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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@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org)

**Mass Intentions**

|      |        |        |                                       |
|------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat  | Apr 10 | 5:30pm | Parishioners of St George             |
| Sun  | Apr 11 | 8:30am | Ruth Flynn by Scott & Roberta Mills   |
| Tues | Apr 13 | 6:00pm | Priest Intention                      |
| Wed  | Apr 14 | 9:00am | Heather Palmer by Bob & Maureen Carey |
| Thu  | Apr 15 | 9:00am | Priest Intention                      |
| Sat  | Apr 17 | 5:30pm | Parishioners of St George             |
| Sun  | Apr 18 | 8:30am | Marla Coleman by Mary Donovan         |

St George will have daily Mass Tues-6pm, Wed-9am & Thu-9am.  
 St Jude's will have daily Mass Tues-9am, Wed-6pm & Fri-9am.

**Schedule of Events**

|      |        |        |                                     |        |
|------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Sat  | Apr 10 | 5:00pm | Confession                          | Church |
|      |        | 5:30pm | Mass                                | Church |
| Sun  | Apr 11 | 7:45am | Confession                          | Church |
|      |        | 8:00am | Rosary                              | Church |
|      |        | 8:30am | Mass                                | Church |
| Tues | Apr 13 | 5:00pm | Adoration, Benediction & Confession | Church |
|      |        | 6:00pm | Mass                                | Church |
| Wed  | Apr 14 | 9:00am | Mass                                | Church |
| Thu  | Apr 15 | 9:00am | Mass                                | Church |
| Sat  | Apr 17 | 5:00pm | Confession                          | Church |
|      |        | 5:30pm | Mass                                | Church |
| Sun  | Apr 18 | 7:45am | Confession                          | Church |
|      |        | 8:00am | Rosary                              | Church |
|      |        | 8:30am | Mass                                | Church |

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader Bob Carey  
 Ushers Jerry Wade, Any Available

**Sunday, April 11, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Bonnie White  
 Ushers Rex Watkins, Bill Schuler  
 Servers Journey Platt, Rollie Platt  
 Money Counters Michele Howard, Bruce Hudson

**Saturday, April 17, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader John C  
 Ushers John Hotmer, Jerry Wade

**Sunday, April 18, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Abby Volmer  
 Ushers Carl Stein, Dan Cobb  
 Servers Chris Utterback  
 Money Counters Janet Tirschel, Toni Hellums

**St George Parish Office**  
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**816-633-7475**

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

**Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021**

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

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**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>.

**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, 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**

April 18  
 Team 3

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

**Sacrificial Offering April 4, 2021**

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|-------------|------------|
| Envelope    | \$ 2025.00 |
| Plate       | \$ 379.00  |
| Maintenance | \$ 170.00  |
| Good Friday | \$ 325.00  |
| Tabernacle  | \$ 100.00  |
| Total       | \$ 2999.00 |

**Psalm 118:1, 5-6,15**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good , his love is everlasting. I was hard pressed and was falling, but the Lord helped me. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just;

**Masks and Social Distancing**

We recommend 6' social distancing when able otherwise we recommend you wear a mask while sitting in the pews.

**Catholic Charities Food Pantry**

Catholic Charities KCSJ recently opened its first Food Pantry, "Lift Up—Kansas City" at our temporary site in St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The Pantry is available to anyone in our diocese and includes an online shopping portal for clients to choose groceries. Our plan is to have mobile outreach deliver food and emergency services across the diocese. We continue to seek capital support in the form of a building, shelving, box trucks, vans & forklifts and also search for a permanent home to serve the southern portion of our diocese and a location in our northern counties. If you have knowledge of or access to any of these items, please let us know. For more information, contact Jessica Gant at 816-882-4781 or [jgant@ccharities.com](mailto:jgant@ccharities.com). To volunteer, contact Linda Hopkins at 659-8205 or [lhopkins@ccharities.com](mailto:lhopkins@ccharities.com).

**Stewardship Prayer for April**

Oh Blessed Lord!  
 Oh Risen Lord!  
 We look through the crosses we have carried this past year and give you thanks for the awe-inspiring hope that Easter brings. We give you thanks for calling us your friends and allowing us to share in the sacrifice of your body and blood, which is poured out for many.  
 Oh merciful Lord, redeemer and teacher, by the power of the Holy Spirit give us the patience and insight to listen to you during this time of continued uncertainty.  
 Give us the wisdom to find creative ways to put the Eucharist into action; and give us the courage to bring your Easter message of hope to a world that desperately needs your love.  
 To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

**Midwest March for Life Wednesday, April 14**

**Jefferson City, Mo.**

As followers of Christ, we are called to speak the truth and to protect the gift of life. Come be inspired by local and national pro-life leaders, including Jeanne Mancini, President of the National March for Life. There will also be an opportunity to meet with state legislators. Join the caravan to the Missouri Capitol Building! For more information visit [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)

### **Thank You for the Easter Flower Donations**

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Easter flower collection.

### **Metal Can Collection**

Toni Hellums is collecting empty metal vegetable, fruit, spaghetti etc. cans to make candles for the homeless. There is a donation bin by the water fountain in the gathering area for your donation.

### **Best Choice Labels**

The Altar Society is collecting Best Choice labels. A basket is on the kiosk for the labels.

### **Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?**

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith. In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.

Growing In Faith

### **Cast looks toward Heaven throughout the day**

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our daily activities can help us glance toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day.

"Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my God." Say this when beginning a chore, task, or project.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory.

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help.

"Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

Growing In Faith

## Gratitude and Hope: Stewardship of the Easter Experience

Exercising Christian stewardship has been demanding the last several months as the COVID-19 pandemic turned our world upside down. We were challenged in our ability to be present to others and express gratefulness for the abundance of God's gifts. Yet, with Easter, there is a restored sense of gratitude and hope. Easter blessings!

We can be grateful for the myriad acts of kindness and immense generosity we witnessed. Kindness, as Saint Paul suggested, gives us hope in the resilience of the human spirit. Embracing hope allows us to emulate the kindness of those who are a light in these dark times. Let us be grateful for God's loving presence in our struggle to overcome any anxieties we may have felt about our basic needs being met. Let us be agents of hope for those who continue to suffer and fear they will not be able to sustain themselves or their families. Let us be grateful for all those who cared for us, made our lives a little more bearable and served us in so many ways whether they were healthcare professionals; provided for our basic needs including safety, environmental and maintenance services; were part of the supply and distribution chains; all those who continued to go to work at risk of their own lives. May God keep them safe and may we find creative ways to lift them up.

May we be grateful for those who used their gifts to discover, create and distribute the vaccines needed to give us hope during this pandemic. May God continue to inspire us to find safe ways to eradicate this disease.

Let us pray in gratitude for our parish communities that continue to keep us close to the Lord and each other, even if only virtually. May we bring hope and Christ's love to those who are isolated or feel alienated from our worshipping communities.

Let us be grateful for the rediscovery of simple things during this time of uncertainty: for quiet, sacred spaces, better conversations with loved ones or new habits that brought balance to our lives. May we all find hope in virtues we find in nature, good books, art and music or prayer.

Let us remember with gratitude our experience of the cross of Jesus Christ, and the power of that cross to transform our daily lives. Good stewards recognize the hope Christ brings through the gift of his cross. Stewards profess the cross is their only hope. As we begin the Easter season, let us look back with gratitude and forward with hope. May we continue to experience the joy of new life in the risen Lord. Alleluia! He is risen!

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