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Mass Intentions

Sat	Mar 10	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George & St Jude
Sun	Mar 11	8:30am	Deceased Members of our Parish
Wed	Mar 14	9:00am	Respect for all Human Life
Thu	Mar 15	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Mar 17	5:30pm	Sick and Homebound of Our Parish
Sun	Mar 18	8:30am	Parishioners of St George & St Jude

St George will have Mass on Wed & Thu at 9am.
 No Mass at St Jude's on Tues. Mass on Fri will be at 9am.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Mar 10	5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Mar 11	8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:45am	PSR	YEC
		11:00am	1st Sacrament Class & Parent Meeting	YEC
		11:00am	Confirmation	YEC
		1-2pm	Reconciliation	Church
Tues	Mar 13	6:30pm	Finance Meeting	YEC
Wed	Mar 14	9:00am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	Adult Continuing Ed	YEC
		6:00pm	Lectionary Study	YEC
		6:30pm	RCIA	YEC
Thu	Mar 15	9:00am	Mass	Church
		6:00pm	Seder Meal	MH
		6:30pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri	Mar 16	11:00am	Stations & Soup	CH & MH
		5-7pm	K of C Fish Fry	MH
Sat	Mar 17	5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Mar 18	7:45am	Reconciliation	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:45am	PSR	YEC
		11:00am	Confirmation	YEC
		11:00am	1st Eucharist Class	YEC

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 5:30pm
 Readers Larry Lackamp, Dave Elgin
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Kate Root, Mathiew Kurtz, Julie Kurtz
 Ushers Jerry Wade, Ken Zey

Sunday, March 11, 2018, 8:30am
 Readers Cory Laboube, Syd Massey
 Servers Isabella Palmer
 E. Ministers Bob Carey, Maureen Carey, Toni Hellums
 Ushers Dan Cobb, Norm Brodeur
 Greeters Parish Council
 Money Counters Bob Carey, Michelle Howard

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 5:30pm
 Readers Bonnie Rivers, Janet Tirschel
 Servers Any Available
 E. Ministers Cheryl Horne, Larry Horne, Mathiew Kurtz
 Ushers John Hotmer, Larry Lackamp

Sunday, March 18, 2018, 8:30am
 Readers Bonnie White, Dave Elgin
 Servers Tatum Shipley
 E. Ministers Kate Root, Mike Stevens, Ruth Elgin
 Ushers Carl Stein, Rex Watkins
 Greeters Parish Council
 Money Counters Julie Kurtz, Nicole Utterback

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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2nd Collection this Weekend

Catholic Relief Services Collection will be held this weekend at both Masses. Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families and advocating on behalf of the victims.

Gluten Free Hosts

Gluten free hosts are available for Communion. Please talk to Fr Matthew for information.

Church Cleaning

March 18, 2018

Team 2

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help keep our beautiful worship space clean.

Remember in Prayer

Please keep these individuals in your prayers; Elsie Rees, Wanda Markes, Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, Beatrice Hanson, Rosemary Barr, Donna Dyer, Gary Uttech.

Sacrificial Offering

Envelope	\$ 1730.00
Plate	\$ 407.00
Maintenance	\$ 220.00
Other Income	\$ 625.83
Total	\$ 2982.83

Thank you for your contributions.

Easter Candy Collection

We are collecting Easter candy for our Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 8. There is a box in the gathering area for your donations.

Food for Families

During the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries, there will be a collection of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for the Odessa Community Services Center. A special table will be provided for these donations that will help our local citizens who are having a hard time with basic necessities.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Mass

March 25, 2018
 St George-Sat 5:30pm Sun 8:30am
 St Jude-Sat 3:30pm Sun 10:30am

Holy Thursday

March 29, 2018
 St George 7pm St Jude-5pm

Good Friday

March 30, 2018
 St George-7pm St Jude-5pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 2018
 St Jude Oak Grove Mo. 8pm
 No 5:30pm Mass at St George.

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018
 St George-8:30am
 St Jude-10:30am

2nd Scrutiny

Saturday, March 10, 5:30pm
Scrutinies for our RCIA Elect

The Scrutinies are celebrated at Mass on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. They are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to strengthen all that is upright, strong and good in them.

Please pray for our elect: Darlene Perez, Angie Platt, Michael Whited, Jennifer Sanchez, and John Platt as we celebrate the Scrutinies with them.

Aluminum Can Collection

The children of St Joan of Arc School in Mawuuki, Uganda thank you. We recycled 146 lbs. of cans for \$58.40 and 73 lbs. of other aluminum for \$37.96. The total donation for medicine was \$96.36. Our next collection will be in May. Thank you all so much.

March/April Newsletter

The March/April Newsletter is on the kiosk in the gathering area. Please pick up your copy. The deadline for the May/June newsletter is April 15. Contact Rheta Snow, 816-726-8808 or email doraeme55@gmail.com to contribute an article.



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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, come by the church office at 202 W. Phillips St from 10am-12noon, M-F, or call 816-633-7475.

Attention:

To ensure proper reservations for all events located at any of the St George facilities and to rent the St George meeting hall **PLEASE contact Kate Root, 816-263-7598, marykroot@gmail.com** or the St George Parish Office, stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com, 816-633-7475.

Bulletin

All items for the St George bulletin should be sent to stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com or call the church office 816-633-7475 by noon on Tues.

Sexual Abuse: The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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](tel: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, Jenifer Valenti**, at [816-812-2500](tel:816-812-2500) or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 **Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain** at [816-392-0011](tel:816-392-0011) or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Easter Flower Collection

The collection for Easter flowers will be taken up the next 3 weekends. There are envelopes in your contribution packets dated March 18 and also envelopes in the gathering area. Please put your donation in the collection basket. You may donate in memory of a loved one or as a general flower donation. Flower donations will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Finance Council

The St George Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, March 13, 6:30pm in the YEC.

St Jude's Annual Fundraiser

Tickets are now on sale for St Jude's Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Doors open at 5pm. There will be dinner, live and silent auction, fun and fellowship for all. The fundraiser will be held in the St Jude's Parish Hall. Adults \$25, children \$15. Tables are available for \$175. For more information contact Mary Holzbaaur, 816-699-2873 or by email mholzbaaur@live.com.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Reconciliation This Sunday March 11

There will be reconciliation this Sunday at St George from 1-2pm and at St Jude's from 3-4pm. There will also be reconciliation on Sunday, March 18 at 7:45am.

130th Anniversary Shirts-Order Soon

Don't forget to order your 130th anniversary shirts for our April celebration. Orders are due March 18. Money should be paid at the time of the order. Make checks payable to St George Catholic Church. Order sheets are on a table in the gathering space.

Anniversary Choir

We are forming a choir for our 130 year anniversary Mass celebration. We need to fill up our choir chairs with energetic voices. We will have two practices; March 18 and April 15 (Sundays) from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the church. All ages welcome. Contact Calvin Snow, 816-230-5245 or email calvin.snow@gmail.com for more information.

Friday Activities for Lent

11am **Stations of the Cross and Soup** will be said in the church followed by a meatless lunch in the meeting hall.

5-7pm **Knights of Columbus Fish Fries** are held in the meeting hall on the Friday's during Lent. **Last Fish Fry will be March 23.** Parishioners who wish to bring desserts would be most appreciated.

How do I make a good confession?

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) can sometimes feel like an obligation instead of an encounter with God's mercy, but it doesn't have to be that way. Try these tips for a more joyful Reconciliation.

Examine your conscience. Compare your actions to the principles of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Bring to the confessional the significant ways you have failed to live up to them.

Confess the small ones, too. Participating in the Sacrament frequently means that you may only have venial (minor) sins to confess. Confess them anyway. Piling up venial sins can lessen our resistance and pave the way for mortal sin. Confessing keeps our consciences sharp.

Express contrition and resolve to avoid sin. Ask for the grace to continue growing in holiness and avoiding evil.

The point of the Sacrament is to reconcile us with the God who loves us more than we can imagine, and who is always eager to forgive us. Confession helps us come back and begin again.

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Lenten Reconciliation Services and Scheduled Confession Times

St George—Odessa, Mo
March 11, 2018 1-2pm
March 18, 2018 7:45am-8:15am
Or by appointment 816-230-4127

St Jude—Oak Grove, Mo
March 11, 2018 3-4pm
March 24, 2018 2:45pm-3:15pm
Or by appointment 816-230-4127

St Mary's—Higginsville, Mo
Saturday's 3:30pm or by appointment
5pm following 4pm Mass
Sunday 9am or by appointment 660-584-3038

St Robert Bellermine—Blue Springs, Mo.
March 20, 2018, Reconciliation Service 7pm

St John Lalande—Blue Springs, Mo.
Saturdays 4-4:30pm or by appointment

St Marks—Independence, Mo.
Saturday, 4:30pm-5:15pm in the church or by
appointment through parish office 816-373-2600
Reconciliation Service March 14, 2018 7pm

Embracing the Cross of Jesus Christ

The Lenten season offers us a unique opportunity to focus more intently on the gift of the cross. Do you ever think about how you experience the cross of Jesus Christ? Do you ever think about the power of that cross in your daily life? Is the cross even relevant to your life? It is to stewards of the Lord, who recognize the hope Christ brings through the gift of his cross. They acknowledge that for them, the cross is their only hope. Being good stewards of our life in Christ is not easy, but to embrace the cross is not only countercultural, it seems absurd. Then again, we cannot avoid what Jesus said to his disciples:

If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it (Luke 9:23-24).

The cross is more readily embraced by people of faith who suffer, are poor, broken, or are the victims of such things as violence, oppression or natural disaster. They see the cross as the hope that no matter what has happened to them, God will see them through. The Father did it for Jesus who hung on the cross, so surely their sufferings will be redeemed by Jesus' sufferings.

Where people possess much material abundance, comfort and leisure, however, there is a tendency to de-emphasize the cross, to draw away from it. They can't touch it or feel it so they wish to "save" their lives by looking to other things: power, wealth, fame, relevance, being the center of attention. What is preached about the cross from the pulpit sounds good, but in reality something more tangible is desired.

Christ emptied himself completely in humble obedience, allowing himself to suffer and die out of compassion for the world (Philippians 2:6-11). Good stewards follow his example and work day-to-day to empty themselves and lie compassionately; most noticeable by sharing their lives with others.

As we approach the climax of our liturgical year, the Easter Triduum, let us ask the Holy Spirit for an even deeper awareness of the cross in our lives. Let us find hope in the cross and pray that as we embrace it, we too will experience in a special way the joy of new life in the risen Lord.

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