

St George Catholic 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.

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This does not sound easy in a time of pandemic. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances, even during these uncertain and stressful times, because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

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Mass Intentions

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|------|--------|--------|--|
| Sat | Dec 12 | 5:30pm | Parishioners of St George |
| Sun | Dec 13 | 8:30am | Paul Magruder by Toni Hellums |
| Tues | Dec 15 | 6:00pm | Mike Haskin by Jerry & Jeanne Wade |
| Wed | Dec 16 | 9:00am | Priest Intention |
| Thu | Dec 17 | 9:00am | Paul & Ruth Hays by Paula & Cliff Eldred |
| Sat | Dec 19 | 5:30pm | Paul Magruder by Magruder Family |
| Sun | Dec 20 | 8:30am | Parishioners of St George |

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

Schedule of Events

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|------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Sat | Dec 12 | 5:00pm | Confession | Church |
| | | 5:30pm | Mass | Church |
| Sun | Dec 13 | 7:45am | Confession | Church |
| | | 8:00am | Rosary | Church |
| | | 8:30am | Mass | Church |
| Tues | Dec 15 | 5:00pm | Adoration, Benediction & Confession | Church |
| | | 6:00pm | Mass | Church |
| Wed | Dec 16 | 9:00am | Mass | Church |
| Thu | Dec 17 | 9:00am | Mass | Church |
| | | 7:00pm | K of C Meeting | MH |
| Sat | Dec 19 | 5:00pm | Confession | Church |
| | | 5:30pm | Mass | Church |
| Sun | Dec 20 | 7:45am | Confession | Church |
| | | 8:00am | Rosary | Church |
| | | 8:30am | Mass | Church |

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 12, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Larry Lackamp
Ushers Jerry Wade, John Hotmer

Sunday, December 13, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Bonnie White
Ushers Rex Watkins, Carl Stein
Money Counters Mike Stevens, Bruce Hudson

Saturday, December 19, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Janet Tirschel
Ushers Jerry Wade

Sunday, December 20, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Cory LaBoube
Ushers Phil Rucker, Dan Cobb
Money Counters Janet Tirschel, Tom Casey

St George Parish Office

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Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am – noon

Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sunday December 13, 2020

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath

The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection.

All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

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; Elsie Rees, Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, JoAnn McCarty, Helen Hotmer. Also remember all those who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and all the health care workers and emergency responders.

Church Cleaning

Heavenly Duster

December 20

Team 2

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

Sacrificial Offering

12-6-20

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| Envelope | \$ | 2500.00 |
| Plate | \$ | 205.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 745.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ | 20.00 |
| Local Assistance - Poor | \$ | 240.00 |
| Total | \$ | 3710.00 |

Masks and Social Distancing

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

Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are on the kiosk in the gathering area. The calendar includes ideas for each day of Advent.

End of Year Tax Write Off

Cars 4KC

As you consider the time, talent, and treasure you have shared over the past year, one option is a donation to Cars4KC. If you have a vehicle you do not want anymore, donate it to Cars4KC. You can get a tax deduction that may reduce your tax burden. The proceeds benefit valuable Catholic Charities programs and services across the region. If you would like more information on donating a car, contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Development Specialist, at 816-659-8243 or psavageau@ccharities.com

Low Gluten Hosts

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

2nd Collection This Weekend

Religious Retirement

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today we pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Holiday Advise

The holiday season is an important time in the Church but, in the midst of a pandemic, it can also be a time when health worries, money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8).

Growing In Faith

Christmas Angel Tree

Due This Sunday December 13

All gifts for the Angel Tree are due this Sunday, December 13. They will be distributed to the families the following Saturday. What a great opportunity it is to be able to help some of those who are in great need!

Knights of Columbus Meeting Thursday

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 17, 7pm, in the meeting hall.

Back Snack Program

Thanks to the members of St. George Parish we have been able to supply filled backpacks to the McQuerry Elementary School again this year. These children are recommended by the school counselor as being in need. At the present we are providing 8 filled backpacks each week.

2020 has been a very stressful time for so many, in numerous ways. Just think, if those who are able to give even one non-perishable food item each week, when we put it all together we can make a difference.

Remember we are the hands of Christ. God bless everyone.

Bonnie White

Back Snack Coordinator for St George

Poinsettia Collection

We are collecting money to purchase poinsettias for Christmas. You may make a general donation or in memory of someone. Memorial donations will be published in the Christmas bulletin. An envelope for the flower donation is in your contribution envelope packet dated November 29 or you can use the green envelopes on the table in the gathering area.

Christmas Masses

St George in Odessa

Christmas Eve 5:30pm & Midnight

Christmas Day 9am

St Jude's in Oak Grove

Christmas Eve 3:30pm Christmas Day 10:30am

PSR Projects

All lessons are set up by family in the back of church for each 1st weekend of the month. You may drop off your binders from the month before.

All completed Circle of Grace forms are due back in December.

For the month of December, I would like each family to share what Christmas means to them and what is a Christmas tradition you have at your home. This project is due the weekend of December 12-13 and will be displayed in the gathering area of the church.

