

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

274 Hwy H
Eugene, MO 65032-4231



September 15, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Bulletin Submission Deadline

E-mail articles to olosparish@gmail.com
Deadline: Tuesday's at 9:00 am

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Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Prayer Line: 573-498-3550, if no answer call 498-3463

Baptism - Contact Parish Office for appointment.

Marriage - Contact The Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

RCIA - Contact the Parish Office if interested in attending class. **STARTS OCT or NOV.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, 7:30 am and by appointment

***Seeking Christ for Our Nation Mass
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @ 6pm***

Bishop's Prayer Intention for September:

“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.”

Please add this intention to your private prayer this month.

Parish Pastoral Council (Meeting: 4th Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Becky Schwaller, **Vice-President:** Aaron Wood, **Secretary:** Karen Schulte, **Members:** Bill Abbott, Bryan Evers, Paula Evers, Jacob Akin

Finance Committee (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Andrew Haslag, **Vice-President:** Brad Adrian, **Secretary:** Wanda Borman, **Members:** Jerry Hogg, Janet Buschjost

School Advisory Board (Meeting: 3rd Thursday @ 6pm): **President:** Glenn Backes, **Vice-President:** Monica Bittle, **Secretary:** Joan Doerhoff, **Members:** Shannon Lage, Jeremiah Schulte

Knights of Columbus #3267 (Meeting: 1st Thursday @ 7:30pm): **Grand Knight:** Mark Borman, **Deputy Grand Knight:** Andrew Haslag, **Chancellor:** Herschel Schulte, **Recorder:** Justin Musick, **Financial Secretary:** Chuck Berendzen, **Treasurer:** Brett McKenna, **Advocate:** Bruce Berendzen, **Warden:** Delbert Wilde, **Inside Guard:** Darryl Love, **Outside Guard:** Aaron Sandbothe, **Lecturer:** Russ Kempker, **Chaplain:** Fr. Alex Gabriel
4th Degree K of C (Meeting 4th Thursday)

Building & Grounds Committee (Meeting: 2nd Wednesday @ 7pm)

Anyone homebound needing communion brought to them or have someone in the hospital and would like a visit, please contact Deacon Steve or the Parish Office.

ONLINE Catholic Missourian: www.catholicmissourianonline.com or www.cathmo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Sept 14	6:30 pm	+Walter Lepper
Sun. Sept 15	8:00 am	+Ethel Bernskoetter
Tues. Sept 17	6:00 pm	NO MASS
Wed. Sept 18	8:00 am	School - Prayer Service
Thurs. Sept 19	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat. Sept 21	6:30 pm	+Mary E. Stegeman
Sun. Sept 22	8:00 am	+Roman & Tillie Schulte

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. Sept 16	Post Picnic Meeting 6pm (school cafeteria), Life Group Mtg 6 or 6:30pm (Parish Meeting Room)
Tues. Sept 17	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm, Prayer Service for Curt Stockman 6:30 pm at OLOS Church
Wed. Sept 18	Senior Dinner 11:00 am, Youth Ministry 6:30 pm
Fri. Sept 20	AA & Al Anon Meeting 8:00 pm
Sun. Sept 22	PSR 9:00 am, Baptism (after Mass) - Maelyn Rose Schwaller <i>child of Adam & Jena Schwaller</i>

QUILTERS: Quilting will resume on Monday - Sept. 23rd.

Monday: 8 am - 12 pm
 Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm
 Thurs. evening: 6 pm - 9 pm
 We are always in need of help, stop by sometime.

Fred Evers will be celebrating his **90th birthday, September 28th**. We would like to surprise him with cards from family and friends. If you would like to send or leave a card, please put it in the back of Church marked Fred Evers or mail to 247 Marys Home Rd., Henley MO 65040. Thank you!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Offertory 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	\$472,563
Budgeted Monthly Goal - September	\$39,380
Weekly Collections:	
Sept 1-6	\$12,280
Sept 7-13	\$
Sept 14-20	\$
Sept 21-27	\$
Sept 28-30	\$
Monthly Total To Date	\$12,280
Actual Offertory YTD: 7/1/19-9/6/19	\$79,029
Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/1/19-9/6/19	\$90,880
Difference	(\$11,851)



Please Pray for our Sick Loved Ones

Nancy Boatman	Nathan Klindt
Dale Buechter	Alvin Jr (June) Koetting
Connie Clarkston	Kathy Miller
Margaret Evers	Kevin Morff
Kari France	Betty (Kempker) Nally
Beth Hale	Ethan Nevins
Jim Hale	Elias & Marilyn Otto
Gary Herigon	Theresa Rush
Jim Holtmeyer	Rodney Schaben
Alice Hutschreider	Faythe Scheulen
Cletus Kempker	Josephine Schwaller
Konlee Kempker	Karla Bax Sitzes
Kris Kempker	Lexi Staats
Rose Marie Kempker	Curt Stockman
Tom Kempker	Bob Stuenkel
Don Kesel	Remy Wagner
Jane Kesel	

Please call the Parish Office to have a name added or removed from our prayer list or to advise us of hospitalizations. We would like to keep the list as current as possible. Thank you.

Saturday, October 5 - MO Catholic Conference Annual Assembly in Jefferson City. Theme "Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates". The event is free and includes lunch and childcare for children above four years of age. **See enclosed flyer** for more information or how to register for the event.

OLOS School NEWS:

EXTENDED CARE HELP NEEDED: OLOS School is currently seeking individual(s) to work in our extended care program, with hours of 3:00 -5:30 daily, Monday-Friday - any or all days available. Applicant must work well with children, pass a background check, be Virtus trained or willing to take a 2 hr. Virtus training class, and be at least 18 years old. (High school students under age 18 would be considered, if part-time - T, W or T, Th). Pay rate is \$9.50/hr. Please pass the word among friends and family. For more information or to apply, please contact Mr. Akin.

The **\$10,000 Fantasy Night** is one of the largest fundraisers for OLOS School & Parish. We are in need of additional help to make this fundraiser a success, **and we are asking for your help**. In appreciation, the names of all the people who help (exceptions - OLOS School families, staff, & Confirmandi), will be put in a **drawing for a free ticket for Fantasy Night 2020!** Thank you so much for your support! **Please call the school office if you would be able to help out in any of the following positions/times:**

- 2:00 - 5:30: Prepare food (salads, tea, coffee) & prepare to serve dinner
- 6:00 - 8:00: Serve dinner, help with dishes, runners, take out, etc
- 6:00 - 9:00 Sell raffle tickets/bingo cards
- 7:00 - finished - Wash dishes & clean up kitchen
- 5:30 - 8:00 - Serve adult beverages, soda, tea, coffee, etc.
- 8:00 - 11:30 - Serve adult beverages, soda

Even though the Fantasy Night flyer states 6:00 pm as the time the doors open, in order to get everyone seated by 6:30 pm, we will open the doors at 5:30 pm. Refreshments will not be available until 6pm.

Wedding Announcement:

Logan Kirkweg & Brittany King
 announce their upcoming Wedding
 on **October 19, 2019** at **OLOS Church**.

OLOS Liturgical Minister Schedule

If you are not able to fulfill your liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you for participating in the Liturgical Ministries.

Time & Talent forms can be found in the vestibule of Church or on the Church website.
 Contact list for replacements for liturgical assignments: <http://olosmaryshome.net/mass-liturgy/>

September 21 – Saturday, 6:30PM	September 22 – Sunday, 8AM
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Need 2 volunteers Ushers – Dave Berendzen, Rex Buechter, Nathan Hagenhoff, Joe Schulte Lectors – Mark & Wanda Borman Eucharistic Ministers – Dave & Karen Berendzen Servers – Alex Hagenhoff, need 2 volunteers Money Counters - Amy Hagenhoff, Deb Schulte	Rosary Leader – Adeline Bauer (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – Lucas & Rebecca Schulte Ushers – Lucas Schulte, Ron & Marie Massman, Jimmy Kliethermes Lectors – Darryl Love, Dayna Limbach Eucharistic Ministers – Dayna Limbach, Adeline Bauer Servers – Jeffrey & Samuel Schulte, Colton Hoffmann Money Counters - Doris Lorts, Sandy Koetting
September 28 - Saturday, 6:30PM (KC)	September 29 - Sunday, 8AM (KC)
Rosary Leader – Denise Pack (start 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – KC Members Ushers – KC Members Lectors – KC Members Eucharistic Ministers – KC Members Servers – KC Members Money Counters - Joyce Hagenhoff, Mildred Schulte	Rosary Leader – Dorothy M Berendzen (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – KC Members Ushers – KC Members Lectors – KC Members Eucharistic Ministers – KC Members Servers – KC Members Money Counters - Emily Kliethermes, Leon Herigon

From the Pastor:

I continue to share the gospel reflection given by Fr. Anthony Kadavil to meditate on the three beautiful stories found in the gospel according to St. Luke to tell us how merciful and forgiving God the father is.

24th Sunday Gospel: (Luke 15: 1 – 32) **the parables of a loving and forgiving God:** In the first two parables, there are the common elements of loss, searching, finding, rejoicing, and sharing of the joy. These parables show a God seeking sinners, and in the third parable, we see a God forgiving and receiving sinners. As a group, the parables tell us about God’s generosity in seeking and receiving the sinner and the joy of the sinner in being received by a forgiving and loving God. All three parables of Luke 15 end with a party or a celebration of the finding. Since the self-righteous Pharisees, who accused Jesus of befriending publicans and sinners, could not believe that God would be delighted at the conversion of sinners, Jesus told them the parable of the lost sheep and the shepherd’s joy on its discovery, the parable of the lost coin and the woman’s joy when she found it, and the parable of the lost and returned son and his Father’s joy. Besides presenting a God who is patiently waiting for the return of the sinners, ready to pardon them, these parables teach us of God’s infinite love and mercy. These three parables defend Jesus’ alliance with sinners and respond to the criticism by certain Pharisees and scribes of Jesus’ frequent practice of eating with and welcoming tax-collectors and sinners and of his receptivity to the lost among God’s people.

The lost sheep: Shepherding in Judaea was a hard and dangerous task. Pasture was scarce, and thorny scrub jungles with wild animals and vast desert areas were common, posing a constant threat to the wandering sheep. But the shepherds were famous for their dedicated, sacrificial service, perpetual vigilance, and readiness for action. Hence, the shepherd was the national symbol of Divine Providence and self-sacrificing love in Israel. Two or three shepherds might be personally responsible for the sheep owned by several families in a village. If any sheep was missing, one of the shepherds would go in search of it, sending the other shepherds home with the flock. The whole village would be waiting for the return of the shepherd with the lost sheep and would receive him with shouts of joy and of thanksgiving. That is the picture Jesus draws of God. God is as glad when a lost sinner is found as a shepherd is when a strayed sheep is brought home. Men may give up hope of reclaiming a sinner, but not so God. God loves those people who never stray from Him, but He expresses even greater joy when a lost sinner comes home.

The Lost Coin: The coin in question in this parable was a silver drachma. Since the houses were very dark, with one little circular window, and since the floor was made of beaten earth covered with dried reeds and rushes, it was practically impossible to find such a tiny coin. But the woman tried her best to get it back because it was worth more than a whole day’s wage for a workingman in Palestine. If the coin was one of the ten silver coins attached by a silver chain to the traditional headdress of a married woman, it was as important to her as the wedding ring in our society. Thus, we can understand the woman’s joy when at last she saw the glint of the elusive coin. God, said Jesus, is like that. The joy of God and of all the angels when one sinner comes home is like the joy of a woman who loses her most precious possession with a value far beyond money and then finds it again. We believe in the seeking love of God because we see that Love Incarnate in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

The lost son: This has been called” the greatest short story in the world.” It speaks about the deep effects of sin, the self-destruction of hatred and the infinite mercy of God. This is a story of love, of conflict, of deep heartbreak, and of ecstatic joy. The scene opens on a well-to-do Jewish family. With the immaturity of a spoiled brat the younger son demands impudently of his gracious father, “Give me the portion of goods that falls to me.” Demanding inheritance while the father was alive was equivalent to treating the father as dead. Under Jewish law, when a father divided his property between two sons, the elder son had to receive two-thirds and the younger one-third (Dt 21:17). In Jesus’ parable, the younger son offends his father again by selling out his share of the inheritance and then squandering the money in a faraway city. The land was sacred to the Jewish people because it was the Promised Land given to the Chosen People. Hence, each bit of land was considered holy, and no Israelite could lawfully sell his property (Lev. 25:23, I Kg. 21). Ancient “social security” basically consisted in sons farming their father’s land and taking care of their parents until their death. Thus, in selling his land, the prodigal has sold his parents’ social security.

The conversion, return, and confession: When he becomes bankrupt, the prodigal son ends up feeding pigs, a task that was forbidden to a Jew (Leviticus 11:7; 14:8). Having sunk to the depths of economic, spiritual and moral depravity, the prodigal finally “comes to his senses” (v. 17). So he decides to return to his father, to ask his forgiveness and to beg for the status of a hired servant. When he sees his son returning, the ever-watchful father runs to him and gives him a cordial welcome along with a new robe, a ring and new shoes. Symbolically, the robe stands for honor; the ring for authority (the signet ring gave a person the power of attorney) and the shoes for the son’s place as a member of the family (slaves did not wear shoes). The father also throws a great feast killing the “fatted calf” reserved for the Passover feast so that all may rejoice at the wanderer’s return. *(continued on next page)*

From the Pastor (continued):

The “Prodigal Father” and the self-righteous elder brother: The parable illustrates the wonder of God’s love and unconditional forgiveness. God seeks out the sinner and forgives him unconditionally. Jesus recounts the story of the elder brother as his response to the accusation by the self-righteous Pharisees that he was the friend of sinners. The elder brother represents the self-righteous Pharisees who would rather see a sinner destroyed than saved. He reflects the Pharisees’ attitude that obedience to Mosaic Law is a duty, not a loving service. Like the Pharisees, the elder brother lacks sympathy for his sibling and levels accusations against him. As a self-righteous person, he refuses to forgive. Thus, his grudge becomes a sin in itself, resulting in his self-exclusion from the banquet of his father’s love. That is what we all do when we sin. We exclude ourselves from the banquet of God’s love.

Life Message: 1. Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend God’s forgiveness to others: Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must become forgiving people, for Jesus taught us to pray, “*forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*”

See insert for UPCOMING EVENTS. Flyers are posted on Church website and posted in back of Church.

JEFFERSON CITY PRE-CANA

2019 Dates: October 19

Classes are held at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, 2505 Mission Drive, Jefferson City. Cost is \$50 per couple. Online registration or questions: jprecana.org or email: jprecana@gmail.com

July & October classes will be held at the Diocese of JC Chancery.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER Weekends—(Moberly)

2019 Dates: Nov 1-3

Registration form, weekend information: <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/engaged-encounter/>

Marriage Encounter *Jefferson City*

2019 Dates: November 2-3

Marriage Encounter is a weekend opportunity for spouses to recognize reasons to celebrate and areas to improve their marriage. For more info. visit <https://www.jeffcityme.com/>. Check out marriage resources and opportunities that will strengthen your marriage at <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/marriage-resources/>.

Couple-to-Couple League Natural Family Planning

Engaged or married couples are welcome to attend.

www.midmonfp.org / email: midmonfp@gmail.com

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