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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 10am on Tuesday.

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](tel: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](tel: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](tel:816-392-0011) or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Apr 28	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George
Sun	Apr 29	8:30am	George & Vi Payne by Toni Hellums
Wed	May 1	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Thu	May 2	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Sat	May 4	5:30pm	Joyce Schwartz by Jerry & Jeane Wade
Sun	May 5	8:30am	Parishioners of St George

Mass at St George will be said at 9am on Wednesday & Thursday. St Jude's will have Mass on Tuesday & Friday at 9am.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Apr 27	1-5pm	St George Blood Drive	MH
		5:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Apr 28	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR & Easter Egg Hunt	YEC
Tues	Apr 30	5:00pm	Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer & Benediction	Church
		6:30pm	Choir Practice	Church
Wed	May 1	9:00am	Mass	Church
		1:00pm	Bunco	MH
		6:30pm	Faith & Fitness	YEC
		7:00pm	Staff Meeting	YEC
Sat	May 4	5:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	May 5	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC
		9:30am	Fellowship	MH

Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY, April 27, 2019, 5:30pm
 Readers Larry Lackamp, Larry Horne
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Cheryl Horne, Audrey Miller
 Ushers Ken Zey, John Hotmer
SUNDAY, April 28, 2019, 8:30am
 Readers Abby Volmer, Corey LaBoube
 Servers Emery LaBoube, Tatum Shipley
 E. Ministers Gerard Schulte, Ruth Elgin, Mike Stevens
 Ushers Rex Watkins, Bill Schuler
 Greeters Altar Society
 Money Counters Angela Gregson, Julie Kurtz

SATURDAY, May 4, 2019, 5:30pm
 Readers Bonnie White, Janet Tirschel
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Audrey Miller, Mathiew Kurtz, Cheryl Horne
 Ushers Jerry Wade, John Hotmer
SUNDAY, May 5, 2019, 8:30am
 Readers Brooks Laboube, Kadon Thomas
 Servers Kiley Thomas, Emery LaBoube
 E. Ministers Bob Carey, Gerard Schulte, Ruth Elgin
 Ushers Phil Rucker, Carl Stein
 Greeters
 Money Counters Michelle Howard, Tami Shipley

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Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday 10 a.m. — 12 noon 5p.m. — 7p.m.

2nd Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday April 28, 2019

The Perfect Love Waits For You

It is said that in order to attract the perfect love, we have to become the perfect lover. God is the perfect love. All we need to do to claim his love is to become better lovers ourselves.

Be alone together. *“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”* (James 4:8). Two people in love need to be alone together so love can grow. Make time to be alone with God every day.

Meet for frequent dates. A loving relationship can't flourish on just one date per week. Would you be able to get enough of your beloved by just getting together on Sundays? Try to make Mass more than once a week.

Reread his love letter. *“I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name”* (Isaiah 49:15-16). Re-reading love letters rekindles feelings of warmth between lovers. The Bible is the longest, most passionate love letter there is. Read it to find out how God really feels about you.

Growing in Faith-April

Prison Pen Pals

Pen Pals change lives. If you are over 18 and can commit to writing one letter each month for a year to someone behind bars, please join us. Our program is safe and secure – providing complete direction. To find out more, contact Laurie Jo Holmes 816.714-2364 or holmes@diocesekcsj.org.

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

**May 5
Team 3**

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

Sacrificial Offering

Envelope	\$ 1975.00
Plate	\$ 1601.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Good Friday	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 3916.00

Thank you for your contributions.

Odessa National Day of Prayer Breakfast

May 2, 2019
 6:45-7:30am
 The Crown
 7411 Outer Road, Odessa, Mo.
 All are welcome to attend.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you discover new ways to make your marriage the priority. Our next weekend is scheduled for **May 3-5**, at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wmme4youandme.org, email Tony & Barb Zimmerman to nybarbz@prodigy.net or call 816-741-4066.

Rachel's Vineyard

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The first of three 2019 retreats to be held in the Kansas City area will be on May 3-5. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

What does the Mass do for us?

The qualities of the Mass make participating in it essential for our spiritual health.

Thanksgiving: The Mass centers around the Eucharist – the “sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1359*). In thanking God for his blessings, we recall demonstrations of his goodness, power, and love. This reminds us that there is a God who loves us beyond imagining. He doesn't need our praise, but we need to experience thanksgiving.

Sacrifice: When the priest offers the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary is renewed in an un-bloody manner and made present for us again. At Mass, we can unite our own sacrifices to Christ's and offer them to the Father (*CCC, #1367, 1368*).

Communion: Under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus is really and physically present (*CCC, #1376*). When we receive Communion, Christ comes to dwell in our hearts, to strengthen, heal, and love us. Communion unifies the whole Church in Heaven and on Earth (*CCC, #1370*).

Growing in Faith-April

Tuesday Evening Schedule

There will be Adoration and Confessions from 5-5:55pm. Evening prayer and Benediction will begin at 6pm.

Bunco on Wednesday

Come join your friends for an afternoon of Bunco on Wednesday, May 1, 1pm, in the meeting hall. Bring a snack to share, \$5.00 and your beverage of choice.

Fellowship Next Sunday

There will be fellowship in the meeting hall next Sunday after Mass.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or
(for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15,
17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

First Communion Next Sunday

Congratulations to Leah Rucker, Kaden Thomas and Brooks LaBoube. They will be receiving their First Communion next Sunday, May 5, during the 8:30am Mass.

Seeing is Believing

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

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