

Holy Rosary Church
405 S. Main St.
Monroe City, MO
December 3, 2017
 First Sunday of Advent
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Mass Times

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 7:30am
School Mass: Friday @ 8:20am
Immaculate Conception: Thursday @ St. Stephen @ 5:30pm
 Friday @ Holy Rosary @ 5:30pm
Holy Rosary: Saturday @ 5:30pm & Sunday @ 9:30am
St. Stephen: Sunday @ 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm - 5:00pm at Holy Rosary
 Sunday 7:30am - 7:55am at St. Stephen
 or anytime by appointment

Schedule & Intentions

Monday, December 4, 2017
 7:30am: Scripture Service – Marie Little
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
 7:30am: Purgatorial Society
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
 7:30am: Deacon Mike Long (living)
Thursday, December 7, 2017
 7:30am: Daughters of Isabella (living and deceased)
 5:30pm: @S.S. Cecelia Adam
Friday, December 8, 2017
 8:20am: Ina, Bernard & Greg Mudd
 Ministers: Group 2
 5:30pm: Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
Saturday, December 9, 2017
 5:30 pm: Sr. Sue Walker (living)
Sunday, December 10, 2017
 8:00 am: Gareldine McNally
 9:30 am: Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

Servers:

Daily Mass, December 5 - 8, 2017
 Carly Youngblood / Audri Youngblood
Immaculate Conception December 8, 2017 5:30pm
 Nathan Dowell / Jack Thompson
Saturday, December 9, 2017
 Kylee Kauble / Maddie Gomez
Sunday, December 10, 2017
 Aidan Hunter / Dawson Karr

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TITHE
GOD'S PLAN FOR CHURCH SUPPORT
JULY 1, 2017- JUNE 30, 2018

Total Church/School Budget \$ 985,693.00
Total Parish Income Needed YTD \$ 417,023.86
Total Parish Income Received YTD \$ 388,135.55
Total Parish Expense Paid YTD \$ 416,894.40

Offertory Collection:

Nov. 05	\$	8,587.75
Nov. 12	\$	6,729.50
Nov. 19	\$	7,660.65
Nov. 26	\$	6,731.65
Parish Improvements		
	\$	0.00
School Support		
	\$	0.00
Youth Envelopes		
	\$	0.00
Thanksgiving (for food bank)		
	\$	437.00

We are now accepting donations online!

We are making a lot of exciting changes here at Holy Rosary! The first is the introduction of ConnectNow Giving on our website. This will allow you to donate with your credit or debit card. It also gives you increased flexibility of when you donate and it is mobile friendly so you can donate on the go. The TextNow Giving number is (574) 516-6519. If you have any questions about this program please contact the rectory at 735-4718 and we will be glad to help you.

From the Pastor's Desk:
3 December 2017
First Sunday of Advent

In today's gospel (Mark 13:33-37), Jesus tells us to be watchful and alert, for we do not know the day nor the hour when He will come again. These days before the last week of Advent (December 17th-23rd) is the time for us to reflect upon our preparedness for the Coming of the Son of Man in glory. We are not guaranteed any amount of time on this earth, but, having been given life by the Lord, we are expected by Him to live in total preparedness and expectation. May these days fill us with a renewed awareness of the importance to live holy and devout lives in anticipation of the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This Friday, December 8th, is the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, a Holy Day of Obligation. The schedule of Masses to fulfill your obligation is as follows:
 Thursday, December 7th: 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Church
 Friday, December 8th: 8:20 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church.

Mark your calendars for our parish's *Communal Advent Penance Service* that will be held on Wednesday evening, December 20th at 7:00 o'clock. Five priests from our Hannibal Deanery will be available to assist me for individual Confession and absolution. This will be the final scheduled Confession opportunity before Christmas Day.

The other Communal Penance Services in the Hannibal Deanery are as follows: Wednesday, December 6th at St. Michael Church, Kahoka at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 10th at St. Joseph Church, Palmyra at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, December 14th at St. Clement Church, St. Clement at 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, December 19th at Holy Family Church, Hannibal at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 21st at Queen of Peace Church, Ewing at 7:00 p.m.

The second grade class our parish school and P.S.R. program will celebrate their First Reconciliation with a Penance Service this Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7:00 o'clock in the church. Father Angelus Minj, the Canonical Administrator of St. Mary Church, Shelbina will be assisting me at this service. May these children experience the love and merciful forgiveness of our loving and gracious God and be drawn to celebrate this sacrament always with joy and thanksgiving.

School News

Last Home Basketball Games – Tues., Dec. 5, vs. N. Shelby, 5:30; games, Thurs., Dec. 7, AT Palmyra, 5:00. Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, at 8:20, will be led by the sixth grade students. The Holy Rosary Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 9:30 in the Holy Rosary Gym.

PSR classes

Grade School – December 6, 2017 – Class 7th-10th Grade - December 10, 2017 – Class Confirmation – December 10, 2017 – Class Today's topic is the Holy Spirit

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Speaking for God, Isaiah said, " 'Comfort, give comfort to my people,' says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end." **Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2 Peter 3:8-14 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Mark 1: 8 Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

SCHEDULE OF THINGS TO COME

Dec. 2 – 1st Saturday Rosary
 Dec. 3 – Hospitality Sunday
 Dec. 9 – TEXAS HOLD'EM
 Dec. 10 – Knight of Columbus 4th Degree
 Dec. 14- 4:30pm Semiannual Church cleaning
 Dec. 15 - 9am-6pm –Monroe City Food Bank
 Dec. 17- Decorate Church after 9:30am Mass
 Dec. 20 – Communal Advent Penance Service

Scripture Service – Monroe City Manor – Sundays

December 10 – Jim & Sheryl Underhill

December 24 - John & Connie Kendrick

January 7, 2018 – Mark & Cathy Yager

January 14, 2018 – Howard & Linda Willard

Adoration Chapel Hours

Open hours are:

Monday: 6-7pm

Friday: 3-4pm

Saturday: 7-8am, noon-1pm, 3-4pm

Sunday: 3-4pm, 4-5pm, 5-6, 11pm-Midnight

If you cannot commit to a regular hour, please consider being a substitute for an hour that would be convenient for you. Not one every week but one that sometime you could take once in a while. Call: Phyllis Campbell - 573-795-2290

Retroville of St. Louis

A lifeline for troubled Marriages. Retrouville can help you work to heal your marriage. For more information please call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

White House Retreats

Men's Retreats

December 7-10

If you would like reservation information you may visit our website, www.whretreat.org. You may send it to us by any of the following: Phone (314) 416-6400, Fax: (314) 416-6464, Mail: White House Retreat, 7400 Christopher Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63129 or Email: whretreat@whretreat.org

Remember in your prayers:

Jim Hunt / Troy Ritter/ Jeremy Smith/ Alfred Timbrook/
Rose Mary Evans/ Sue Gilbert / Nick Hays/ Henry Hogan/
Deanna Buckman/ Natalee Amos/ Bill Janes/ Sandy Taylor
Kyndal Underwood/ Trent Zeiger/ Kimberly Spalding/
Anna Pennewell / Evelyn McCormick/ Paul Buckman/
Bonnie Ess / Mike Hetheriton/ Jackie Ryan

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.

Baptized in Christ

Emma Rose Kendrick was baptized in our church last Sunday. May she live always as a faithful daughter of our heavenly Father.

Stewardship

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sunday will be held **TODAY** December 3rd following the 9:30a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary. Please join us for food and fellowship!

Christmas Poinsettias

You may donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one for Christmas Mass. Please ask your florist to wrap them in silver or red foil and deliver them by December 22nd.

Advent Program for Small Groups

Formed has just sent info on an Advent Study Program. It is entitled ANIMA. It can be found by going to the Formed site and going to the content list. For more information about this program or if you are looking for a group please call Deacon Mike at the rectory.

Church Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 9:30am Mass on December 17th due to there only being 3 full weeks for advent this year. If you are able to help it would be appreciated.

Semi Annual Church Cleaning

The semi-annual church cleaning will be December 14th. If you signed up to do this on your time and talent sheet or you would like to help please show up around 4:30pm.

FORMED: This week's feature

To sign up for formed please visit www.formed.org and use Parish code: R8YRMG This weeks highlighted feature is entitled "Who am I to judge". This service is **free** to our parishioners so please use it as much as you would like.



1st Saturday Rosary

All parishioners are invited to join in the 1st Saturday Rosary each month in Holy Rosary Church at 10am. This was a long time tradition of the D of I recently renewed but not inclusive to just D of I. Please come and join us. The Rosary is the most important prayer we can say. It will be cancelled only due to inclement weather or a funeral at that time.

Knights of Columbus

The KofC Bishop Bryne Fourth Degree Assembly will meet Dec. 10th after the 9:30am Mass at the Holy Rosary Church in Monroe City. Previous to the meeting there will be a brunch in the KofC Hall for members and family.

NO regular K of C meeting on Tuesday, Dec 5. We will have our usual K of C Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec 20 instead. Details later.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY in the regular Texas Hold Em' tournament to be able to play satellite games BEFORE, during or AFTER the tourney, OR to come and grab something to eat.

Our next tourney is Saturday, December 9, starting at 7 pm, doors open at 5 for satellite games. Burgers, dogs, chili and beverages are available. Please come and enjoy an evening of cards.

Daughters of Isabella

The December meeting of the Daughters of Isabella will take place on Dec. 14th at 6:00 with a carry in supper. Desserts and beverages will be provided by the social committee: Phyllis Campbell - chair, Tammy Tuley, Tara Elliott, & Linda Bischel.

Instead of the gift exchange, we are asking for everyone to bring small items to be distributed to our shut in and nursing home members. As always, we will be passing Santa's boot for a collection for our school. Come enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

There will be no meeting in January. Our annual soup day is postponed until later. Watch the bulletin for more on this event. Our next meeting is Feb.8th at 7:00.

Christmas is Caring

The Holy Rosary Christmas Outreach is working with the Monroe City Hometown Volunteers Christmas is Caring this year to help provide Christmas to members of the Monroe City Community who are in need. The collection process for Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Churches will be the same as in years past. All donations will be distributed through the Hometown Volunteers to members of our own community. Boxes will be placed at each entrance of church for donations. There will also be tags at each entrance with items needed. We put out tags as applications are received. Sometimes these applications are a little late. We will try to keep each church supplied with tags. Each child receives an outfit, new under clothes and 2-3 toys. Other donated toys, clothes, etc. are also appreciated. If you are making a monetary donation, please make the check out to Monroe City Hometown Volunteers. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket and marked "Christmas is Caring". They can also be mailed or dropped by to Shannon Quinn at 622 James Lane. The application process has already taken place, but if you know of a family in need, please contact Lisa Shively at 735-2301. Collection will continue until December 15th. Please join with us in helping to provide a nice Christmas for members of our community. For more information you may call Shannon Quinn at 573-289-6894 or Lisa Shively at 573-735-2301.

CSA

Parish Name: Holy Rosary Parish

Location:	Monroe City
Goal:	\$24,000.00
\$ Received:	\$19,347.50
Over(Under):	\$(4,652.50)
% Goal:	80.61%
# Donors:	108

Diocese CSA 2018 Totals

Goal:	\$2,040,000.00
Received:	\$1,480,923.00
% Goal:	72.59%