, March 11.

Report Card Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 14 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the KC Hall. All students will be dismissed from school at 12:30. Bus service will not be available at that time.

Classes will not be held on Friday, March 15. All teachers will attend a *Faculty Retreat Day*.

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary School cafeteria.

Pre-School classes are almost full. Names may be added to a [waiting list](#).

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.

From Deacon Mike's Desk

PSR: Class today, March 10, following 9:30 Mass.

Grade School PSR: Class Wednesday, March 13, 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

March 24, 2019 – Mark and Cathy Yager

April 7, 2019 – Howard and Linda Willard

April 14, 2019 – Jim and Sheryl Underhill

Knights of Columbus

*****The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a FISH FRY on Friday, March 15, at the Lion's Club barn.** Serving begins at 4:30, with a menu of fish, baked beans, cornbread, slaw, dessert and iced tea or water. Prices are \$9 per adult and \$5 per child. Please also support the Lion's Club as they will also sponsor fish fries on March 8 and March 22 at the barn.

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)

Daughters of Isabella

*****Our March 14 business meeting** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a carry-in dinner. Jim Underhill will be a guest speaker, and Fr. Greg and Janet Kolton, our State Regent, will also be joining us.

The Social Committee Chair is Laurie Assell. She will be assisted by Beverly Walker, Carol Bichsel, Jane Wilson and Tiffany Greiman. They are responsible for dessert and beverages only.

This is a very important meeting as we have some decisions to make. Please plan to attend.

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*****Msgr. Connolly Circle #105 Daughters of Isabella – 100th Anniversary Celebration – October 12, 2019.**

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Coming up on FORMED!

March 17 – St. Patrick

Watch: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Listen: The Trials of St. Patrick

Read: St. Patrick's Summer

Read: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

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Things to Do...

Thursday, March 14 Daughters of Isabella meeting – 6 p.m.

Friday, March 15 K of C Fish Fry, Lion's Club Barn, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20 Penance Service

Perpetual Adoration Hours Available

Sunday: noon-1 p.m., 11-midnight

Monday: 7–8 a.m. (for winter only), 5-6 p.m.

Tuesday: 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday: 5-6 p.m.

Thursday: 11-midnight, every other week

Friday: 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., 8-9 p.m., 9-10 p.m., 10-11 p.m.

Saturday: 7-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m.

Please contact **Phyllis Campbell**, 573-795-2290 or **Howard and Linda Willard**, 573-735-4552

Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life.

How can you contribute to support families in your community? The Monroe City Food Bank will receive 25% of our parish's Rice Bowl donations. You can pick up your family's Rice Bowl at the church exits. Included with each Rice Bowl is a calendar with daily Lenten reflections and recipes from countries that are served by Catholic Relief Services.

Please pray for...

Connie Kendrick
William P. Smith, Sr.
Rose Shinn
Sue Gilbert
Margaret Hughes
Natalee Amos
Kyndal Underwood
Kimberly Spalding
Jackie Ryan
Barbara Kendrick
Jan Thompson
Pauline Quinn
Troy Ritter
Mary Smith Sprague
Jim and Pat Stuart

Trent Zeiger
Jenine Zeiger
Rosemary Evans
Nick Hays
Deanna Buckman
Bill Janes
Bonnie Ess
Anna Pennewell
Don Davis
Logan Maher
Baby Jordyn Painter
Charlotte Schneider
Lindsay Ritter
Kenny Underhill

For all who are ill, especially those who are awaiting, or recovering from surgery, or seriously ill and for their care-takers & their families; and for those who have died.

We pray to the Lord.

The website is up and running! One of our parishioners has kindly donated his time and creativity to get us back online. Much of the information was taken from the old website, so please bear with us as we continue to update each page. You can find us at www.holyrosarychurchmc.org.

March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 God appeared to Abram and made a covenant to his faithful servant, promising many descendants and much land. Abram put faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as righteousness.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Paul urged the Philippians to follow his example: “Therefore, my brothers and sister, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.”

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. There he was transfigured before their eyes. A cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Catholicism and Purgatory

Catholics believe in Heaven, Hell, and something called Purgatory that has two purposes: a temporal punishment for sin, and the cleansing from the attachment to sin. Purgatory purifies the soul before the soul's grand entrance into Heaven.

Purgatory is an often-misunderstood Catholic doctrine. It isn't considered a spiritual jail or hell with parole. And Catholicism doesn't teach that everyone goes to purgatory. On the contrary, the Church believes that many people are purified or purged, hence the term *purgatory*, in this life. For example, the Church believes that:

- Many innocent persons who suffer from disease, poverty, or persecution are living their purgatory now on earth, and when they die faithful to God, may go straight to heaven.
- People who live an exceptionally good and holy life bypass purgatory and go to heaven.

Anyone who dies in the state of grace (receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist) may go immediately to heaven. The Church teaches that everyone else, although not stained with serious/grave sin that would lead one to Hell, needs purification from venial sins to enter into Heaven. Purgatory is the gift from God that will wash away sin one day for our entrance into Heaven.