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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 15	5:30pm	Helen Miller by Mathiew & Julie Kurtz
Sun	Dec 16	8:30am	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Tue	Dec 18	5:30pm	Priest Intentions
Wed	Dec 19	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Thu	Dec 20	8:30am	Helen Hamen by Mathiew & Julie Kurtz
Sat	Dec 22	5:30pm	Joe P Hamen by Mathiew & Julie Kurtz
Sun	Dec 23	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 15	5:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Dec 16	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	Fellowship Christmas Breakfast	MH
Tues	Dec 18	5:30pm	Mass	Church
		6:00pm	Adoration/Benediction	Church
		6:40pm	Choir	Church
Wed	Dec 19	9:00am	Mass	Church
Thu	Dec 20	8:30am	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	Forge	YEC
		7:30pm	K of C Meeting	MH
Sat	Dec 22	5:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Dec 23	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church

Liturgical Roles

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

SATURDAY, December 22, 2018, 5:30pm
Readers Janet Tirschel, Larry Lackamp
Servers Any Available
E. Ministers Audrey Miller, Paula Eldred, Ashley Boydston
Ushers Jerry Wade, John Hotmer

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018, 8:30am
Readers Abby Volmer, Gerard Schulte
Servers Tatum Shipley, Lucas Tate
E. Ministers Bob Carey, Maureen Carey, Toni Hellums
Ushers Dan Cobb, Norm Brodeur
Greeters Choir
Money Counters Jeanne Wade, Julie Kurtz

St George Parish Office
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Office Hours M—F 10 a.m. — 12 noon

Third Sunday in Advent December 16, 2018

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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 23

Team 1

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

Sacrificial Offering

Envelope	\$ 1909.00
Plate	\$ 411.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00
Retired Religious	\$ 1171.00
Local Assistance-Poor	\$ 5.00
Holy Day	\$ 440.00
Rental Income	\$ 50.00
K of C Donation	\$ 311.79
Total	\$ 4367.79

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.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said for a specific date in 2019, please turn in your Mass intentions and the date you desire as soon as possible. The Mass stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. Put your donation in a separate envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Include your name, phone number and the dates. You can also stop by the parish office during the hours listed above.

Daily Mass Cancellations

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

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.

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



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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018**

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: *"What should we do?"* Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tues: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wed: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thu: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Sat: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;
Lk 1:39-45

Christmas Flower Collection

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers this weekend. 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 Gifts

Angel tree gifts should be returned to the Christmas tree in the gathering area with tags securely attached by this Sunday. Thank you for helping with this wonderful ministry!

Fellowship Christmas Breakfast

This 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.

Aluminum Can Collection This Weekend

There will be an aluminum can collection this weekend. All proceeds will be used to buy medicine for the students of St Joan of Arc School in Mawuuki, Uganda. If you forget your can donation, contact Jean Falke, 816-263-7945.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting this Thursday evening, 7:30pm, in the meeting hall.

