

August 25, 2019

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Times



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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.

Tuesday - Mass at Monroe City Manor - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 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

Table with 2 columns: Day and Mass Intention. Rows include Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with their respective times and intentions.

Servers:
Daily Mass August 28-30
Denten Hays and Natalee Amos
Weekend Masses - August 31 & September 1
Please see Liturgical Ministries section

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows: August 3 & 4 (\$ 6,890.20), August 10 & 11 (\$ 5,256.91), August 17 & 18 (\$ 7,467.35)

Prayer Intentions for the month of September

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

Pope Francis: The Protection of the Oceans; That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Bishop McKnight: For first responders; that God's holy angels may watch over and protect those who place themselves in harm's way to serve their neighbors.

Liturgical Ministries

August 30
8:20 a.m. Mass

Cup Ministers for Student Mass: Rose Ellen Mudd, Dorothy Moss, Dennis Moss, Ruth Ann Lorenson

August 31 & September 1
5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Cheryl Elliott
Servers: Myra Jones and Taylor Pfaff
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Couch, Linda Willard, Ruth Ann Shaver, Sonja Greeves, Matthew Harris, Teresa Harris
Lector: Howard Willard
Gifts: Mark & Jane Vollrath
Greeters: Gary & Betty Yager
Ushers: Tully Tonsor, John Ritter, Dennis Moss, Ron Dean
Vocalist/Accompanist: Donna Long and Connie Walker

9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Frank Harris
Servers: Kyndal Benson and Makenna Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Tonya Elliott, Phyllis Campbell, Sharon Hays, Charlotte Schneider, Kay Elliott, Gary Hays, Steve DeLaporte, Sarah McNally
Lector: Dianne Kunce
Gifts: Phil & Donna Thompson
Greeters: Jim Underhill Family and Mike Hetheriton Family
Ushers: Jerry Durbin, Kevin Bichsel, Bill Couch, Jay Ritter
Vocalist/Accompanist: Choir and Connie Walker

Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service at Monroe City Manor

August 25, 2019 - Howard and Linda Willard
September 8, 2019 - Jim and Sheryl Underhill
September 22, 2019 - Mark and Cathy Yager

Dear Parishioners,

"So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees." [Heb. 12:12] This verse from today's second reading calls us to take prayer seriously and gives me cause to reflect on how I pray. The letter from Hebrews is telling us that prayer is a "discipline". Therefore, in order to pray well, prayer must be a regular part of each day. Prayer keeps us in good spiritual fitness so that we have the energy and strength to handle the difficulties of life and it replenishes the well of love from which everyone else draws.

Daily, as disciples of Jesus, we are to spend personal time in prayer with our God. To get down on our knees causes us to pause. To fold our hands in prayer helps us to focus and keep the busyness of our hands from fidgeting about others things and keeps us from wringing our hands with worry. Firm praying and strong knees help us to be well practiced in separating ourselves from distraction, turning to the Lord, and trusting in Him. Whether our body allows us to physically kneel [I certainly can't kneel right now] or fold our hands is not the point; taking the time for prayer in a designated place, set aside and distinct from our ordinary routine is key.

Signs of drooping hands and weak knees show up when prayer become something I do only when I have time or on my terms. When I wait to pray only when I go to bed, or crowd prayer time between already planned events my prayer gets flabby. When I talk myself into praying later when I have more time and later never comes, my prayer gets neglected. When my prayer is always done by someone else, like meal times or before meetings or class my prayer time get lazy and taken for granted. The end of summer, the start of school, the changes of seasons and the time for harvest are all great opportunities to get prayer in good shape. A conversation with the Lord each day helps us remember that God is most important in my life. Just like getting in good physical shape has to include exercise, to pray well we must pray often. Our spiritual life gives us lots of ways to pray. Choose a variety of spiritual exercises to keep yourself in good spiritual health. Pray well and may you know God's abundant blessings and grace.

Thank you to all who have been enthusiastic about welcoming me back to parish ministry. I appreciate all of your prayers, your offers to drive me to my appointments and the meals you have provided. I am recovering well and quickly. Thank you for your encouragement and understanding as I gradually work my way back to a full-day schedule. Prayers and Blessings.

Handwritten signature of Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

God loves us. May we discover the beauty of loving and being loved!

READINGS FOR September 1, 2019

1st Reading – Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Conduct your affairs more humbly, the greater you are, and God will favor you. A wise person always takes joy in listening to others.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading – Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 Our God draws near to our mountain and city. The judge of all comes close into our assembly. Jesus our mediator reaches to touch us and invites us to touch him. We join the festal gathering of our living God.

Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14 The exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted. When you have a dinner, invite poor people or persons with disabilities. Have a reception for persons who cannot repay you, "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Please pray for...

Father Greg	Deacon Mike	Nancy Yates
Trent Zeiger	Rose Shinn	Hazel Smith
Jenine Zeiger	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	Teresa Ritter Toland	

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears and surround them with peace. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

On the Calendar...

- August 24-25** – PSR registration after Mass
- August 31 – September 1** – PSR registration after Mass
- September 1** – Hospitality Sunday – Prolife Committee
- September 6** - Healing Prayer Service Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City 6 p.m.
- September 11** – Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
RCIA informational meeting 7 p.m.
- September 12** – D of I meeting 7 p.m.
- September 16** - Applications due for disabled deer hunt
- September 17** – Quarter Madness fundraiser at Nutrition Center
- September 20-22** – D of I State Convention
- October 3-5** – Pro-Life garage sale
- October 5** – Annual Assembly of Missouri Catholic Conference
- October 5-11** – Diocesan Rosary Congress
- October 12** – D of I 100th Anniversary celebration/Prime Rib Dinner
- October 13** – Mass at Brush Creek 1 p.m.

Kolbe Family Ministry - Do you have a loved one or family member who is incarcerated? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming community? Kolbe Family Ministry is a support group designed to accompany family members on their journey. All are welcome, regardless of faith affiliation, as are children, although advance notice of children is encouraged. Meetings are confidential and there is no cost to you. Contact us at 573.635.7719, ext. 7, or kolbefamilyministry@gmail.com. KFM is a ministry of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri.

From Deacon Mike's Desk

PSR Registration - Registration for the 2019-2020 PSR classes will be before and after Mass in the vestibule on the weekends of August 24-25 and August 31-September 1.

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church? RCIA classes will be starting in September. We will have an informational meeting on September 11th at the church rectory. Please encourage anyone who might be interested to attend this meeting or give Deacon Mike a call at 573-735-4718 for more information.

~Great Reads~

More God, Less Guilt –because Catholic guilt isn't Catholic
Life Lessons – *Fifty Things I Learned in My First Fifty Years*

~Powerful Documentary~
Unplanned – *Behind the Scenes*

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MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) Hannibal is looking for childcare workers to attend our meetings. MOPs is a Christian organization where mothers gather once a month at the Crossing in Hannibal. For more information or if you would like to help please contact Karen Kendrick at 573-406-9681 or kkendrick1417@gmail.com

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL: hours available are:
Sunday: noon-1 p.m.; **Monday:** 11 a.m. – Noon, 3-4 p.m.; **Tuesday:** 5-6 a.m., 6-7 p.m.; **Friday:** noon-1 p.m.; **Saturday:** 7-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m. Please contact Phyllis Campbell, 573-795-2290 or Howard & Linda Willard, 573-735-4552

D of I News

- † The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7:00. Please bring items for the state convention, baby items for the shower and money/items for our basket. The Social committee will be the officers.
- † We will be holding our annual Bake-less Bakesale after all the Masses the first two weekends in September. All proceeds will be used towards Holy Rosary School tuition.
- † Make your reservations now for the 100th Anniversary of our D of I Circle, with a prime rib dinner on October 12, cost is \$25 per plate. Contact Dorothy Shively (573-735-2737) for your tickets.



School Photos of all students will be taken on Wed. Aug. 28.
Virtus Class will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 28, beginning at 6:30 at school. Please register online at www.virtus.org.
Mass at 8:20 on Friday, Aug. 30, will be led by the fourth grade students.

Mark Twain Lake -The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, enthusiastic volunteer hunters, White-Tails Unlimited, and the Local Lions Club are planning the Annual Deer Hunt for disabled individuals which will be held at Mark Twain Lake. The hunt will be held during the 2019 Missouri Rifle Deer season on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24 in the Indian Creek Recreation Area. The hunt will be restricted to 35 permanently disabled (non ambulatory, semi ambulatory) individuals having a valid 2019 Missouri firearms deer tag and a hunter safety certification card. All hunters must comply with the 2019 Missouri Department of Conservation hunting regulations. To insure a safe hunting experience, certain procedures will be in effect throughout the two day hunt. Hunters will be required to hunt from and stay in the blinds while in the field. Weapons are restricted to 20-gauge or larger slug shotguns, muzzle loader, crossbow, or bow and arrow. Participants must have Hunter Education. Applications must be received on or before September 16, 2019 to qualify for the hunt. A drawing to select participants will be held on September 23, 2019 at 8 a.m. at the Mark Twain Lake Project Office. For further information or to obtain applications, please contact the Mark Twain Lake Project Office, 20642 Highway J, Monroe City, Missouri, 63456 or phone (573) 735 4097.

A Healing Prayer Service in the Jefferson City Diocese: Please join us for an Ecumenical Healing Prayer Service for all those individual and families affected by the opiate crisis and or from addictions/compulsions of any kind. In the midst of this dreadful crisis plaguing every aspect of our society, we strive to offer a healing service of hope and recovery. We will gather on **Friday, Sept. 6** at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City with the doors opening at 6 p.m. This very special event will include: Open 12 Step Meetings (AA-NA-AI Anon) for anyone who is a member of a fellowship, or for those who seek information about these programs; seasoned sponsors from various 12 Step Programs will be available to listen to 5th Steps; priests of our diocese will be available for reconciliation. A healing prayer service will begin at 8 p.m. with the opportunity for a special blessing and commitment to recovery and healing. This event will be followed with fellowship and hospitality. Please see more information to follow in The Catholic Missourian. If you have any questions, please e-mail Fr. Matthew Flatley @ flatmattley@gmail.com (Diocesan Moderator of Spiritual Formation.) For many, many years, addicts and alcoholics have met in our church basements and now it is time to invite them and their families upstairs, into the sanctuary.

The Catholic Bishops of Missouri invite you to attend the **Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference** on Saturday, October 5, in Jefferson City. Come learn about public policy from the experts who are involved in advocacy on a daily basis. The theme of this year's gathering is "Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates." The event is free and includes lunch and childcare for children above four years of age. A youth track is available for students in middle school and up and includes a mock legislature where students can debate bills on the floor of the Missouri Senate. To register for the event, go to MOCatholic.org or call 1-800-456-1679. See you on October 5th!

Rosary Congress – October 5-11: Our Lady has instructed us to "pray with the heart." To pray with the heart is a decision to set aside everything, to concentrate, and to persevere in a pure prayer. For the first time the Diocese of Jefferson City will join with many dioceses across the country for the Rosary Congress Oct. 5-11. Each parish can determine its means of participating to for healing in our Church, for more vocations, and for our country. Let's set our parishes on fire with a mission of love and consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information, visit www.rosarycongressusa.org or email marymarkway@embarqmail.com.