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Mass Intentions
 Sat Feb 13 5:30pm Donald Lackamp by Larry Lackamp
 Sun Feb 14 8:30am Parishioners of St George
 Tues Feb 16 6:00pm Priest Intention
 Wed Feb 17 7:00pm Priest Intention
 Thu Feb 18 9:00am Priest Intention
 Sat Feb 20 5:30pm Parishioners of St George
 Sun Feb 21 8:30am Ruth Flynn by Cathy Bellis
 Daily Mass at St George will be Tues-6pm, Wed-7pm, Thur-9am.
 No 9am Mass this coming Wednesday at St George.
 Mass for St Jude will be Tues-9am, Wed-5pm, Friday-9am.

Ash Wednesday Masses
 St Jude - 5:00pm St George - 7:00pm

Schedule of Events

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| Sat | Feb 13 | 5:00pm | Confession | Church |
| | | 5:30pm | Mass | Church |
| Sun | Feb 14 | 7:45am | Confession | Church |
| | | 8:00am | Rosary | Church |
| | | 8:30am | Mass | Church |
| Tues | Feb 16 | 5-6pm | Adoration, Benediction, Confession | Church |
| | | 6:00pm | Mass | |
| Wed | Feb 17 | 7:00pm | Mass | Church |
| Thu | Feb 18 | 9:00am | Mass | Church |
| Fri | Feb 19 | 11:00am | Stations of the Cross | Church |
| | | 11:30am | Meatless Soup Lunch | MH |
| Sat | Feb 20 | 5:00pm | Confession | Church |
| | | 5:30pm | Mass | Church |
| Sun | Feb 21 | 7:45am | Confession | Church |
| | | 8:00am | Rosary | Church |
| | | 8:30am | Mass | Church |

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 13, 2021, 5:30pm
 Reader Bonnie White
 Ushers Jerry Wade, John Hotmer

Sunday, February 14, 2021, 8:30am
 Reader Bob Carey
 Ushers Phil Rucker, Carl Stein
 Servers Journey Platt, Rollie Platt
 Money Counters Anjie Platt, Tami Shipley

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2020 7:00pm
 Reader Any Available
 Ushers Any Available

Saturday, February 20, 2021, 5:30pm
 Reader Gerard Schulte
 Ushers John Hotmer

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 8:30am
 Reader Kate Root
 Ushers Bill Schuler, Norm Brodeur
 Servers Any Available
 Money Counters Bruce Hudson, Toni Hellums

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021
Stewardship and the Season of Lent: Changing Ourselves

Saint Ignatius of Loyola offered us these words of wisdom, which seem particularly relevant as we come closer to the season of Lent: "He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor." Christian stewards are by nature reformers. We attempt to live our lives in a way that makes the world a better place. We open our hearts to the Gospel. We contribute to charities that we believe in. We build up our Catholic parishes so that they might shine the light of truth into our weary world. We work to alleviate poverty and injustice. We witness to Christ's healing presence in our homes and places of work. Many of us work in schools, parishes, and diocesan offices where we bring a passion for reforming our world. Christian stewards who work in a secular environment endeavor to bring Christian values into the marketplace.

Lent doesn't ask us to stop any of these efforts. But, as we listen to Saint John the Baptist in the Gospel, "the voice of one who cries in the desert" proclaiming the beginning of Lent, we know that the Church in her wisdom has given us a compelling season to look inward, to seek quiet time in our own desert. Saint Ignatius, Saint John the Baptist, and the season of Lent remind us that trying to change the world will not work if we don't first of all change ourselves.

Lent points the way to what really matters: Christ. We are asked to experience Him who is the reason for our endeavors, our passion and our work in this world.

The Church provides some traditional guidelines: prayer, fasting, almsgiving. Saint John the Baptist provides a challenge: "Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same" (Luke 3:11). How we integrate these three guidelines into Lent's forty days is a personal decision, but one which should take us on a journey into our own hearts, where we ask ourselves why we labor, what our work and our life really mean, to whom we and our life's work really belong.

International Catholic Stewardship Conference e-bulletin

Remember in Prayer

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

Low Gluten Hosts

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

Church Cleaning Heavenly Dusters

February 21
 Team 1

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

Sacrificial Offering February 7, 2021

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| Envelope | \$ 1954.00 |
| Plate | \$ 239.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 345.00 |
| Local Assistance | \$ 105.00 |
| Other | \$ 35.00 |
| Total | \$ 2678.00 |

2nd Collection Next Weekend

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund 2nd Collection will be next weekend. Please help Catholic Charities of KCSJ as we strive to serve and lift our clients. This past year has been especially hard on our neighbors in need. Your donation will help support at-risk families. There is a special collection envelope in your packet for Feb. 20/21. Please be generous. Contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist for more information or to help at 816-659-8259 or email psavageau@ccharities.com

Struggle and Prayer

During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray. Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in a right relationship with Him.

Growing In Faith

Lenten Ideas


On Wednesday we begin Lent. In this week's bulletin there are many great ideas to help you become closer to the Lord. Fast and abstinence is always our duty during these coming weeks. There will be opportunities for Stations of the Cross and fellowship on Fridays. The Growing In Faith Lenten insert and the Guided Reflection insert include great ideas to reflect and act on. Make this a great Lent with prayer, fasting and helping those in need.

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>.

Masks and Social Distancing

Everyone is asked to wear their mask when entering and leaving the church. 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.

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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.

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.

ATTENTION: Because of COVID 19, meeting hall rentals are limited. Contact Kate Root, 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, 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.

Ash Wednesday Services This Week

St George will have Mass at 7pm and St Jude in Oak Grove will have Mass at 5pm.

Fast and Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. Friday's are days of abstinence from meat.

Stations and Soup Begin This Friday

Attention Parishioners:

Stations of the Cross will be said at 11am every Friday during Lent in the church followed by a meatless soup lunch in the meeting hall.

Empty Metal Cans Needed for the Homeless

Metal vegetable, soup, spaghetti, etc. cans are needed to make candles for the homeless. There is a box by the water fountain for your can donation.

Aluminum Can Collection

Our next aluminum can collection will be February 27 & 28 weather permitting. If you need the cans picked up contact Jean Falke, 816-263-7945.

February PSR

2-16-21 1st Reconciliation class 7:00pm @ church
For more information contact Katherine Brown,
816-633-2341 or email katherinebrownpsr@gmail.com
Please return your Circle of Grace forms to Katherine as soon as possible.

Consecration to Joseph

We will be consecrating ourselves as a parish to St. Joseph on his Solemnity claiming him as our foster father, protector, and guide during this year of St. Joseph. We begin this process Monday Feb. 15 using Fr. Donald Calloway's book "Consecration to Joseph." Hard copies are on the way and will be dispersed as they arrive. We are not charging for the books but they are \$15 if you would like to cover your book through a donation which can be dropped in the collection. You can also find the e-book on amazon. I think this will be an awesome experience for both both parishes.

Peace,
Fr. Bryan

Ash Wednesday Reflection

The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday concerns itself with what has become a traditional three-part Lenten exercise: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus instructs his followers to turn to God, to turn from self-interest and to deepen their relationship with the Lord in secret. He tells them in effect that a humble and quiet disposition toward prayer, self-denial and reaching out to others is transforming and leads to a favorable outcome. What is our plan to turn ever closer to God in this Lenten season? Are we prepared to treat this season as a sacred time, a time to deepen our own relationship with the one who redeemed us?

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