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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.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Dec 28	5:30pm	Rose Donald by Jill Strauser
Sun	Dec 29	8:30am	Parishioners of St George
Tues	Dec 31	6:00pm	Parishioners of St George
Wed	Jan 1	9:00am	Parishioners of St George
Thu	Jan 2	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Sat	Jan 4	5:30pm	Rose Donald by Jill Strauser
Sun	Jan 5	8:30am	Parishioners of St George

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation
St George Vigil Mass will be on December 31 at 6pm
Mass on January 1 will be at 9am
St Jude will have a Holy Day Mass at 6pm on January 1.
There will be a 9am Mass on Thursday January 2 at St George.
St Jude will have Mass on Friday January 3 at 9am.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Dec 28	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Dec 29	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
Tues	Dec 31	6:00pm	Holy Day Vigil Mass	Church
Wed	Jan 1	9:00am	Holy Day Mass	Church
Thu	Jan 2	9:00am	Mass	Church
Sat	Jan 4	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Jan 5	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC
		9:30am	Fellowship	MH

Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY, December 28, 2019, 5:30pm

Reader	Bonnie White
Servers	Any Available
E. Ministers	Ashley Boydston, Julie Kurtz
Ushers	Jerry Wade, John Hotmer

SUNDAY, December 29, 2019, 8:30am

Reader	Bob Carey
Servers	Clayton Stevens, Felton Stevens
E. Ministers	Maureen Carey, Mike Stevens
Ushers	Norm Brodeur, Carl Stein
Money Counters	Toni Hellums, Bruce Hudson

SATURDAY, January 4, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader	Janet Tirschel
Servers	Any Available
E. Ministers	Cheryl Horne, Larry Horne
Ushers	Larry Lackamp, Kenny Zey

SUNDAY, January 5, 2020, 8:30am

Reader	Kate Root
Servers	Lucas Tate, Jacob Tate
E. Ministers	Ruth Elgin, Gerard Schulte
Ushers	Rex Watkins, Phil Tucker
Money Counters	Angela Gregson, Julie Kurtz

St George Parish Office
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Office Hours Monday – Friday 10 a.m. — 12 noon

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2019

Dear St. George and St. Jude,

Thank you so much for your generous gifts for Christmas. I am very blessed and thankful and full! Happy Feast of the Holy Family. It is fitting that today we begin our first week back into our journey into the deep focused on the sacraments. Learn how God being a part of the human family changed everything and how external signs can now point toward internal reality's.

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

Faith and Love

Faith and love are like the blind man's guides. They will lead you along a path unknown to you, to the place where God is hidden.
St John of the Cross

2020 Calendars Available in the Gathering Area

The 2020 parish calendars are on the table by the front door. Take one for your home or business.

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
January 5
Team 3

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

Activating Our Baptism At-Home Retreat to conclude the Holy Year of Renewal: January 5-11

All the faithful of our diocese are invited to participate in an online retreat to conclude our Diocesan Holy Year of Renewal. The retreat is free and includes daily scripture readings and a brief video reflection meditating on the meaning of our baptism and the diocesan priority "Growing God's Family."

The retreat will be available in English and Spanish online January 5th–11th in preparation for the public Profession of Faith and Renewal of Baptismal.
It may be used in the home by individuals and families. Faith sharing groups may also find it fruitful to consider one or more of the themes as a group. Sign up to receive daily email reminders at www.kcsjcatholic.org/retreat.

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. Inquiries, contact Laurie Jo Holmes 816.714.2364 or holmes@diocesekcsj.org.

Join Us for the 2020 KC March For Life

The local 2020 Kansas City March for Life takes place on **Friday, January 24**. The event begins with 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception downtown followed by a pilgrimage/march to The Catholic Center to pray together and to coordinate groups. The event then continues with a short prayerful walk to the Federal Court House for the Missouri Right to Life Prayer Vigil. Participants not attending Mass at the Cathedral may join the group at The Catholic Center. Visit www.respectlifekcsj.org *for more information.*

Thank You

Due to the generous support of parishioners and donors like you, Catholic Charities KCSJ was able to ensure that 611 children would have a very special Christmas this year through our Christmas Shining Star program. Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing opportunity. Your support and thoughtfulness put a smile on many faces. If you would like to hear more about this program or help support your neighbors in need by volunteering your time or supporting our other programs, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator, 816-659-8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.

Love

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection.

Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.

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Fellowship Next Sunday

Fellowship will be held next Sunday in the meeting hall, following the 8:30am Mass.

Helen Hotmer's Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to a birthday party for Helen Hotmer at the Odessa Community Building on January 1 from 1pm-3pm.

Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday

Wednesday is The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God and is a holy day of obligation. St George Masses will be Tuesday, December 31 at 6pm and Wednesday morning, January 1 at 9am. St Jude will have a 6pm Mass on Wednesday evening.

Catholic Key Renewal

The weekend of January 5 & 6 is Catholic Key Renewal weekend. If you would like to receive the Catholic Key delivered to your home address, use the yellow Catholic Key Subscription envelope in your contribution packet dated Jan 2020. The subscription rate is $25.00.

Mass Intentions for 2020

Mass Intentions are available for the Tuesday Mass at 6pm, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9am for most weeks during the year. One Mass is also available for your intention during the weekend on Saturday or Sunday. Each Mass intention is $10.00. The Mass intention dates are scheduled on a first come basis. If you would like a special date for a Mass intention during 2020, please turn in your request as soon as possible by putting your intention, offering and date or dates requested in an envelope and put the envelope in the collection basket or stop by the parish office Monday through Friday, 10am – noon, during the week.