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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, at 816.392.0011 or for more information email [victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org)

**Mass Intentions**

Sat	Feb 20	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George
Sun	Feb 21	8:30am	Ruth Flynn by Cathy Bellis
Tues	Feb 23	6:00pm	Helen Hotmer by Cathy Bellis
Wed	Feb 24	9:00am	Heather Palmer by Bob & Maureen Carey
Thu	Feb 25	9:00am	Priest Intention
Sat	Feb 27	5:30pm	Ruth Flynn by Jerry & Jeane Wade
Sun	Feb 28	8:30am	Parishioners of St George

Daily Mass at St George will be Tues-6pm, Wed-9am, Thu-9am.  
 Mass for St Jude will be Tues-9am, Wed-6pm, Friday-9am.

**Schedule of Events**

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
Tues	Feb 23	5-6pm	Adoration, Benediction, Confession	Church
		6:00pm	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Wed	Feb 24	9:00am	Mass	Church
Thu	Feb 25	9:00am	Mass	Church
Fri	Feb 26	11:00am	Stations of the Cross	Church
		11:30am	Meatless Soup Lunch	MH
Sat	Feb 27	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Feb 28	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church

**Liturgical Roles**

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

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

**Saturday, February 27, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader Janet Tirschel  
 Ushers John Hotmer, Jerry Wade

**Sunday, February 28, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Abby Volmer  
 Ushers Norm Brodeur, Phil Rucker  
 Servers Jacob Tate, Lucas Tate  
 Money Counters Mike Stevens, Michele Howard

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

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

**First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021**

**Grow In Love During Lent**

The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts – to become new, ready to greet our new life at Easter. *“A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh”* (Ezekiel 36:26). We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

**Affirmation:** Recognizing and acknowledging the valuable qualities of a beloved builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Offer God praise from your heart. Don't keep it to yourself, speak it out loud. Tell others how awesome He is and what He can do for them.

**Attention:** Spending time with God, one on one, is vital to getting through the day in His friendship. Give Him your attention each day, tell Him everything, and listen to what He says back to you. Being a good listener will benefit all your relationships, too.

**Gifts:** There is no point trying to impress God. He needs nothing that we have. However, we can give Him a gift from the heart. We can tithe, offer service, attend Mass, repent, change our lives to live His law. We can act as His hands and feet on Earth.

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, JoAnn 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 28  
 Altar Society

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

**Sacrificial Offering February 14, 2021**

Envelope	\$ 1486.00
Plate	\$ 3333.00
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Local Assistance	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 4871.00

**Low Gluten Hosts**

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

**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.

**Celebration of Hope Gala**

Catholic Charities KCSJ invites you to Ignite the Night with us at the Celebration of Hope Gala on March 20, 2021. This year's Gala will be an entirely virtual experience that you can join from the comfort of your own home. You can participate as a sponsor, a home party host, a donor to be with us in spirit, or by viewing the Celebration of Hope from any device for free! During this year's event, we will share with you the work of Catholic Charities during the pandemic and exciting new endeavors that will position us to help more people in the future. You can find more information at [www.CatholicCharitiesGala.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesGala.org) or by contacting Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, at 816-659-8274 [Hhilst@ccharities.com](mailto:Hhilst@ccharities.com)

**2nd Collection This Weekend**

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund 2nd Collection will be this 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 call 816-659-8259 or email [psavageau@ccharities.com](mailto:psavageau@ccharities.com)

**24 Hours For The Lord**

24 Hours for the Lord will be held at the Cathedral of St Joseph in St Joseph Mo. There will be adoration in the main church, confessions in the back of church and will start after the 8am Mass March 12 to the beginning of the 8:15am Mass March 13.

24 Hours for the Lord will also be held at St Thomas More Parish in Kansas City Mo. There will be adoration in the main church, confessions in the chapel and will start after the 8:15am Mass March 12 to the beginning of the 8:15am Mass March 13.

### **Aluminum Can Collection Next Weekend**

We will have an aluminum can collection next weekend, February 27 & 28 weather permitting. If you need the cans picked up, contact Jean Falke, 816-263-7945. All proceeds will be used to buy medicines for St Joan of Arc School in Mawuuki, Uganda.

### **Stations and Soup Begin Every Friday**

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.

### **Stations of the Cross on Tuesday Evening**

Stations of the Cross will be said after the 6pm Mass on Tuesday evenings.

### **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.

### **Tough Times**

Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.

Growing In Faith

### **Stewardship Prayer for February**

Merciful God,

We embark on our journey of renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many suffering and discouragement.

But our journey is with your son, Jesus, who bore his cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine.

We journey with Jesus toward the great paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience true the joy of Resurrection.

Teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to your son at all times,

even during these times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate our unity with him and each other.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Stewardship and the Season of Lent: Changing Ourselves

Saint Ignatius of Loyola offered us these words of wisdom: “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” (Luke3:11). 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.

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### Be a Good Steward of the Lenten Season

Here are some suggestions for keeping us on task during this Lenten season:

- Plan ahead. Give thought and prayer to what will most help you draw closer to Jesus during this special season. Write your intentions down, and review them often.
- Simplify something tangible in your daily life, like your closet or your schedule.
- Place a special candle on the dining room table, and when your family says grace each evening, encourage them to share the struggles and joys of their Lenten resolutions, or perhaps an act of kindness they did that day. This is a good activity for kids.
- Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the pillars of Lent. Try to do one thing in each of these categories. Stretch yourself a bit and come up with something new and challenging.
- Keep your eyes on Jesus. Coming closer to him through his passion and resurrection is our goal.
- Prepare your home with Lenten reminders. If you have no crucifix in your living areas, place one there. If you have a crucifix, perhaps affix a spot of purple to it as a reminder of Lent. Find a special picture or holy card that speaks to you and display it.

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### Keep A Prayer Journal During Lent

This February two events will take place in the same week. Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday are just three days apart. Valentine’s Day encourages us to offer written expressions of our love and affection to others through cards and letters. Why not express our love for the Lord by keeping a prayer journal during Lent?

The season of Lent can be a great time of spiritual growth and keeping a prayer journal can help strengthen our prayer life. Journaling can help us listen more intently to God’s voice, track our spiritual growth, and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

There are different ways to keep a prayer journal. You can simply reflect on a passage from scripture, then write down your thoughts and feelings. Or, you can write down what the Holy Spirit places upon your heart during prayer. It’s important to commit to a specific time and place each day to pray and spend time in silence with God. Then, as part of your prayer experience, write a few lines. Whether you want to express your gratitude, challenges, praises or laments, share them with the Lord in writing.

As Valentine’s Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on and express ourselves to those we love, prayer journals accomplish the same thing in our relationship with the Lord. If you’re not already in the habit of keeping a prayer journal, try it. You’ll be surprised by the spiritual awareness cultivated within yourself as you journey with Christ toward Easter.

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