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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, 816-633-7945, or email stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com.

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	Mar 7	5:30pm	Wanda Markes by Gene Benedict
Sun	Mar 8	8:30am	Parishioners of St George
Tues	Mar 10	6:00pm	Priest Intention
Wed	Mar 11	9:00am	Priest Intention
Thu	Mar 12	9:00am	Priest Intention
Sat	Mar 14	5:30pm	Wanda Markes by William Markes
Sun	Mar 15	8:30am	Parishioners of St George

Daily Mass at St George will be Tues-6pm and Wed-9am, Thur-9am. St Jude will have Mass Tues-9am, Wed-5pm & Fri-9am.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Mar 7	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Mar 8	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC
Tues	Mar 10	5:00pm	Adoration, Benediction & Confession	Church
		6:00pm	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
		6:30pm	Clear Path	YEC
		7:00pm	Choir Practice	Church
Wed	Mar 11	9:00am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	ACE	YEC
Thu	Mar 12	9:00am	Mass	Church
Fri	Mar 13	11:00am	Stations & Soup	CH & MH
		5-7pm	Fish Fry	MH
Sat	Mar 14	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Mar 15	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	PSR	YEC

Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY, March 7, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Janet Tirschel
 Servers Any Available
 Ushers Larry Lackamp, John Hotmer

SUNDAY, March 8, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Syd Massey
 Servers Kaden Thomas, Kiley Thomas, Leah Rucker
 Ushers Norm Brodeur, Dan Cobb
 Money Counters Bob Carey, Tami Shipley

SATURDAY, March 14, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Dave Elgin
 Servers Any Available
 Ushers John Hotmer, Jerry Wade

SUNDAY, March 15, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Bob Carey
 Servers Journey Platt, Felton Stevens, Clayton Stevens
 Ushers Phil Rucker, Carl Stein
 Money Counters Angelia Gregson, Toni Hellums

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Office Hours Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

Dear St. George and St. Jude,
 Today in our journey into the deep we start a 4 week Lenten retreat on mercy. It is called a Lent to Remember: A Lenten encounter with mercy. It will truly be worth your while.

Also I would like to invite anyone interested to be a part of Clear Path. It is a diocesan program that will help look at our parish ministries to see how effectively we are helping parishioners grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ which is the primary goal of all of our ministries. If you are interested in being a part of the team please contact me. We will have an informational meeting Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30 at St. George in the YEC basement for both parishes and an important all day conference at St. Mary's in Higginsville on Mar. 15.

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

Parish Office Closed Mar 9

The parish office will be closed Monday, March 9. Office will reopen Tuesday, March 10 from 10am till noon.

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 March 15

Team 3

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

Sacrificial Offering March 1

Envelope	\$ 2640.00
Plate	\$ 260.00
Maintenance	\$ 270.00
Raise The Roof	\$ 405.00
Ash Wed envelope	\$ 242.00
Ash Wed plate	\$ 167.00
Meeting Hall Rental	\$ 125.00
Homebound Training	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 4139.00

Bingo

St. Jude's Catholic Church, Oak Grove, Missouri
 Thursday, March 12th
 Doors open at 5:00 - Games begin at 6:00 \$20 Admission Fee
 Must be age 16 to play
 Cash Prizes - Open to the public.

14th Annual Irish Feast

St Patrick Catholic Church
 703 S. Olive St
 Holden, Missouri 64040
 Saturday, March 14, 2020
 4:30pm to 7:30pm
Corned Beef Dinner
 Adults \$10 Kids \$4

“Walking With Moms In Need: A Year of Service”, March 25

Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

Within our parish and neighborhood communities are pregnant and parenting moms in need of accompaniment and resources. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “...islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference.” Each of us can offer love, friendship, guidance and so much more in the way of material support and resource referrals. The 25th anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae*, St. John Paul II's encyclical on The Gospel of Life, inspires us to reach out to mothers in need and to learn more about these many resources available in our communities. Visit www.respectlifekcsj.org or www.facebook.com/respectlifekcsj/ throughout the year to learn about planned events and activities, including the rollout of our new Gabriel Project ministry to assist parishes in helping women facing unplanned pregnancies. Contact Teresa at thoepner@diocesekcsj.org or 816-714-2375 for more information

Thank you from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, usccb.org, Pray For Life

Thank you for your prayers for the protection of human life! We are excited to share a new initiative with you, Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service, which will begin March 25, 2020 on the anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's landmark pro-life encyclical, The Gospel of Life. As part of this nationwide effort, our monthly Pray For Life prayer intentions and reflections through March 2021 will focus on the needs of pregnant and parenting moms of young children in our parishes and our neighborhoods.

Stewardship Prayer for March

God of mercy,
you have given us this special time
to reflect on our lives,
believe in the Good News and draw closer to you.
May this season of Lent help us be good stewards
of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous
and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season
as a new opportunity to renew our lives
and gain a deeper appreciation of Your
active presence in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others,
especially the poor and those who suffer.
And through your Spirit,
enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may
be better stewards of Your redeeming work
throughout the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Stations of the Cross at St Jude's

There will be Stations of the Cross at St Jude's in
Oak Grove on the Wednesday's during Lent after the
6pm Mass and on Friday mornings, after the 9am
Mass.

Stations of the Cross on Tuesday Evenings

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
will be held from 5-5:55pm, Benediction - 5:55pm,
Mass - 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross begins at
6:30pm. You may come for all or part of the Tues-
day services.

Stations and Soup on the Friday's During Lent

All are welcome to attend Stations of the Cross
and Soup on the Fridays during Lent beginning at
11am on Friday, February 28. Stations of the Cross
will be said at 11am in the church followed by a
meatless soup lunch in the meeting hall.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Friday March 6 through April 3

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a fish
fry every Friday evening during Lent from 5-7pm in
the meeting hall beginning through April 3. Menu will
be fried fish, French fries, cheese grits, slaw, assort-
ed side dishes, corn bread, drinks and dessert. Price
will be adults-\$10, children ages 5-12-\$5.00 and
children under 5 will be free. Come and enjoy a
delicious fish dinner and help support the Knights of
Columbus.

Lenten Retreat At St George March 28

St George is having a Lenten Retreat on March 28
from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. Mark your calendars and
plan to attend.

Our Work is Loving the World: A Lenten Stewardship Reflection

Messenger by poet Mary Oliver

My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers,
there the hummingbird—
equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast;
there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still half-perfect?
Let me keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work,

which is mostly standing still
and learning to be astonished.
The phoebe, the delphinium.
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
Which is mostly rejoicing,
since all the ingredients are here,

which is gratitude,
to be given a mind and a heart
and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren,
to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over,
how it is that we live forever.

Insightful stewardship expressions can be found in any number of poems we read reflectively. In the poem “Messenger” for instance, the poet Mary Oliver writes: “My work is loving the world.”

What does the poet mean by her use of the word “work” in relationship to “loving?” How can Christian stewards make prayerful use of this reflection during the season of Lent?

The forty days of Lent provide stewards with a marvelous opportunity to evaluate the nature of our life’s “work.” Being reminded to take a meaningful and substantive spiritual “pause” in our lives for forty days is a gift in itself. Sometimes, we have good intentions to improve our spiritual lives. But we tend to put it off. The season of Lent begins by reminding us of the brevity of our lives, and then presents us with the immediacy of forty days to focus more intensely on our life in Christ. This is the first step toward embracing Christian stewardship as a way of life.

It’s a good number, forty days: good enough to provide structure to help us open our hearts to conversion as we examine just what our “work” in this world should genuinely be about. As we imagine what Jesus must have done in the desert for forty days, we have the opportunity to examine our lives and vocation, as well as our strengths, weaknesses and temptations. Oliver probably realizes that if most of us are asked what our “work” is, we would reply with a description of how we earn our paycheck or take care of our family. In a sense, this is correct. We all have to support ourselves and provide for our families. Oliver would hardly reject that necessity. But her poem also suggests that, no matter how we spend our lives, there must be a deeper dimension to our life’s purpose; a way of engaging the world with our living presence. Indeed there is a Catholic worldview that encourages us to pray for and to act in ways that make a difference in a world that is hungry for Christ’s love.

For Christian stewards, bringing Christ’s loving presence into our work and our workplace is necessary in order to live in the world as disciples of the Lord. It is key to living the Christian life in our world today.

The very word “work” connotes a certain dedication and commitment, indeed a certain obligation. This rings true in Oliver’s simple line. As Christian stewards, we have a fundamental obligation to love and embrace the world as ambassadors of Christ. The season of Lent provides us with a singular opportunity to examine how well we’re doing and to make an even greater commitment to exercising good stewardship of all the Lord has entrusted to us.

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