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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

Mass Intentions

Sat Jan 4 5:30pm Rose Donald by Jill Strauser
 Sun Jan 5 8:30am Parishioners of St George
 Sat Jan 11 5:30pm Parishioners of St George
 Sun Jan 12 8:30am John Hellums by Toni Hellums

**No daily Mass at St George or St Jude this next week.
 Fr Bryan will be on retreat.**

Schedule of Events

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
Sat	Jan 11	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Jan 12	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC

Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY, January 4, 2020, 5:30pm

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

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

SATURDAY, January 11, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Bob Carey
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Mathiew Kurtz, Julie Kurtz
 Ushers Jerry Wade, Larry Lackamp

SUNDAY, January 12, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Syd Massey
 Servers Clayton Stevens, Journey Platt, Rollie Platt
 E. Ministers Kate Root, Mike Stevens
 Ushers Dan Cobb, Bill Schuler
 Money Counters Bob Carey, Angie Platt

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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.

St George Parish Office
202 W. Phillips St Odessa, Mo. 64076
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Office Hours Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

Dear St. George and St. Jude,
 Happy New Year! This year resolve to open your hearts more to Jesus Christ and His transforming love. A reminder that we will be having a retreat at St. George on Mar. 28. Mark your calendars! This week's topic is the Eucharist.

This week I will be gone Mon. - Fri. to go on retreat myself to be renewed to better serve you. Our Journey into the Deep Session will be delayed one week and will be on the 15th and 16th. We will have no Mass or adoration this week. Please email any intentions you'd like me to pray for while on retreat. God bless you.

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

True Happiness

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.
 Blessed Henry Suso

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 12
 Team 4**

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

**Sacrificial Offering
 12-29-2019**

Envelope	\$ 6333.00
Plate	\$ 551.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Raise The Roof	\$ 2300.00
Total	\$ 9194.00

Finding God

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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2020 Calendars Available

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

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.

**Sacrificial Offering
 12-22-19**

Envelope	\$ 2021.00
Plate	\$ 845.19
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Roof Donation	\$ 620.00
Plate	\$ 1130.00
Christmas Raffle	\$ 135.00
Assistance for Poor	\$ 30.00
Meeting Hall Rental	\$ 60.00
I Donnelly Check	\$ 685.00
Total	\$ 5546.19

The Star of Bethlehem

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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Adult Continuing Education

Our winter class will take up the study of Exodus: God to the Rescue authored by Jeanne Kun. The class will begin on Thursday January 16, 9:30am in the YEC building. This six week course will end February 20. During Lent Bishop Barron will guide us through a study of conversion with his DVD series. Mark your calendars for a deepening of your knowledge of scripture and faith.

Fellowship This Sunday

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

Rose's For Life

The Roses for Life campaign, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be this weekend. Please take time to sign a rose.

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.

Thank You for the Angel Tree Gifts

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Christmas Angel gifts. You gave the best gift to our King, joy to His children.

