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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 8	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Sun	Dec 9	8:30am	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Tue	Dec 11	5:30pm	Priest Intentions
Wed	Dec 12	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Thu	Dec 13	8:30am	Priest Intentions
Sat	Dec 15	5:30pm	Helen Miller by Mathiew & Julie Kurtz
Sun	Dec 16	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, 9am on Fri.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Dec 8	5:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Reconciliation Mass 1st Reconciliation & Parish Reconciliation	Church Church Church
Sun	Dec 9	7:45am 8:00am 8:30am 9:30am	Reconciliation Rosary Mass PSR	Church Church Church YEC
Tues	Dec 11	5:30pm 6:00pm 6:40pm	Mass Adoration/Benediction Choir Practice	Church Church Church
Wed	Dec 12	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass Altar Society Meeting	Church MH
Thu	Dec 13	8:30am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Prime Timers Dinner Forge	Church MH YEC
Sat	Dec 15	5:00pm 5:30pm	Reconciliation Mass	Church Church
Sun	Dec 16	7:45am 8:00am 8:30am 9:30am	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Fellowship Breakfast	Church Church Church MH

Liturgical Roles

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5:30pm
 Readers Bob Carey, Maureen Carey
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Mathiew Kurtz, Cheryl Horne, Audrey Miller
 Ushers Larry Horne, John Hotmer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018, 8:30am
 Readers Syd Massey, Cory LaBoube
 Servers Clayton Stevens, Kiley Thomas
 E. Ministers Ruth Elgin, Mike Stevens, Gerard Schulte
 Ushers Phil Rucker, Bill Schuler
 Greeters Choir
 Money Counters Bob Carey, Tami Shipley

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Office Hours M—F 10 a.m. — 12 noon

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) e-bulletin

2nd Collection This Sunday

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

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.

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 16

Team 4
 Thank you to all the who volunteer to help keep our beautiful worship space clean.

Sacrificial Offering

Envelope	\$ 2144.00
Plate	\$ 313.00
Local Poor	\$ 275.00
World Mission	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 81.00
Other	\$ 1739.17
Total	\$ 4872.17

Thank you for your contributions.

New Parish Office Hours for
December & January

Tuesday through Thursday
10am to Noon and 5pm-7pm
 The office will NOT be open on Monday and Friday.

Daily Mass Cancellations

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

New Tags on the Angel Tree

There are new tags on the Angel Tree for 2 boys ages 5 & 9. All gifts need to be returned to the Gathering Area by Sunday, December 16. Please attach the tag from the angel tree to the gift you donate.

Thermostats in Church

If you are in the Church and it is too cold or too hot, please use the + or - buttons on the thermostats to increase or decrease the set temperature. When you leave, you can return the thermostats to their pre-programmed temperatures or leave them alone. They will return to their programming on their own after four hours. Thanks!

Rescue

"Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory" Psalm 50:15

Aluminum Can Collection
Next Weekend

There will be an aluminum can collection next weekend, December 15 & 16. All proceeds will be used to buy medicines for the children of St Joan of Arc School in Mawuuki, Uganda.

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

The Little Ones Jim Burrows



A Stewardship Prayer for December

Lord,
As we journey through this Advent season,
give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time
of grace, a time to be more prayerful,
to listen more intently to Your Word;
a time to allow our faith to grow and mature.
Show us how to give witness to your Good News more
fervently among our families, friends and those with
whom we worship.
Help us be more aware of those who are poor,
lonely or suffering;
and to serve them as if we were serving You.
And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make
straight Your path with confidence and zeal,
and prepare for the joy of Your coming!
We pray this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Readings of the Week

Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tues: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde,
19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the
Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thu: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Christmas Baskets for Shut Ins

Altar Society Meeting Wednesday December 12

On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 7pm, in the meeting hall, the Altar Society ladies 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!

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.

Angel Tree

Angel tree gifts should be returned to the Christmas tree in the gathering area with tags securely attached by December 16. There are some new tags on the tree for 2 boys, 5 & 9. Thank you for helping with this wonderful ministry!

Fellowship Christmas Breakfast

Next Sunday, December 16, the parish council members will provide a fellowship Christmas breakfast for all parishioners after the 8:30am Mass. The breakfast will be held in the meeting hall.

