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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.

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
 Let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 let us joyfully sing psalm to him.  
 Come, let us bow down in worship;  
 let us kneel before the Lord who made us.  
**Psalm 95:1-2,6**

**Mass Intentions**

Sat	Jan 30	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George
Sun	Jan 31	8:30am	Bob Donovan by Mary Donovan
Tues	Feb 2	6:00pm	Helen Haman by Matt & Julie Kurtz
Wed	Feb 3	9:00am	Heather Palmer by Bob & Maureen Carey
Thu	Feb 4	9:00am	Recovery of Charlene Flynn by K. Root
Sat	Feb 6	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George
Sun	Feb 7	8:30am	Elsie Rees by Toni Hellums

St George will have Mass Tues at 6pm, Wed at 9am and Thu at 9am.  
 St Jude will have Mass Tues at 9am, Wed at 6pm and Friday at 9am.

**Schedule of Events**

Sat	Jan 30	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Jan 31	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
Tues	Feb 2	5-6pm	Adoration, Benediction, Confession	Church
Wed	Feb 3	9:00am	Mass	Church
Thu	Feb 4	9:00am	Mass	Church
Sat	Jan 30	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Jan 31	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, January 30, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader Any Available  
 Ushers John Hotmer, Jerry Wade

**Sunday, January 31, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Abby Volmer  
 Ushers Carl Stein, Dan Cobb  
 Servers Chris Utterback  
 Money Counters Janet Tirschel, Michelle Howard

**Saturday, February 6, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader Larry Lackamp  
 Ushers John Hotmer, Any Available

**Sunday, February 7, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Joyce Watkins  
 Ushers Norm Brodeur, Dan Cobb  
 Money Counters Bob Carey, Mike Stevens

**St George Parish Office**  
**202 W. Phillips St Odessa, Mo. 64076**  
**816-633-7475**

**Office Hours** **Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am– noon**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2021**

**Give The Gift Of Friendship In The New Year**

When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

**Make spending time together a priority.** Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected. Video conferencing has become a staple of daily life; consider organizing regular get togethers with friends and family using your favorite conferencing program.

**Help other people feel important.** No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

**Celebrate your friends' successes.** A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

**Value differences.** Don't try to change your loved ones. Celebrate their diversity. Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

**Don't forget old friends.** Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."

Growing In Faith

**Online Giving**

Did you know you can give online? Click give now on our website or use the link below. You can do a one time only or a recurring gift.  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stgeorgeodessamo>.

**Remember in Prayer**

Please keep these individuals in your prayers; Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, Jo-Ann McCarty. Also remember all those who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and all the health care workers and emergency responders.

**Church Cleaning Heavenly Dusters**

February 7  
 Team 3

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

**Sacrificial Offering January 24, 2021**

Envelope	\$ 1399.00
Plate	\$ 271.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Catholic Key	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 1795.00

**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.

**Coping With Life Alone**

Peer-To-Peer Grief Support – Now Available Online  
 Upcoming course will be 10 sessions on Monday evenings, February through April 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. This course will be held online using Zoom and requires internet access. Program details and registration can be found at [www.beginningexperiencekc.org](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org). For additional information please contact Donna at 816.305.3760.  
 Coping with Life Alone is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets each week for 10 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

**Low Gluten Hosts**

Low gluten hosts are available for Communion. Please talk to Fr. Bryan for information.

**Constant Faith**

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world and forever in the next.  
 St Jerome Emiliani

**Called**

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name. Let us ask that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

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### **Bring Back Your Palms**

It's time to bring back your palms. Put the palms in the vase on the table in the gathering area. The palms will be burnt and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday.

### **50/50 Raffle**

Can you guess how many candles were in church for midnight Mass? Print your first and last name and phone number along with your guess and money in an envelope. Place your envelope on the back table in the gathering area in the basket marked 50/50 raffle. Announcement of the winner will be on February 7 at the 8:30am Mass. In the event no one guesses correctly the winner will be the next closest number without going over. In the event of multiple winners, the money will be divided equally. The other 50 will be used to buy candles for next year.

### **February PSR**

2-2-21 Confirmation Class 6:30-9:30pm @ church  
2-6-21 PSR packets to be picked up @ church  
2-7-21 PSR packets to be picked up @ church  
2-9-21 1st Reconciliation class 6:30pm @ church  
2-16-21 1st Reconciliation class 7:00pm @ church  
For more information contact Katherine Brown,  
816-633-2341 or email [katherinebrownpsr@gmail.com](mailto:katherinebrownpsr@gmail.com)

### **Contribution Statements**

Contribution statements are being mailed to your home. If you do not receive your statement, email [marykroot@gmail.com](mailto:marykroot@gmail.com) or call Kate at 816-263-7598.

### **Authority From God**

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us, How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic—truly a teacher sent by God, They knew it by hearing him.

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