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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.



*Everything written
 about me
 must be fulfilled*

Mass Intentions

Sat	Apr 14	5:30pm	Deceased Members of Our Parish
Sun	Apr 15	8:30am	Marla Coleman by Mary Donovan
Wed	Apr 18	9:00am	Those Serving in the Armed Forces
Thu	Apr 19	9:00am	Those Fighting Cancer
Sat	Apr 21	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George
Sun	Apr 22	2:00pm	All Those Being Confirmed

St George will have Mass Wed & Thu at 9am.
No 8:30am Mass on Sunday, April 22.
 St Jude's will not have Mass on Tues.
 There will be Mass at St Jude's on Fri at 9am.

Schedule of Events

Sat	Apr 14	5:30pm	Mass	Church
		8am-noon	Parish Grounds Clean Up	Grounds
Sun	Apr 15	8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
		9:45am	PSR	YEC
		10:30-12	1st Sacrament Family Workshop	YEC
		11:00am	Confirmation	YEC
		4:00pm	Anniversary Choir Practice	Church
Wed	Apr 18	9:00am	Mass	Church
		9:30am	Adult Continuing Ed	YEC
		7:00pm	Altar Society	MH
Thu	Apr 19	9:00am	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	Choir Practice	Church
Sat	Apr 21	5:30pm	Mass	Church
		6:30-8:30pm	130th Anniversary Celebration	
			Odessa High School	
		8:45-10pm	After Party	MH
Sun	Apr 22		NO 8:30AM MASS	
		2:00PM	Confirmation	Church

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 5:30pm	
Readers	Janet Tirschel, Larry Horne
Server	Any Available
E. Ministers	Julie Kurtz, Mathiew Kurtz, Cheryl Horne
Ushers	Ken Zey, John Hotmer
Sunday, April 15, 2018, 8:30am	
Readers	Syd Massey, Gerard Schulte
Servers	Any Available
E. Ministers	Mike Stevens, Kate Root, Toni Hellums
Ushers	Norm Brodeur, Rex Watkins
Greeters	PSR
Money Counters	Michelle Howard, Julie Kurtz

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 5:30pm	
Readers	Larry Lackamp, Cory LaBoube
Servers	Any Available
E. Ministers	Mike Stevens, Cheryl Horne, Mathiew Kurtz
Ushers	Jerry Wade, John Hotmer
Greeters	PSR
Money Counters	Cathy Dandurand, Nicole Utterback

No 8:30am Mass on Sunday, April 22, 2018

St George Parish Office
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Office Hours M—F 10 a.m. — 12 noon

3rd Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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Newsletter Deadline

All articles for the May/June Newsletter are due April 15. Send articles to Rheta Snow, doraeme55@gmail.com.

Gluten Free Hosts

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

**Church Cleaning
 April 22, 2018**



Team 2

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

Who is a Christian Steward?

The U.S. bishop's document titled "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response" defines a Christian steward as "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

Sacrificial Offering

Envelope	\$ 2529.00
Plate	\$ 549.00
Maintenance	\$ 650.00
CRS	\$ 10.00
Rental Income	\$ 225.00
Local Assist for Poor	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
CCEHH	\$ 20.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 4043.00

Thank you for your contributions.

NO 8:30am MASS
 NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 22.

Attention:

Remember in Prayer list will be updated during the month of April. Please contact the church office, 633-7475, if you or your loved one wish to remain on the list.

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.

**Heart to Heart Health Forum
 For Women**

The annual Lafayette County Heart-to-Heart Health Forum for Women will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 4-7pm at the American Legion in Higginville, Mo. This program is FREE OF CHARGE. Participants will have the opportunity to take advantage of numerous screenings including, cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and a varicose vein quick scan. This is an excellent opportunity for women to obtain valuable health screenings, evaluate their risk for heart disease and acquire important information regarding their well-being in a fun and pleasurable atmosphere. For more information contact Breann or Angel at 660-559-4371 ext 229 or email Breann.hackward@lpha.mo.gov

Deanery 8 Confirmation

St George will be hosting the Deanery 8 Confirmation next Sunday at 2pm. Bishop Johnston will be here to celebrate Mass. Please remember all the confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Blood Drive

St George is hosting a "Blood Drive" on Saturday, May 5th from 1pm to 5pm in the meeting hall. The blood drive being sponsored by the American Red Cross. You may make an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org, entering stgeorge, or you can call either Maureen (805-208-3442) or Bob Carey (805-320-4877).

Thank You

Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who brought salads and deserts to the fish fries. There were many who brought, but two ladies out did themselves and deserve a special THANK YOU: Bonnie White and Julie Kurtz. They set the bar pretty high for next year. Also I thank all Brother Knights for their faithful support. With out you the fish fry's would not be. As most of you know I ended up sick part way through the season. After many visit's to the Doctor, and all your PRAYERS I am feeling better. Thank you all for support, and hopefully you enjoyed the Fish suppers. See you all next year.
 Grand Knight Mathiew Kurtz

Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The stewardship questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?

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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 1 more practice this Sunday, April 15 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.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tues: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thu: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

No 8:30am Mass Next Sunday
Mass Schedule for next weekend.
Saturday, April 21, 2018
3:30pm St Jude's
5:30pm St George Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 22, 2018
10:30am St Jude
2:00pm St George Confirmation Mass

Reservations Anniversary Celebration

Due April 15

Reservations for our 130th Anniversary Celebration on April 22 are due this Sunday, April 15. Information is on the kiosk in the gathering area. You can turn in your reservation by putting it in the collection basket or dropping it by the parish office Monday through Friday, 10am to noon.

No PSR and 1st Sacrament Classes Next Sunday

No PSR and 1st Sacrament classes next Sunday, April 22. Last day of PSR is April 29 at 9:45am.

First Sacraments Family Workshop This Sunday

There will be a First Sacraments Family Workshop this Sunday, April 15, from 10:30am-12noon for all families involved in the First Sacraments class. We will be making banners, setting seating arrangements and practicing for the big day.

St George Altar Society Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to the St George Altar Society meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 7pm, in the meeting hall.

Easter – A Joyful Season for Missionary Disciples

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Matt. 5:16).

For those who exercise good stewardship of their Catholic faith, this April is the happiest, most joyful of months for it ushers in the great Easter season – a season of profound hope and joy. During the Easter season, which extends 50 days, from the Easter Vigil Mass of Saturday evening, March 31 to the Vigil Mass of Pentecost Sunday, on Saturday evening, May 19, Christian stewards are exhorted to celebrate and be joyful, for our Savior is with us.

In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis revealed that the best way to live out the joy of Easter is to become a genuine family of faith, an “evangelizing Church that comes out of herself.” He urged Catholics around the world to contemplate the mind of Jesus Christ and what it means to be the “light of Christ.” From there, Francis believed a spirituality of missionary discipleship could be cultivated that would “help the Church get out of herself “ and reach out to those who live in darkness.

At the Easter Vigil, all the great symbols are there: darkness, light, fire, water. The Vigil begins in darkness; not a darkness to be ignored, but a darkness in which we realize where we would be without the light of Christ, a darkness that reveals much about our world, our own sinfulness, the darkness that sometimes envelopes our own lives and even shrouds our own hearts. But then, the great fire of the Vigil is lit, a fire which consumes the darkness, and the procession into the church reminds us of the light and strength provided by the community of the faithful and the saving light of Christ. Indeed, Saint Paul maintains that we are stewards of this great light. We remember the waters of baptism during the Vigil as we renew our baptismal vows. The Vigil also brings into our community those newly baptized who proceed joyfully with us into April.

As missionary disciples who exercise stewardship of Jesus’ teachings, come into the glory of this April, join with those apostles whose hearts were on fire, and contemplate the words of the risen Lord: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Matt. 5:16). For missionary disciples, this charge should be enough to bring hope and joy. Indeed, April is the most glorious of months. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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