

**St George Catholic Church**  
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**Office Hours** **Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am – noon**

**Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021**

**Path To Freedom**

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated “stations.” The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church, In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord’s Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

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**Mass Intentions**

Sat	Mar 6	5:30pm	Donald Lackamp by Larry Lackamp
Sun	Mar 7	8:30am	Parishioners of St George
Tues	Mar 9	6:00pm	Priest Intention
Wed	Mar 10	9:00am	Priest Intention
Thu	Mar 11	9:00am	Priest Intention
Sat	Mar 13	5:30pm	Donald Lackamp by Larry Lackamp
Sun	Mar 14	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	Mar 6	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Mar 7	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
Tues	Mar 9	5-6pm	Adoration, Benediction, Confession	Church
		6:00pm	Mass	Church
		6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
		6:30pm	1st Reconciliation Class	Church
Wed	Mar 10	9:00am	Mass	Church
Thu	Mar 11	9:00am	Mass	Church
Fri	Mar 12	11:00am	Stations of the Cross	Church
		11:30am	Meatless Soup Lunch	MH
Sat	Mar 13	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Mar 14	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, March 6, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader Larry Lackamp  
 Ushers Jerry Wade, Any Available

**Sunday, March 7, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Gerald Schulte  
 Ushers Dan Cobb, Carl Stein  
 Servers Journey Platt, Rollie Platt  
 Money Counters Toni Hellums, Angie Platt

**Saturday, March 13, 2021, 5:30pm**  
 Reader Kate Root  
 Ushers Jerry Wade, John Hotmer

**Sunday, March 14, 2021, 8:30am**  
 Reader Gerard Schulte  
 Ushers Dan Cobb, Bill Schuler  
 Servers Jacob Tate, Lucas Tate  
 Money Counters Janet Tirschel, Tami Shipley



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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)

**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**

March 14  
 Team 3

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

**Sacrificial Offering February 28, 2021**

Envelope	\$ 1651.00
Plate	\$ 403.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Local Assistance	\$ 15.00
St Jude’s	\$ 2315.18
Total	\$ 4414.18

**Low Gluten Hosts**

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

**The Human Person**

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. The Catholic Church proclaims that the dignity of human life is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

Catholics are called to work to uphold the dignity and rights of all people. Catholics work for the good of everyone, especially working to support marriage and family.  
 Growing In Faith

**Why Do Catholics Pray**

Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God, asking for good things in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the lifeblood of an intimate relationship of the children of God with their Father, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts. All religions, and salvation history in particular, testifies to the human desire for God. And God continues to draw every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

Growing In Faith

**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 [bhilst@ccharities.com](mailto:bhilst@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8274.

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

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church at 11am every Friday during Lent 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.

### **Fish Fry at St George on March 26**

There will a fish fry at St George on March 26. All orders will be carry out. Menu will be fish, hush puppies, fries, slaw and a piece of cake. Price will be \$10.00 for adults. Children 12 and under will be \$5.00.

### **Clean-up Day on March 27**

Volunteers are needed for a parish yard clean up day on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 9am.

### **Thank You For Your Can Donations**

We collected 153 pounds of aluminum cans and received \$45.90. All proceeds will be used to buy medicines for the students of St Joan of Arc School in Mawuuki, Uganda. Thank you for your can donation.

### **The Path To Freedom**

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase ' the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

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### **March PSR Schedule**

3/6/2021-3/7/2021 Pickup lesson Packets in the back of Church

3/9/2021 1st Reconciliation Class 5pm @ Church

3/30/2021 Start 1st Communion Class 6:30pm

@ Church Parents please come to this one.

Return Circle of Grace forms this month.

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