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Most Rev. William F. Medley,

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saint Stephen Cathedral

Monday-Friday: 7:00AM and 12:05PM

Saturday: 9:00AM and 5:00PM (SUNDAY VIGIL)

Sunday: 7:00AM 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Holy Days: 7:00AM and 12NOON

Blessed Sacrament Chapel (602 Sycamore St)

Sunday: 10:00AM (Holy Days: 6:00PM)

December 8, 2019

Hope Faith Joy Peace

“On that day, a shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse, and from
his roots a bud shall blossom.”

Isaiah 11:1-2

Mission Statement

*The Catholic Community of Saint Stephen Cathedral
serves as the Mother Church for the
Diocese of Owensboro to welcome, evangelize,
and worship in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Membership in Parish:

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our parish. Please register in the Office as soon as possible. Those who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Material Deadline:

Friday, 8:00AM, in writing, ten days in advance of publication. Deadline firm. Earlier deadline applies when holidays occur.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated during one of the regularly scheduled Masses. Parents are encouraged to call the parish office before the birth of their child to make an appointment for instructions.

Marriage:

Couples wishing to share their lives with one another in sacramental Marriage are asked to call the Office for an appointment with one of the priests. We suggest the first appointment must be scheduled nine (9) months before the proposed date of marriage.

Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated communally two times a year, during Advent and Lent. Other opportunities for reconciliation are Saturdays from 9:30-11:30AM and 4:30-5:30PM on the Thursday before First Friday, and by appointment.

STEWARDS for the WEEK of DECEMBER 14/15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

5:00PM VIGIL MASS**SACRISTAN:** Laurie Hicks**Altar Servers:** Lily Moore, Henry Moore, Emma Moore**Lectors:** Leah McCarty, Bill Goetz**Minister of the Host:** Laurie Hicks, *OPEN*, Denise Payne**Minister of the Cup:** Sue Gough, Michelle Lyon, *OPEN*,
Sr. Monica Seaton**Minister of Hospitality:** Cheryl Hayden, Douglas Hayden,
Nadine Higdon, Jesse Mattingly, Nora Mattingly, Jess Mattingly**7:00AM MASS****SACRISTAN:** TBD**Altar Servers:** Bob Stone**Lectors:** Rachel Kyle, Abby Kyle**Minister of the Host:** Rita Roberson**Minister of the Cup:** Nancy Hendricks, Glenn Thompson**Minister of Hospitality:** Lisa Kyle, Logan Lanham,
Thomas Smiley, Terry Wilkerson**9:00AM MASS****SACRISTAN:** Sr. Anthonia Asayoma**Altar Servers:** Wesley Padgett, Leo Padgett, Calvin Padgett**Lectors:** Suzanne Padgett, Jim Duffy**Minister of the Host:** Sr. Anthonia Asayoma, Carl Lewis,
Kimberly Lewis**Minister of the Cup:** Robin Booth, Tom Booth,
Felicity Polio, Ben Rhodes**Minister of Hospitality:** Bryan Booth, Paul Booth, Dana
Breeden, Briley/Jacob Breeden, Lewis Breeden, Cassie Head**11:00AM MASS****SACRISTAN:** *OPEN, volunteer now***Altar Servers:** Michael Calhoun, Jack Calhoun, Katie Calhoun**Lectors:** Theresa Edelen, Jennifer Welch**Minister of the Host:** Bill Wright, Shannon Wright, *OPEN***Minister of the Cup:** John Calhoun, Janet Murphy,
Joan Perry, Tanja Wells-Walker**Minister of Hospitality:** Mike Fulkerson, Jim Ivey,
Jim Murphy, Eva Stone, Jakob Wellman, Jimmy Wellman**III. Patroness of the Americas!**

The story of the origins of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is well-known. Saint Juan Diego, whose feast we normally celebrate on December 9th, was a quiet, humble man; a poor peasant living in Mexico. When Mary appeared to him and asked him to tell the local bishop to build a church in her honor, Juan Diego became a very reluctant messenger. The bishop would not believe him. So Mary filled Juan Diego's tilma (cloak) with roses in December! When he emptied out these beautiful flowers at the bishop's feet, a wonderful image of the Virgin Mary, dressed like a young noble Aztec woman, was imprinted on his tilma. You are invited to celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 7:00am Mass and 12:05 noon Mass on Thursday, December 12, as the Church throughout the Americas—North, Central, and South—honors Mary under this title.

In Joy and Hope, *Fr. Jerry*

I. Holy Day of Opportunity: Because December 8th falls on a Sunday, the Church has transferred the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary to Monday, December 9th, with Masses at the Cathedral at 7:00am and noon. In any celebration of the Eucharist, our focus is always on Christ, through whom and by whose Spirit we give praise to the Father. As we are the People of God, this is “our duty and our salvation” (Eucharistic prayer II). It is also Mary’s. Although she “far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth” (Lumen Gentium, #53), she is still “one with all those who are to be saved,” (#53).

As the model disciple, Mary shows us the way to live a life completely devoted to Christ. How would you like to emulate Mary more fully in this coming year? Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians, “We were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One.” What specific purpose do you think God has for your life? How are you living out this purpose?

II. Keeping Safe & Secure UPDATE: I would like to give another update on the progress of this project, beginning in late 2017, with the pledge period extending to the end of 2020. Thank you for your generous financial support!

While work on the porch was completed several months ago, and we have been using the front entrance for some time, only recently was the Safety portion of the project pursued: on Tuesday, November 12, when we had ice and snow, the heating elements in the porch and steps were effective. I would like to thank the Capital Campaign Committee, chaired by Mike Sullivan, for their foresight.

I would also like to thank the Long Range Planning Campus Security Committee for their wisdom as we have worked to make our buildings and grounds safe for our parishioners, staff, and many visitors. We have improved the lighting around our buildings and parking lot. The reception area in the office building has been upgraded to improve security. The entry doors to our buildings are having new locking systems installed in order to provide better access control.

You may have noticed the addition of surveillance cameras in our buildings and around the grounds. These will enable us to better monitor the activities in these areas and serve to make our campus safer. Perhaps you have felt as I have, that some of these safety enhancements are intrusive to our worship space and make our church less welcoming. I have struggled with the proper balance between hospitality and safety, and have come to the conclusion, with the consultation of law enforcement professionals, that we have a responsibility to take prudent steps to ensure the safety of our parishioners, visitors, volunteers and staff. A note of gratitude to the law enforcement/first responder professionals of our parish for their valued input and wisdom.

Please Pray for all the Sick

Norma Axley	Jean Fulkerson	Lucy Neal
Harry Baumgarten	Charlotte Hagan	Joyce Payne
Dave Beckman	Laura Hamilton	Scotty Payne
Jean Bertram	Mary Horn	Linda Ranburger
Larry Bishop	Keith/Lori Howard	Amanda Reffitt
Juanita Brown	Barbara Huff	Dorothy Reynolds
Louise Brown	Mary Beth Hurley	Sarah Roby
Nicole Calhoun	Colene Jennings	Iona Simon
Ron Calvert	Frank/Teresa Jones	Houston Taylor
Richard/Mary Ann Clouse	Logan Lanharn	Louise Thompson
Ruth Ann Cureton	Josanna Lamastus	Joan Wells
Vickie Davis	Emma Lou Marrett	Margaret Whittinghill
Barbara Evans	Wilma James	Robert Wielkel
Wilma Fenwick	McManaway	John Wright
Yvonne Fulenwider	Margaret O. Mills	
	JoAnn Moore	

Sick Family and Friends

Gloria Adams, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Jackie Ballard, friend of Fr. Jerry Riney; Phyllis Bittel, sister of Nadine Higdon; Alice Boarman, mother of Kathy (Billy) Murphy; Mavrick Burch; Jim Edge, friend of Jim Murphy; **Sr. Rosemary Esterkamp, Glenmary Sister**; Sr. Janice Fennewald SSND, sister of Sr. Jeannette Fennewald SSND; Jerry Hagan, brother of Sharlene Hatfield; Tim Harley, uncle of Troy Mills; Joseph Kolumzy, friend of Jim Murphy; **Dan Kramer, brother-in-law of Beni Howell**; Charlotte Landers, mother of Russell Vaughn; Cathy Leonard, sister of Ruth Ann Carrico; Charlene Meadows, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Chapel; John and Sue Mudd, brother-in-law and sister of Sharlene Hatfield; Alex Reed, niece of Glenn and Kristine Henning; Wayne Short, father of Kent (Katie) Short; Kathi Skidd, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Dianne Taylor; Ben Thompson, friend of Fr. Jerry Riney; Rachel Weaver, granddaughter of Bob & Roberta Berry; Pam Wilson, parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Paul Duke Windsor, brother of Alison Serey; Suzanne Wurth, friend of Marie Ebelhar and Denise Payne.

Names in bold are those currently in the hospital, under nursing care, or have had surgery recently. Names will be ROTATED off these lists every SIX WEEKS unless a parishioner calls and extends the prayer request.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

Carmel Home—Juanita Clark, Mary C. Kelley, Beverly Emmick, Agatha Lindemann, Helen Miles, Margie Hill, Bertha Horrell, Marrianna Robinson, Sister Catherine Shoeborn, Rose Bender, Dr. Carroll and Margie Howard, Regina Lewis. **Owensboro Center**—Margaret (Rosie)Whittinghill. **Heritage Place**—Maury Schaefer, Sr., Jackie Abshier. **Hermitage Manor**—Mary Jo Schadler, Gloria Cecil, Ron Calvert. **Hillcrest**—George Collignon, Hallie Lott, Wilma McManaway, Freddie Payne. **One Park Place**—Kay Meisenhelder, Francoise Grant. **Twin Rivers**—Elizabeth Finch. **Fern Terrace**—Sarah Welborn, Gary Ashworth, Robert Danhauer, Betty Wimsatt. **Wellington Parc**—Joe Rhodes, Dick Flaherty.

PRAYING FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially **Julie Clouse, sister-in-law of Richard (Mary Ann) Clouse.**

Please remember to pray for those who are dying.
(Please call the office when there is a death in your family.)



2019 Ornament

. . . is now available. The new ornament features our Good Shepherd mosaic and is 8th in a series. Cost: \$20 each. Ornaments from some previous years: \$15 each. Available at the Parish Office M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Great for gift-giving!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

Parish Birthdays from December 8-14

Gary Aud, Teena Barber, Susan Bartlett, Monique Craig, Joe Early, Nancy Greenwell, Anthony Hamilton, Megan Hardesty, Stacy Hendricks, Susan Howard, Benjamin Hyland, Andrew Lisby, Bob Mahoney, Marion McCarthy, Chloe Murphy, Donna Murphy, Brian Payne, Sean Peters, Alex Reid, Evan Riney, David Robinson, Ethan Settle, Wilma Stallings, Caitlin Sullivan, Ron Sullivan, Shannon Wright

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We are pleased to wish those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary a very happy and blessed day.

December 10—Pat and Tish Osborne, 31 years
December 10—Robert and Bridgette Whittinghill, 14 years
December 11—Mark and Mary Alice Carrico, 26 years

Opportunities for you to experience a more Christ-filled Advent & Christmas

An Advent Small Group Scripture Study

Monday Nov. 25th

Monday Dec. 9th

Tuesday Dec. 3rd

Tuesday Dec. 17th

6:30pm—7:30pm Community Center

Daily ADVENT Reflections in your email @:



More information, contact Rick Rhodes at 270-302-6982 or rick.rhodes@pastoral.org

Financial Update: November 23/24

Weekly Collections: \$21,286.04

Weekly Budget: \$20,770.00

Weekly +/-: \$516.04

Month-to-Date Collections: \$92,219.61

Month-to-Date Budget: \$83,080.00

Month-to-Date +/-: \$9,139.61 (35.7% given using WeShare)

Year-to-Date Collections: \$433,740.87

Year-to-Date Budget: \$436,170.00

Year-to-Date +/-: (\$2,429.13)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS IN NOVEMBER:

Keeping Safe & Secure/Porch: \$11,003.67

Archdiocese for the Military: \$728.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$444.00

November 30/December 1

Weekly & Month-to-Date Collections: \$22,119.7

Weekly & Month-to-Date Budget: \$20,770.00

Weekly & Month-to-Date +/-: \$1,349.7

Year-to-Date Collections: \$455,860.57

Year-to-Date Budget: \$456,940.00

Year-to-Date +/-: (\$1,079.43)

Gospel Meditation

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. *"Do not resume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'"* Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. *"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. *"The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals."* The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop? ©LPi

Family Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15th, 2:00pm. We will meet in the parking lot. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT! Everyone of any age is warmly invited. Middle and High School students may attend without their parents—please contact Crissy Stevenson, crissy.stevenson@pastoral.org.

Sacrament Preparation News!

Sacrament of Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparations sessions are offered once a month to prepare parents for this memorable and sacred Sacrament. Completion of the two-hour session is required before the Baptism is scheduled, even if this is not your first child. First-time parents are encouraged to attend Baptism Prep before your child's arrival; your example of faith begins the moment the child is born. The next Baptism Preparation session is on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 PM in the Youth House. Please contact Crissy at the Parish Office to reserve your spot for the December session.



Confirmation Preparation Session #2: is Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00-8:00 PM. All Confirmandi and either their parent or their chosen sponsor are expected to attend all sessions.



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

In today's Gospel we hear God's message through John the Baptist, who tells us in some pretty straightforward language that we need to set things right. During Advent, we are called to prepare our hearts, to set things right as we await the coming of Jesus. The noise and distractions of our consumer-driven society can increase as Christmas draws near, but we can strive to set aside quiet time each day for prayer. We can examine our habits and sins and ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can consider our blessings and discern whether we are sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure proportionately. These are a few ways that we, as disciples, can deepen our relationship with Christ not only to prepare to celebrate His birth, but to prepare our lives and hearts for eternal life.

Ministry Opportunities

Did you know that our parish offers nearly 60 opportunities for service in ministry? Without the help of volunteers, our ministries simply could not exist. We are grateful for our many dedicated volunteers who serve in ways large and small. If you are not already sharing your gifts in ministry, please pray about how you can participate. Your service is needed and appreciated, and there's something for just about everyone. If you have questions or need help with choosing the right ministries for you, contact Donna at donna.tarantino@pastoral.org or 270-683-6525.

A Reminder from Father Jerry: Thanks to everyone who has returned a *Time, Talent, and Treasure* pledge. If you have not yet done so, please pray about your offerings of financial giving and service in ministry, then return your pledge this week. God calls all of us to share our gifts, so I am asking everyone to participate. Know that I am grateful each day for your generous offerings of prayer, service, and financial support. Extra pledge packets are available in the church or Parish Office, or make a pledge online at www.ststephencathedral.org.

Praying. Giving. Serving.

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

~ Pope Francis



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

7:00AM

- Mon** Ann Bresler †
Tues Jerry Huff †
Wed Josie McBride †
Thu Dolores Thomson †
Fri Mary Houle †
- Sat 9:00AM** Mary Weisbrook Hagan †

12:05PM

- (12noon) Tom Baker †
Maurice Payne †
Johnny Kelley
Landon Reffitt
Carmen Rivas-Goetz †

Sunday, December 15

- Sat 5:00PM** Michel/Yvonne Ritter ††
Sun 7:00AM The People of Saint Stephen
9:00AM Kenny/Julie Brandle ††
11:00AM Vincent/Mary Pheobe Ebelhar ††

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. — Mt 3:4-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Advent Giving Tree

Giving Tree tags are still available! Please take a tag (or more, if you can), and return ALL gifts NO LATER THAN 12:00 Noon on SUNDAY, December 15th. Be sure to attach the tag(s) securely to the gift(s). Thank you for supporting this parish tradition of making Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

- Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM 11:00AM; Pss II
CHILD CARE, 9:00AM, Preschool Building
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
FAITH FORMATION, 10:15-11:30AM, Classrooms
OCS Volleyball Banquet, 1:00-4:00PM, Community Center
Youth Ministry: Attend Saint Meinrad Advent Lessons and Carols, 7:00PM, leaving time 5:15PM

MONDAY, December 9—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America)
Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:00NOON
Rosary, 7:30AM
BAPTISM PREPARATION, 6:00PM, Youth House
ADVENT SMALL GROUPS, 6:30PM, Community Center

TUESDAY, December 10—Advent Weekday

- Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; Pss II
Rosary, 7:30AM
Fern Terrace Mass, 10:00AM
Vespers, 5:30PM, Church
Kentucky Youth Chorale Rehearsal, 6-9:00PM, Church

WEDNESDAY, December 11—Advent Weekday

- Saint Damasus I, Pope*
Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; Pss II
Rosary, 7:30AM
Preschool Rehearsal, Christmas Program, 9:30-10:30AM, Church
Choir Practice, 6:00PM, Church
RCIA, 6:00PM, McRaith Catholic Center
**Confirmation Preparation Session #2, 6-8:00PM,
Community Center**

THURSDAY, December 12—OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

- Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM
Rosary, 7:30AM
Preschool Rehearsal, Christmas Program, 9:30-10:30AM, Church
Sunday Scripture Sharing, 10:30AM, Office Classroom
Women's Prayer Group, 10:30AM, Media Center
Vespers, 5:30PM, Church
Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00PM, Community Center

FRIDAY, December 13—Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

- Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; Pss II
Rosary, 7:30AM
CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL Christmas Program, 6:00PM,
in the church followed by reception in the Community Center

SATURDAY, December 14—Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

- TMY (That Man Is You!) 7:00-8:30AM, Community Center
Daily Mass at 9:00AM; Pss II
Confessions, 9:30-11:30AM, Church
Evening Mass (Vigil) for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM; Pss III
Private Party, 6:00-11:00PM, Community Center



SUNDAY, December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

- Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM 11:00AM; Pss III
CHILD CARE, 9:00AM, Preschool Building
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
FAITH FORMATION, 10:15-11:30AM, Classrooms
SPACE, 1:30- 2:30PM, Church and Community Center
**FAMILY Ministry: CHRISTMAS CAROLING,
High School, 6:30-8:00PM, Youth House**



*"The Lord shall reign forever; your God,
O Zion, through all generations"*

Sunday, December 8—
St. Martin, Rome, 6:45PM

Monday, December 9—
Immaculate, 6PM

Monday, December 9—
Our Lady of Lourdes, 6PM

Tuesday, December 10—Sts. Joseph and Paul, 6:30PM

Tuesday, December 10—St. Peter Alcantara, 6PM

Wednesday, Dec.11—St. Sebastian, Calhoun, 6:30PM

Thursday, December 12—St. Alphonsus, Sorgho, 6PM

Thursday, December 12—St. Lawrence, 6PM

Sunday, December 15—Blessed Mother, 2PM

Sunday, December 15—St. Mary Magdalene, 4PM

Monday, December 16—St. Mary of the Woods, 6PM

Tuesday, December 17—St. William, 6PM

Tuesday, December 17—St. Elizabeth, Curdsville, 6PM

Thursday, December 19—Precious Blood, 6PM

Thursday, December 19—St. Pius X, 6PM

Sunday, December 22—

Saint Stephen Cathedral, 2PM

CATHEDRAL SOUP KITCHEN at the PITINO SHELTER

We will be serving a meal at the Pitino Shelter **every 3rd Sunday**. Cooking begins at 10:30 AM and will need to serve the food by 1:30 PM.

If anyone has any questions they can contact Maggie Knoop at mmk1051251@gmail.com or 270-903-9766. We are in need of middle school aged kiddos to help in the pantry to stock some items! Great for service hours.



Welcome Back!

Because
you
matter...



IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW:

- ◆ Have been away from the Catholic Church
- ◆ Are curious about the Catholic Faith
- ◆ Would like to learn more about your own faith

Welcome Back! might be just what you have been looking for. During these sessions we will explore, ask and answer questions, and discuss the Catholic Faith and what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Our first session will be on Thursday January 2nd from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Community Center. You can count on finding a welcoming community that desires to travel beside you on your **JOURNEY** to and with **JESUS**.

For more info contact Rick Rhodes at
rick.rhodes@pastoral.org
by phone or text at 270-302-6982



YOUTH MINISTRY



This Sunday, December 8: Youth Ministry Field Trip for those in grades 7-12 to St. Meinrad for Lessons and Carols (7PM performance). We will meet in the parking lot behind the rectory at 5:15 and leave as soon as everyone arrives. There is a small reception following the event. We will return by 10 PM – we will communicate with parents when we leave for an exact time to be back (between 9 and 10). Please, contact Crissy via email if you wish to attend to make sure we have enough seats in vehicles and to receive a permission slip!

Next Sunday, December 15: Family Christmas Caroling – youth are highly encouraged to attend and participate with their families (see caroling advertisement in bulletin for details!) If any youth, grades 7-12 wish to participate and their families are unable to attend, please contact Crissy. We will make sure that anyone wishing to attend is able to do so! Meet in the parking lot behind the garage at 2 PM. Wear your Christmas gear (Santa hats, reindeer antlers, Christmas shirts, etc.)

Be sure to also follow our Youth Ministry Instagram Page: [st_stephen_ym](#)

Traditionally the feast day of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. This year December 8th falls on the second Sunday of Advent, so it is moved to December 9th. The Immaculate Conception is where we celebrate Mary being conceived without original sin. We believe that Mary was untouched by the stain of original sin. It is a wonderful feast day to contemplate Mary's holiness and obedience to God. This can continue to put us in the Advent spirit because we are remembering the events that made Christmas possible. God saved Mary from original sin so that she could give her YES to become the Mother of God. Let this feast day help you and your children journey further into Advent, by remembering the person who played a vital role in Christmas, Mary. Take your children to our Marian grotto to say a pray to Mary that she may guide you and your family to holiness.



"Surrender yourself to Jesus Christ and He will revolutionize your life away from the false, self-centered, self-seeking ambition to rule and into the opposite direction of service to God."

M. L. Bruner

Advertiser of the Week

If you need services, please check the bulletin first.

DANHAUER DRUGS

330 Frederica St.—270/684-2341

● PARISH TEAM ●

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LITURGY and WORSHIP

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Children's Liturgy	Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN	270-683-6525
Music Ministries	Mary Beth Hurley	270-316-4587
Art/Environment	James Wells	270-683-6525
	Michael Bogdan	270-852-8327

EDUCATION

Christian Initiation/ RCIA	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Faith Formation *Children	Hannah Bland	270-683-6525
*Adults	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Youth Ministry	Crissy Stevenson	270-683-6525
TMY	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Saturday & Sunday Scripture Sharing	Tom and Amy Payne	270-686-7739
Thursday Morning Scripture Sharing	Rose Ann Payne	270-683-5949
Sponsor Couples	Fr. Jerry Riney	270-683-6525
School Board Rep	Carl Lewis	270-684-6416

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

K-3 Campus 270-684-7583 Middle School270-683-0480
 4-6 Campus270-683-6989 High School270-684-3215

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SOCIAL CONCERNs

Social Concerns Cmt	Joe Abel	270-929-0805
Soup Kitchen/Daniel		
Pitino Shelter	Maggie Knoop	270-903-9766
St. Vincent de Paul	Harry Bellew	270-313-0828
St. Benedict's Shelter	Laurie Hicks	270-316-5591
Stephen Ministry	Joan Perry	270-852-8421
"	LaWanna Brand	270-852-8421
Habitat for Humanity	<i>Leader Needed</i>	—
Meal-Train Ministry	Amanda Refitt	270-570-1508

COMMUNITY/FAM ENRICHMENT

Parish Health Group	<i>Leader Needed</i>	270-683-6525
Parish Newsletter	Katie Pagan	270-314-5793
"	Taylor West	270-590-1636
Parish Photographer	Vickie Montalvo	812-483-2549
"	Donna Duffy	270-315-1692
Parish Outreach/Cards	Office Volunteers	270-683-6525
Funeral Meal Support	Sue Gough	270-684-9104
"	Lisa Taylor	270-302-6917
"	Gene Lyon	270-684-3358
Welcoming Comte.	Janet Murphy	270-485-8553

ADMINISTRATION

Finance Committee	Tom Neal	270-683-6521
Marketing/Communic.	Kathy Wright	270-685-2550
Buildings/Grounds	Jeff Payne	270-683-6525

MINISTRY to the SICK

Hospital/Nursing Home...Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home.

Anointing of the Sick...Any parishioner who is ill may request the anointing by calling the Office. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally every four months (three times each liturgical year).

Communion...Any homebound parishioner wishing to receive Communion is asked to call the Parish Office at 270/683-6525.

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