

## St George Catholic Church

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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 9:30am-12noon, Wednesday or Thursday, or call 816-633-7475. You may also fill out the Become a Parishioner form on the parish website at [www.stgeorgeodessa.org](http://www.stgeorgeodessa.org).

### Bulletin

All items for the St George bulletin should be sent to [stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com) or call the church office, 816-633-7475, by 10am on Tuesday.

ATTENTION: Because of COVID 19, meeting hall rentals are limited. Contact Kate Root, [marykroot@gmail.com](mailto:marykroot@gmail.com) for more information.

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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God who is generous in forgiving.**

Isaiah 55:6-7

### Mass Intentions

Sat	Jan 9	5:30pm	Jeane Massey by Matt & Julie Kurtz
Sun	Jan 10	8:30am	Parishioners of St George
Tues	Jan 12	6:00pm	Priest Intention
Wed	Jan 13	9:00am	Mike Rochowiak by Matt & Julie Kurtz
Thu	Jan 14	9:00am	Priest Intention
Sat	Jan 16	5:30pm	Mike Haskin by Matt & Julie Kurtz
Sun	Jan 17	8:30am	Parishioners of St George

Daily Mass at St George will be on Tues-6pm, Wed-9am, Thu-9am.  
St Jude will have daily Mass on Tues-9am, Wed-6pm & Fri-9am.

### Schedule of Events

Sat	Jan 9	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Jan 10	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
Tues	Jan 12	5-6pm	Adoration, Benediction & Confession	Church
		6:00pm	Mass	Church
Wed	Jan 13	9:00am	Mass	Church
Thu	Jan 14	9:00am	Mass	Church
Sat	Jan 16	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Jan 17	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church

### Liturgical Roles

#### Saturday, January 9, 2021, 5:30pm

Reader Janet Tirschel  
Ushers Jerry Wade, John Hotmer

#### Sunday, January 10, 2021, 8:30am

Reader Bob Carey  
Ushers Bill Schuler, Rex Watkins  
Servers Jacob Tate, Lucas Tate  
Money Counters Mike Stevens, Drew Volmer

#### Saturday, January 16, 2021, 5:30pm

Reader Kate Root  
Ushers John Hotmer, Any Available

#### Sunday, January 17, 2021, 8:30am

Reader Gerard Schulte  
Ushers Dan Cobb, Phil Rucker  
Server Chris Utterback  
Money Counters Bruce Hudson, Tami Shipley

## St George Parish Office

202 W. Phillips St Odessa, Mo. 64076

816-633-7475

Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am – noon

### Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the water of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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### Online Giving

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stgeorgeodessamo>

### 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; Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, Jo-Ann McCarty, Helen Hotmer. Also remember all those who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and all the health care workers and emergency responders.

### Church Cleaning

#### Heavenly Duster

January 17

Team 1

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

### Sacrificial Offering

January 3, 2021

Envelope	\$ 1966.00
Plate	\$ 191.00
Maintenance	\$ 315.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 165.00
Catholic Key	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2662.00

### Masks and Social Distancing

Everyone is asked to wear their mask when entering and leaving the church. You are also asked to wear your mask when coming up to Communion. Please stay 6 feet apart when you are in line. Parishioners should practice social distancing upon entering and leaving the church.

### Are Poinsettias Poisonous?

Despite rumors to the contrary, poinsettia leaves are not poisonous to human’s or animals. There are 6 different varieties this year in our church poinsettia’s. Water the plant with lukewarm water when needed. The plant does not like wet feet so do not over water. Poinsettia give away begins this weekend after the 8:30am Mass through January 17.

### Christmas Shining Star

Due to the generous support of parishioners and donors like you, Catholic Charities KCSJ was able to ensure that 500 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 at 816-659-8205 or [lhopkins@ccharities.com](mailto:lhopkins@ccharities.com).

### Psalm of the Week

God indeed is my savior;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.  
With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.  
Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.  
Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth.  
Isaiah 12:2-4

### Save The Date

#### Benefit Dinner

JANUARY 29, 2021

#### Support Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner:

The SOS Committee seeks assistance in sharing information and encouraging all parishioners’ participation in this fundraiser as it will be the last ever — and hopefully best ever — effort in its nearly 30-year history! Entirely a virtual event: online giving, exciting raffle items, video expressions of thanks, and live-stream announcements of raffle winners, as well as the final fundraising tally. Please include information in your Parish Bulletins, as well as end-of-Mass announcements. For more information, visit: [supportourseminarians.com](http://supportourseminarians.com).

### **Items needed for the Back Snack Program**

St George provides 10 backpacks per week to the children of the R-7 School district. Items need are: any canned vegetables, canned fruit or fruit cups, oatmeal packets and breakfast cereal in individual packs or boxes, powdered milk, juice boxes, cheese & crackers. No peanut butter or peanut products can be used. If you would like to make a monetary donation, make your check out to Odesa R-7 Back Snack program and give your check to Bonnie White.

### **2021 Calendars**

2021 Calendars are available in the gathering space provided by Ralph O Jones Funeral Home. Please take home a calendar.

### **PSR Schedule**

#### **January**

1/18/2021 1st Reconciliation Class meeting

YEC building 7pm

1/19/2021 Confirmation Class Meeting

YEC building 7-9pm

For more information contact Katherine Brown, St George PSR Coordinator, 816-633-2341 or email [katherinebrownpsr@gmail.com](mailto:katherinebrownpsr@gmail.com)

### **Why was Jesus baptized if he was without sin?**

Much of what Jesus did in his ministry was to be an example for us. Though he was sinless, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized by John as a visible sign of his willingness to obey the Father's will. Doing the Father's will is what he wants from us. After Jesus was baptized, the skies opened up and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus. "And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17). Baptism is often called, "The Gateway Sacrament," because it is the first one we receive when coming into the Catholic Church and the Sacrament that precedes all the others. It is usually administered to infants for that reason. Baptism is key to our own redemption so it is fitting that Jesus led the way. We follow him. "There is the whole mystery: he died for you. In him you are redeemed, in him you are saved" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1225).  
Growing In Faith

### **Poinsettia Give Away Begins this Weekend**

The poinsettia give away happens this coming weekend after the 8:30am Mass. They will be available through January 17. Place your poinsettia in a spot with bright natural light but don't let it touch cold window panes. Poinsettia's do best with moist but not wet potting media.



