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First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

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**“You...must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
 the Son of Man will come.”**

Matthew 24:44

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 30	5:30pm	Wanda Markes by Mathiew & Julie Kurtz
Sun	Dec 1	8:30am	Parishioners of St George
Tues	Dec 3	6:00pm	Priest Intention
Wed	Dec 4	9:00am	Priest Intention
Thu	Dec 5	9:00am	Priest Intention
Sat	Dec 7	5:30pm	Wanda Markes by Toni Hellums
Sun	Dec 8	8:30am	Parishioners of St George

St George daily Mass: Tues 6pm, Wed 9am, Thu 9am
 St Jude daily Mass: Tues 9am, Wed 6pm, Fri 9am

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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 combatting 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Nov 30	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
			Aluminum Can Collection	PL
Sun	Dec 1	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
			Aluminum Can Collection	PL
Tues	Dec 3	5:00pm	Adoration, Benediction & Confession	Church
		6:00pm	Mass	Church
		6:45pm	Choir Practice	Church
Wed	Dec 4	9:00am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	ACE	YEC
Thu	Dec 5	9:00am	Mass	Church
Sat	Dec 7	10:00am	O Holy Night Display	MH
		5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Dec 8	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	O Holy Night Display	MH
		9:30am	PSR	YEC

Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY, November 30, 2019, 5:30pm
 Reader Larry Lackamp
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Julie Kurtz, Paula Eldred
 Ushers John Hotmer, Jerry Wade
SUNDAY, December 1, 2019, 8:30am
 Reader Joyce Watkins
 Servers Emery Laboube, Chris Utterback
 E. Ministers Kate Root, Gerard Schulte
 Ushers Carl Stein, Dan Cobb
 Money Counters Angela Gregson, Bruce Hudson

SATURDAY, December 7, 2019, 5:30pm
 Reader Kate Root
 Server Any Available
 E. Ministers Larry Horne, Cheryl Horne
 Ushers Larry Lackamp, Jerry Wade
SUNDAY, December 8, 2019, 8:30am
 Reader Bonnie White
 Servers Clayton Stevens, Kiley Thomas
 E. Ministers Mike Stevens, Ruth Elgin
 Ushers Norm Brodeur, Dan Cobb
 Money Counters Julie Kurtz, Angie Platt

Dear St. George and St. Jude,
 Today we begin Advent. We prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas, at the end of the World, and every day of our lives. May you have you have a blessed Advent as you walk in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph and begin the liturgical new year.

In our Journey into the Deep we begin our week on Mary and the saints. Please keep the Holy Family retreat on your calendars. It's coming up on Dec. 14 and includes a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and a consecration of the parish to her Immaculate Heart.

Stay Holy St. George and St. Jude,
 Fr. Bryan

Christmas Fellowship Dec 21

There will be no Sunday morning fellowship on December 1. The parish Christmas fellowship will be held on Saturday, Dec 21, after the 5:30pm Mass.

Annual Catholic Appeal Pledge

Please remember to make your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available in the gathering area.

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, Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, JoAnn McCarty, Helen Hotmer.

**Church Cleaning
 Heavenly Dusters
 December 8
 Team 4**

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

Sacrificial Offering

Envelope	\$ 1752.00
Plate	\$ 352.00
Maintenance	\$ 665.00
Raffle	\$ 355.00
Bulletin Ad	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 280.00
Raise the Roof	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 4104.00

2nd Collection Next Weekend

The 2nd collection next weekend will be for religious retirement. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care for 30,000 Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Bingo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
 St. Jude's Catholic Church
 2001 S. Broadway
 Oak Grove, Mo
 Doors open at 5:00pm.
 Games start at 6:00pm.
 Bring a friend and you get a \$5.00 free concessions coupon.
 Must be age 16 or older
 Admission \$20 - 16 games (9 per game). For more information contact Ann Arndover 816-690-2296.

Support Catholic Charities

You can support Catholic Charities each time you order from Amazon simply by signing into your regular Amazon account at smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0887779. Each time you use the link, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to Catholic Charities KCSJ. Please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266 for more information.

Future Events at St George

O Holy Night Display	Dec 7 & 8
Altar Society	Dec 11
Prime Timers	Dec 12
K of C Meeting	Dec 19
Parish Christmas Party	Dec 21
Christmas Masses	
Christmas Eve	Dec 24
St Jude 3:30pm & Midnight	
St George 5:30pm	
Christmas Day	Dec 25
St George—9:00am	

**Navigating the Holidays
 While Grieving**

**Tuesday, Dec 3, 7 to 8:30pm
 Precious Blood Renewal Center
 2120 Saint Gaspar Way
 Liberty, Mo.**
 If you have lost a loved one, the holiday season can leave you feeling empty. The little traditions and big celebrations that used to warm and comfort us at this time of year now bring discomfort, maybe even pain. Gain support from others and learn practical ways to create new traditions as you navigate through this difficult terrain while honoring your loved one. The group is facilitated by spiritual directors Fr. Ron Will, CPPS, Kathy Keary. To get more information or to register: Online: <http://www.pbrenewalcenter.org>
 By email: info@pbrenewalcenter.org
 By phone: 816-415-3745

Monday December 9

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Masses

St George 9am St Jude 6pm

Not a holy day of obligation.

Prime Timers Christmas Party

The Prime Timers will have their Christmas party on December 12 at noon, in the meeting hall. Nadlers will cater the lunch. The cost is \$10.00. All reservations and money should be given to Toni Hellums by December 6. Bunco will be played after lunch and prizes awarded. No worries if you haven't played Bunco before. It's easy to learn and a lot of fun. There is a collection for Baby Grace so all attending should bring name brand diapers and wipes.

O Holy Night Nativity Display

Back by popular demand: A fabulous family event will be held on December 7 and 8 in the meeting hall. Please consider sharing your own nativities with our area visitors. Bring your nativities and any family or friends' nativities to the church gathering area any day there is Mass through December 1. Be sure owner's name and contact number is on or in the nativity container. These will be magnificently exhibited and will be honoring Jesus on His birthday.

Christmas Angel Tree Gifts

Our Christmas Angel Tree gift tags are on the table in the gathering area. Take as many as you wish. There is also a basket to collect donations of health products that are sorely needed. Remember to wrap each gift, securely attach the angel tag and return to the church by December 15. All families are from Odessa and their gratitude is overwhelming.

Christmas Flower Collection

There is a Christmas flower collection through December 15. You may make a general flower donation or a donation in memory of a loved one. There are green envelopes on the communion table or you may use the envelopes in your contribution envelope packet dated November 24. All the memorial donations will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please put your donations in the collection basket.

Raise the Roof Christmas Raffle

Raffle chances are available after Mass through December 21 for a Laptop Computer, Kindle Reader or Keurig Coffee Maker. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. All proceeds will go to the "Raise the Roof" fundraising project. The winners will be announced at the Parish Christmas Dinner on Saturday evening, December 21. (Winners do not have to be present to win.)



O Holy Night Nativity Display

December 7, 2019

10 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

December 8, 2019

9:30a.m.—3:30p.m.

St George Meeting Hall

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**Nativity sets can be designed and made
in many different ways.**

**St George parish will be displaying 100+
nativity sets on December 7 & 8.**

**Plan a family visit to this very unique
and interesting exhibit.**



Christmas Flower Collection

Now through December 15

In Memory/Honor of... _____

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in the Christmas bulletin.

Christmas flower donations should in a separate
envelope marked flower donation and put in the
collection basket.

The Joyful Expectation of Advent

Jesus' birth at Christmas is real and amazing evidence of God's love. The priorities specific to this time of year, however, can crowd our joy and awe. Modeling St. Joseph's preparations in the days before Jesus' birth can help create a plan for our own Advent. Try these tips for joyful expectation of our Savior's birth.

Create silence. God found the quiet he needed in St. Joseph's life to speak and be heard over the noise of the carpenter's shop, the needs of neighbors, the demands of tax collectors. In the silence St. Joseph created just for him, God was able to work miracles.

Keep out the devil. When Joseph found out Mary was pregnant, he protected her from the evil of malicious gossip and isolation. He helped her to make a God-centered home lled with Love. Although the devil is powerful, he cannot go where he is not permitted. When we stay close to the Sacraments and live a God-centered life, we, too, keep the devil out and make room for Love.

Look for him. Can you imagine the joy with which St. Joseph expected Jesus' coming? We celebrate Jesus' arrival in Bethlehem with joy. We can joyfully welcome him into our lives now. And, with joy we can look forward to Christ's coming in glory on the Last Day.

Growing In Faith

Why does the Church year begin in Advent?

The Church has a liturgical year with its own seasons that help us to mark events that are important to Catholics. However, the Church year doesn't start on January 1, or even on December 25 — when we celebrate Christ's birthday. Instead, it begins on the first Sunday of Advent, the season before Christmas.

Advent is the perfect season for new beginnings. It's a season of preparation: the King of Kings is coming! There are three "arrivals" of Christ to prepare for and celebrate: as an infant at Bethlehem, at Mass in the Eucharist, and as the King of Glory at the end of time.

In order to properly greet such a Guest, the Church sets aside this time for us to purify our hearts and souls. Whether that means being with God in prayer, attending Confession, volunteering in the community or cleaning house, Advent is the time for it. The Church wants us to begin the year well by preparing to welcome the King who comes to *"make all things new"*.

Growing in Faith

Stewardship Reflection

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?

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