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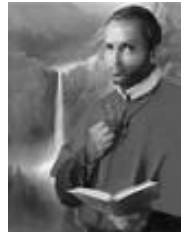
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Rev. Stephen Benden, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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## Mission

**"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"**

## Theme

*"One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock"*

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(Call for Appointment)

### SUNDAY MASSES:

10:00 a.m.

### DAILY MASSES:

Monday 5:30 p.m.

(Tu, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.

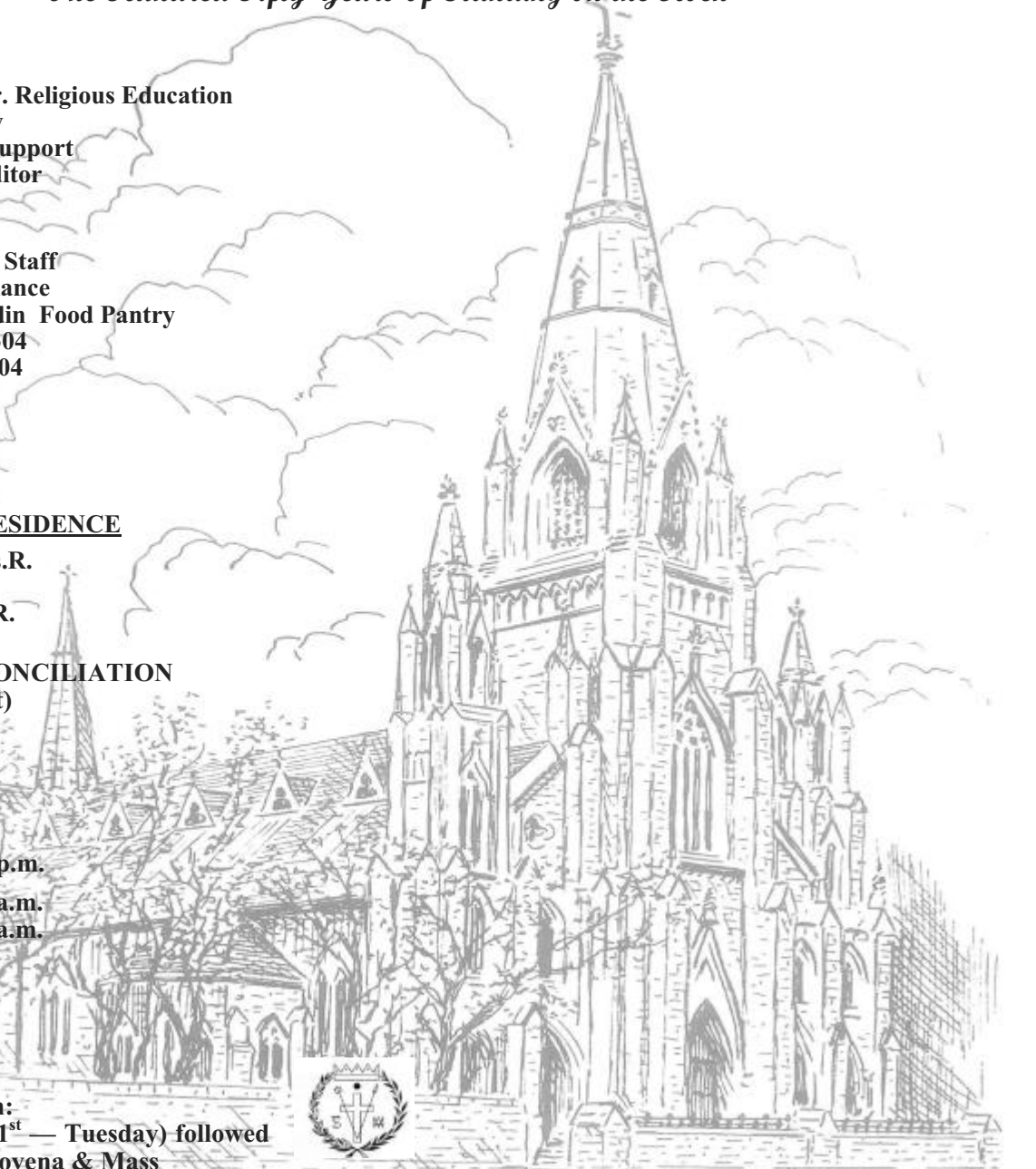
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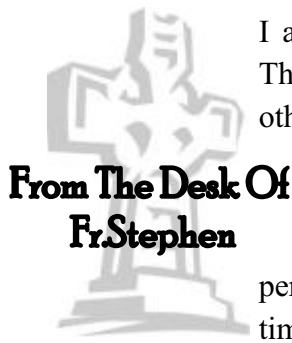
### MONDAY:

Eucharistic Adoration  
5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:  
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> — Tuesday) followed  
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass





**From The Desk Of  
Fr. Stephen**

I am sure we have all heard the Serenity Prayer before. The Serenity Prayer is often said at an AA meeting or other addiction group. It goes like this, “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the WISDOM to know the difference. This prayer is said to free the person from having to be in control of everything all the time. After all, usually the only person we can control is ourselves. This is what often gets people in trouble. We are bound and determined to control everything and everybody, but this usually doesn’t work. It is a lot of work trying to be in control of everything. It is exhausting, and therefore, many resort to addictive behaviors to gain the peace they can. It is a vicious cycle.

I capitalized the word wisdom earlier because I wanted to draw attention to this word. The readings today talk about wisdom. I guess we would all like to be wise and not make mistakes, but this is where wisdom comes from (i.e., making mistakes.) After we have made enough mistakes, it usually dawns on us to change what we are doing. This is the process of attaining wisdom and that is why the elderly are wiser than the young; they have made more mistakes and have learned the proper way of acting so they don’t make the same mistakes again.

Every succeeding generation, though, thinks they have the market on wisdom. The young should listen to the old because they have a lot to say and could help them not make the same mistakes. Each younger generation needs to learn for themselves the heartache of life, and consequently, much of the suffering that goes along with it. Elders scratch their heads saying, “Why don’t they listen?” But they probably didn’t listen either when they were young.

If these things can be said about our lives in general, they can also be said about our Spiritual Lives. Every person needs to learn for themselves how to approach their relationship with God. Much has been written down through the centuries about the Spiritual Life with God, but unless a person is humble enough to listen, wisdom is lost.

I have spent the last 40 years reading, meditating, and praying – thousands of hours more than the average person. It is my profession, but rarely have I been asked by anyone how to pray to God. I think I have a lot to say about Spiritual Life but cannot force it on anyone. The wisdom here for me is to “let go and let God” do the talking and inspiring because a person looking for wisdom cannot afford to listen to anyone but God Himself.

May the Spirit of God rest upon all who humble themselves before him.

**Weekly  
Readings...**

**Sunday:**

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
[2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14  
Mt 25:1-13

**Monday:**

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,  
8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/  
Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday:**

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23,  
27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:**

Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:**

Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10  
[5a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:**

2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18  
[1b]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:**

3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:**

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1  
-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:**

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Tuesday:**

St. Leo the Great, Pope and  
Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday:**

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop  
Veterans Day

**Thursday:**

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

**Friday:**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

**Sunday:**

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks**

**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**INTENTIONS 10/27/20**

Cooney, Sylvia  
Davis, Angela & Family  
George, Roberta  
Henderson, Christine  
Miller, Jr., Antonio  
White, Evan

**INTENTIONS 11/03/20**

Bowens, Patricia  
Burke, Terry Bro.  
Corbett, Dan  
Dyle, Ayrielle  
George, Darrion  
Goss, Michael  
Grove, Nancy  
Haine, Wm (Bill)  
Hearns, Zeyean  
Hinton, Maryann  
Hood, Gregory & Family  
Jackson, Tamica  
LeSuer, JaVaughn  
Logan, Carlita  
Middleton, Mary  
Perry, Kameron  
Pickett, DaShaun  
Polek, David Fr.  
Reedy, Judy  
Reedy, Sid  
Samuels, Nancy  
Serio, Jessica  
Stewart, Michael  
Voss, Greg

**SICKNESS 10/27/20**

Anders, Douglas  
Atherton, Vertibe  
Baby Pruitt  
Burton, Talana  
Caprese, Brittany

Chapman, Bonnie  
Cooney, Sheonna  
Hart, Edgar  
Howard, Yvonne  
Latham, Jean  
Moore, Brenda  
Oldani, Shirley  
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.  
Schnelle, Laverne  
Smith, Melba  
Smith, Paulette  
Strong, Betty  
Thompson, Mary Ann  
Weaver, Stephen  
Vet, Alphonso  
Vinson, Kelly  
Vinson, Tyler

**SICKNESS 11/03/20**

Bell, Gilbert  
Collins, Tamika  
Collins, Tony  
Dye, Margaret  
George, Betty  
Green, Alonzo  
Guest, Lois  
Massingale, Bryan Fr.  
Miller, Roy  
Moore, Joyce  
Klein, Mary  
Luster, Juanita  
Moze, Sylvester  
Parran, Rodrick  
Reedy, Christian  
Stamps, Arlecia  
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)  
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)  
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

**SHUT-IN's**

Atherton, Andrew  
Bohannon, Ida  
Brack, Dorothy  
Clay, Irving  
McCoy, Bernice

McCoy, Carolyn  
Peters, Mae  
Thomas, Bernice  
Turner, Hortense



**Pray for the Deceased**



Pray for the repose of the soul of †Rosalind Hood, wife of Gregory Hood

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen*



Once again, we will remember our departed loved ones by placing their pictures on our Ladders of Remembrance during the month of November.

The Ladders will remain up until Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please place your pictures in the basket near St. Joseph's Altar; mark your name and phone number on the reverse of your picture so we can return them to you.

Please do not enter the ladders space when it is erected – rather, place your picture in the basket and the Arts & Environment team will add it to the space.



**THE ROSARY PRAYER**

**Join us every Tuesday/Thursday**

**at 11 a.m. as we seek**

**Our Holy Mother's intercession in prayer**

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## LITURGY NOTES...



On Sunday, October 25, 2020, Pope Francis named the archbishop of Washington, D.C., Wilton Gregory, a Cardinal, making him the first African American to hold the position in the Catholic church's highest governing body.

The advancement of Archbishop Gregory comes after calls for racial justice have increased, shifting the focus and conversation about race in the U.S. *"By naming Archbishop Wilton Gregory as a Cardinal, Pope Francis is sending a powerful message of hope and inclusion to the Church in the United States,"* Archbishop José H. Gomez, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a statement.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory, 71, was born on December 7, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. He was raised in a working class family in Chicago; neither of his parents were Catholic. His mother and grandmother enrolled him in a parochial school when he entered the sixth grade. Within six weeks, he decided he was going to become a priest and converted to Catholicism. He was ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973. He was mentored by one of the church's most influential modern American leaders, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, who tried to steer the church in a more liberal direction. He attended the University of Saint Mary at Mundelein Seminary and completed his doctorate in sacred liturgy in 1980 at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant' Anselmo) in Rome.

December 13, 1983, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago. He was then installed as bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, on February 10, 1994. Pope John Paul II appointed him as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He was installed on January 17, 2005. Archbishop Gregory served as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from Nov. 2001 to 2004, following three years as USCCB vice president.

In April 2019, Pope Francis named Archbishop Gregory the Archbishop of Washington. He was the first African American to lead the archdiocese.

In recent months, Archbishop Gregory has urged church leaders to improve race relations. Recalling his time as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and said it was important for young Black Catholics to feel represented.

*"Ours is the task and the privilege of advancing the goals that were so eloquently expressed 57 years ago by such distinguished voices on that day,"* he said at the Mass commemorating the anniversary of the March on Washington. *"Men and women, young and old, people of every racial and ethnic background are needed in this effort."*

**Congratulations to Archbishop/Cardinal Elect Wilton Gregory!**

**"We've come this far by Faith!"**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Fall Festival 2020 is going VIRTUAL!** This year's Fall Festival/Card Party/Bingo/Silent Auction will be a VIRTUAL affair on TODAY, at 1:00 p.m.

Thanks to the wonderful technology of ZOOM, our most important church fundraiser will include BINGO, Silent Auction, and Grand Raffle, and special raffles.

You can pick up your allotment of Grand Raffle tickets to buy after Mass on TODAY! Special raffles will include a Basket of Cheer and a Lotto tree loaded with lotto tickets (\$2 each or 6 for \$5).

Attendance prizes will be gift cards, but you must purchase a \$20.00 reservation to be eligible

Thank you for your support as we cannot do this without you."



**LOVE**



**"You shall love the Lord, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with your mind"**

Matthew 22:37

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Black Catholic History Month Celebration**



**Novena Daily Videos**

9:00 a.m.

Nov. 8—15, 2020

[www.evenbrite.com/e/126311690667](http://www.evenbrite.com/e/126311690667)

**Prayer Service**

November 16, 2020

6:30 p.m.

St. Alphonsus "Rock"

In Person and on Facebook LIVE

[www.facebook.com/interracialrelations](http://www.facebook.com/interracialrelations)

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We are counting on you to purchase the cards so the church can get anywhere from 2% to as much as 13% of the value of each sold, at no additional cost to you.

Please support this fundraising effort.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen.

## Financial Corner...

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	25 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Envelopes	\$ 6,948.00	\$ 9,152.00
Loose Donations	\$ 233.00	\$ 1,811.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,181.00	\$10,963.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(4,819.00)	\$(1,037.00)

### Stewardship Prayer...

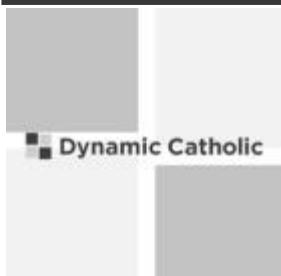
That we understand God’s call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.

*“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”  
Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We’ve all said, “I’ll do it later when I have time.” Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus’ call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don’t delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

### Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Vigilance

One of my struggles lately has been to live in the present moment and to be grateful for it with my whole heart, to embrace and cherish it as a gift from God. We constantly plan ahead for the future, which is necessary, but we often take it for granted. We never know how much time we will have on earth before God will call us home. Therefore, we must keep watch for the Lord in the present moment and live for Him. We can be like the wise virgins if we spend our time praying and cherishing moments with our friends and families. Think about how much time we waste playing video games, using social media excessively, and staring at screens. Let us re-prioritize and focus on the Lord at each moment so that we will be ready when He returns to call us home to the wedding feast of the Lamb (cf. Rev. 19:9). [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)



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New Season

October 2020—September 2021

Stephanie Brown	Mark and Linda Kamp
Virginia Brown	Steve and Helene LaBerta
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Kurt Englander	Barbara Jean Nashville
Carl Harris	Leo & Linda Peoples
Kalyn Harris	Ben and Denise Phillips
Monica Huddleston	Eugene Wallace
Deborah Jones	Janis Weaver-McSpadden
Donald and Joyce Jones	Sheila Williams
Mary Ellen Judge	

# PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER  
MEMORIALS**

Tillie Mae Alexander, Larry Ambus, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton, Anita Louise Banks  
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 Walterene Dougherty, Roger Downs, Sr., Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields, Ossie R. Foster  
 Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett, Rosalind Hood  
 Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Nadine Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Stephen LaBerta  
 Rosemary Lee, Eldwyn Lewis, Anice Mahone, Barbara McCaleb, Leon Zack McClendon  
 Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Marshall Mosley, Anne Ortwerth, Lucille Palmer  
 Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Alton Pritchard, Drene Sanders, Eugene Sanders, Christine Slaughter  
 Irma Steen, Lorraine Fite Stewart, Susan Colbert Threats, Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle  
 Ralph Watkins Jr., Juanita West, Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

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RCIA/RCIC  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Baptism  
 First Reconciliation  
 First Communion  
 Confirmation  
 Matrimony

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Christian Service	TBD
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Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

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 Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry  
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 (314) 652-9231  
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 (314) 289-7523  
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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS**

*"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.*

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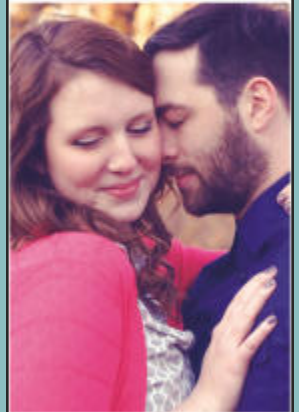
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