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**Welcome**

The parishioners of St George welcome you to our parish community. If you would like to register with our parish, forms are on the kiosk, come by the parish office, 202 W. Phillips St from 10am-12noon, M-F or call 816-633-7475.

**Attention:**

To ensure proper reservations for all events located at any of the St George facilities and to rent the St George meeting hall **PLEASE contact Kate Root, 816-263-7598, marykroot@gmail.com** or the St George Parish Office, stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com, 816-633-7475.

**Bulletin**

All items for the St George bulletin should be sent to stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com or call the church office 816-633-7475 by noon on Tues.

**Sexual Abuse:** The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti**, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact **Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain** at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat	Dec 1	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Sun	Dec 2	8:30am	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Tue	Dec 4	5:30pm	Priest Intentions
Wed	Dec 5	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Thu	Dec 6	8:30am	Priest Intentions
Fri	Dec 7	7:00pm	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Sat	Dec 8	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Sun	Dec 9	8:30am	Parishioners of St George & St Jude

**St George daily mass will be Tue 5:30pm, Wed 9:00am, Thu 8:30am. St Jude's daily mass will be Wed 6pm, Thu 9:30am. No 9am on Fri. Holy Day Mass at St George on Friday will be at 7pm. Holy Day Mass at St Jude on Friday will be at 5pm.**

**Schedule of Events**

Sat	Dec 1	5:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Dec 2	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC
Tues	Dec 4	5:30pm	Mass	Church
		6:00pm	Adoration/Benediction	Church
		6:40pm	Choir Practice	Church
Wed	Dec 5	9:00am	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	Bunco	MH
Thu	Dec 6	8:30am	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	FORGE	YEC
Fri	Dec 7	7:00pm	Mass	Church
Sat	Dec 8	5:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	1st Reconciliation	Church
		6:45am	Parish Reconciliation	Church
Sun	Dec 9	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC

**Liturgical Roles**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018, 5:30pm**  
 Readers Larry Lackamp, Kate Root  
 Servers Any Available  
 E. Ministers Cheryl Horne, Larry Horne, Ashley Boydston  
 Ushers John Hotmer, Jerry Wade  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018, 8:30am**  
 Readers Syd Massey, Gerard Schulte  
 Servers Clayton Stevens, Emery LaBoube  
 E. Ministers Toni Hellums, Mike Stevens, Bob Carey  
 Ushers Phil Rucker, Bill Schuler  
 Greeters Choir  
 Money Counters Michelle Howard, Cathy Dandurand  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018, 7:00pm HOLY DAY**  
 Readers Larry Lackamp, Dave Elgin  
 Servers Any Available  
 E. Ministers Toni Hellums, Mathiew Kurtz, Ruth Elgin  
 Ushers Ken Zey, John Hotmer  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018, 5:30pm**  
 Readers Janet Tirschel, Larry Horne  
 Servers Any Available  
 E. Ministers Audrey Miller, Paula Eldred, Mathiew Kurtz  
 Ushers Ken Zey, Larry Lackamp  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018, 8:30am**  
 Readers Joyce Watkins, Abby Volmer  
 Servers Felton Stevens, Journey Platt  
 E. Ministers Ruth Elgin, Bob Carey, Maureen Carey  
 Ushers Norm Brodeur, Rex Watkins  
 Greeters Choir  
 Money Counters John Hotmer, Nicole Utterback

**St George Parish Office**  
**202 W. Phillips St Odessa, Mo. 64076**  
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**Office Hours M—F 10 a.m. — 12 noon**

**First Sunday in Advent December 2, 2018**

**HONOR THE SPIRIT OF ST NICKOLAS**

St. Nicholas is one icon of the holiday season that has meaning in both the secular and spiritual celebrations of Christmas. We know that St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. His parents died when he was young and left him well off. His uncle, the archbishop of Myra (southeast of Turkey), ordained him and upon his uncle's death, Nicholas served as bishop until his own death. Throughout he suffered imprisonment and persecution. One legend involving St. Nicholas concerns a desperate man on the verge of selling his daughters into slavery to pay his debts. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window (some say down the chimney) in the man's house to stop him. Our present-day Santa Claus stems from the legends of St. Nicholas, but in the Church he is a saint, a confessor of the faith, and a holy bishop. We can learn from his generosity to the poor, and imitate his acts of kindness to others.

Growing in Faith-December

**2nd Collection Next Sunday**

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Anticipate Advent**

A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ's coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance, and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Growing in Faith

**Low Gluten Hosts**

Low gluten hosts are available for Communion. Please talk to Fr Bryan for information.

**Remember in Prayer**

Please keep these individuals in your prayers; Elsie Rees, Wanda Markes, Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, JoAnn McCarty.

**Church Cleaning  
 December 9  
 Team 3**

Thank you to all the who volunteer to help keep our beautiful worship space clean.

**Sacrificial Offering**

Envelope	\$ 1584.00
Plate	\$ 1332.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 3281.00

Thank you for your contributions.

**Angel Tree**

Angel tree gift tags will be available on November 24 and 25 in the gathering area. Gifts should be returned to the Christmas tree with tags securely attached by December 16. Thank you for helping with this wonderful ministry!

**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal**

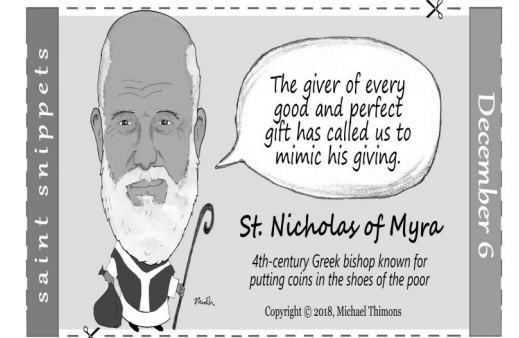
Remember to make your donation to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Letters and contribution envelopes were mailed to parishioners and there are envelopes are in the pews.

**2019 Calendars**

There are 2019 calendars available in the gathering space. Please pick up a copy for your home or office.



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**Daily Mass Cancellations**

If school is cancelled because of weather issues, daily Mass is also cancelled.

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**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2018  
 St Jude 3:30pm  
 St George 5:30pm

**Christmas Day**

December 25, 2018  
 St Jude Midnight  
 St George 8:30am

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**Thank You**

The St. George Social Committee would like to extend a special thank you to all who attended the Chili/Bingo event on Saturday, November 17, 2018. With your generosity, we were able to raise \$700 for the St. George Altar Project.

**Prime Timers Christmas Dinner  
Correction**

The Prime Timers are having a Christmas party, Thursday, December 13 at the meeting hall. Wine & Cheese will be served from 4:00-4:45pm. Catered Dinner prepared by Nadler's served at 4:45pm. There will be bingo after dinner. Cost is \$9.00 per person. You may make a reservation and pay Toni Hellums, 633-4362 or email jthellums@embarqmail.com by **December 6**. See the corrected insert in this weeks bulletin for more details.

**Christmas Flower Collection**

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers the next 3 weekends. Flower donations may be given in honor of a loved one or as a general flower donation. Please include the name of the person your donation is in honor of and your check in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Names honored will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

**Readings for the Week**

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thu: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sun: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday, December 7, 2018  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Masses  
St Jude 5pm St George 7pm

**1st Reconciliation & Parish Reconciliation**

First Reconciliation and parish reconciliation will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 6:30pm.

**No Fellowship This Sunday**

No fellowship this Sunday. The fellowship Christmas breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 16. Members of the parish council will be the host.

**Christmas Baskets for Shut Ins**

On December 12, 2018 the Altar Society will be making Christmas baskets for our shut-ins. There will be a box in the gathering space for donations to this project. Suggested donations are: Individual size hand lotion and hand sanitizer, lip balm, hot cocoa/cider packets, pocket kleenex, adult coloring books & colored pencils, stress balls, emery boards, & adult puzzle/activity books.

Thank you for your help!

**Bunco**

Come join your fellow parishioners for an evening of Bunco on Wednesday, December 5, 6:30pm, in the meeting hall. Bring a snack to share, \$5.00 and your beverage of choice.







