

St George Catholic Church
716 S. Third Street
Odessa, MO 64076
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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:30am

Confessions: Tuesday 5:15-5:45 pm,

Thursday 8:30-8:50 am, Sunday 7:45-8:15am

Adoration: Tuesday 5-6 pm, Wednesday 8-9 am,

Thursday 8-9 am, Sunday 7:30-8:30 am



ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRANT: FR. JOSHUA BARLETT

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE AT

ST. GEORGE PARISH

REGISTER HERE



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Baptism

Fill out the baptism form on our parish website and we will contact you.

Marriage

Contact Fr Bryan (Frbryana@gmail.com) nine months in advance.

Parish Hall Rental

Anyone interested in renting the meeting hall should contact Kate Root,

Online Giving

On line giving is available at St George. Use the QR Code or click the **Give A Donation** button on our website, www.stgeorgeodessamo.org.



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 (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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org.

Mass Intentions

Sat	July 15	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. George
Sun	July 16	8:30am	Parishioners of St. George
Tue	July 18	6:00pm	Open Intention
Wed	July 19	9:00am	Open Intention
Thu	July 20	9:00am	Open Intention
Sat	July 22	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. George
Sun	July 23	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. George

July Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Bishop Johnston: For farmers and all others who have a hand in bringing food to our tables.

Save The Date...

5th Annual Eucharistic Congress | Saturday, Sept. 9

Registration is now open for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph "In His Real Presence" Eucharistic Congress. This year's events will take place at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Lee's Summit. Event highlights include:

- International speaker & author Fr. John Burns
- Relic Room
- Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Johnston
- Youth night with Eucharistic Adoration, music and



Sacrificial Offerings

Figures will be in next week's bulletin.



LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS MAKE DISCIPLES

Upcoming Events

The Open Table...Sunday, July 23 (4-5:30pm @ St. Jude)

Knights of Columbus...Thursday, July 27 (7:00pm)

The Dinner Table...Thursday, August 3 (5-6:30pm)

Ministry Opportunity-The Clothes Closet

St. George is active in supporting The Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet is a local thrift store, whose proceeds go back into the community. St. George contributes by staffing the store on Saturdays. Store hours are 10am-2pm. You can work as little or as often as you like, once a month or every other month, whatever fits your schedule. We could use additional help and it is fun to work with and spend time with others from St. George. If you are interested please contact Dawna at 816-582-6503.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 11:00am. Bishop James Johnston will preside at the Mass. A card and gift will be presented to each couple. The event is for couples and their immediate family (limit of 10). The celebration includes those couples whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. If a couple is physically unable to attend, but would like to be honored their names may also be submitted. They will receive a congratulatory letter and gift in the mail. The Diocese must receive our information by August 1st so please contact the St. George parish office as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

St. Mary's Bicentennial Celebration

August 15, 2023

In 1823, a French Missionary Priest, Fr. Roux arrived in Independence, Missouri to establish the Mission that would become St. Mary's Parish, as the historical records describe: "preaching to Native Americans and even a few white families."

Join us in celebrating the Bicentennial of St. Mary Parish in Independence and giving thanks to our Most Blessed Mother for all she has done for the Church and people of Independence over the past two centuries.

There will be a celebratory Mass and dinner with Bishop Johnston on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, to kick off a year-long series of events. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner following. Tickets for the dinner are \$25/adult, \$10/children or \$150 for a table of 7. To order, please email

at bicentennial@saintmarysparish.org or contact the parish office at 816-252-0121.

Message From Fr. Barlett

I have spent a lot of time recently reflecting upon the structure of our Church today. As I was leaving my last parish, I was given the gift of a beautiful painting of a priest celebrating Mass in someone's home. Reflecting upon this image, I was struck by how 'new' the parish life is to our Church. I put new in quotation marks, because the Church is 2,000 years old, and so her concept of time is very different from ours. When the Church began, Mass was celebrated in the home, and it wasn't until later in her development that the parish structure came about.

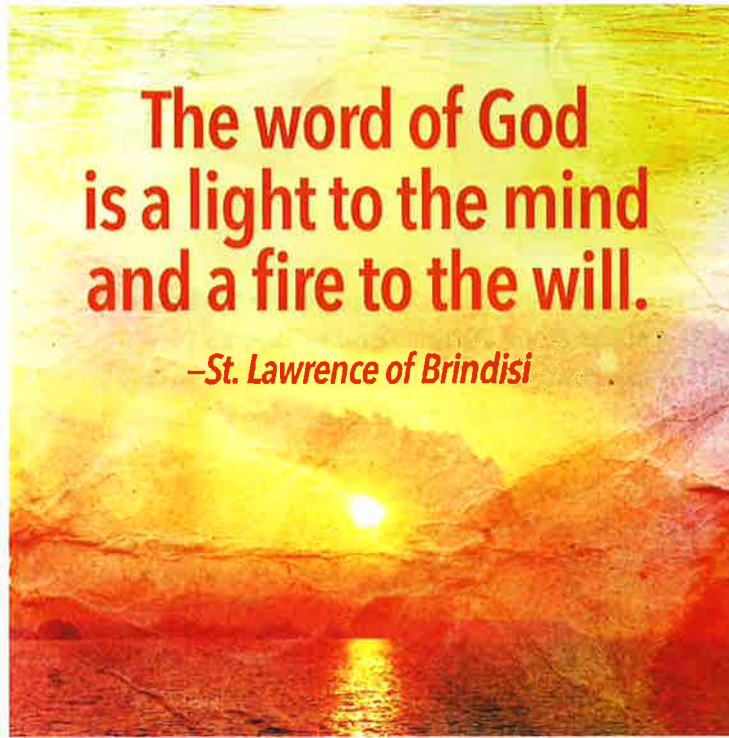
There are many advantages to having a parish building be the center of our communities' worship, one of which is the fostering of devotions. We know that the Eucharist is "the Source and Summit of the Christian Life," and as such, devotion to the Eucharist should be foremost in our spiritual lives. This week, we expand the devotion we have to Our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist by placing more time for adoration in our schedule. For those who don't practice this devotion often, it can seem daunting to go to adoration; What does one do? Just sit there?

Although one *could* just sit in the Church and do nothing for that time of prayer, most of us won't find that fruitful, and this is not the heart of the devotion. Our Lord makes Himself present in the Eucharist to spend time with us. When we spend time with others in life, we don't simply sit there and stare at them across the dinner table, we interact with them. The difference between a person on this earth and our good God in His Eucharistic presence is we interact with Him on a deeper level.

God does not want to speak to our minds, He wants to speak to the heart. For that to happen, silence is the most important aspect of adoration. Please always maintain a silent reverence in the Church, especially when Our Lord is present. After finding that exterior silence, it is important to find interior silence. That can happen through many ways; devotions like the rosary, intentional breathing, reading scripture or a spiritual book. You will have to experiment with what works best for you. My favorite is a practice known as *Lectio Divina*, but we'll have to talk about that next week.

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

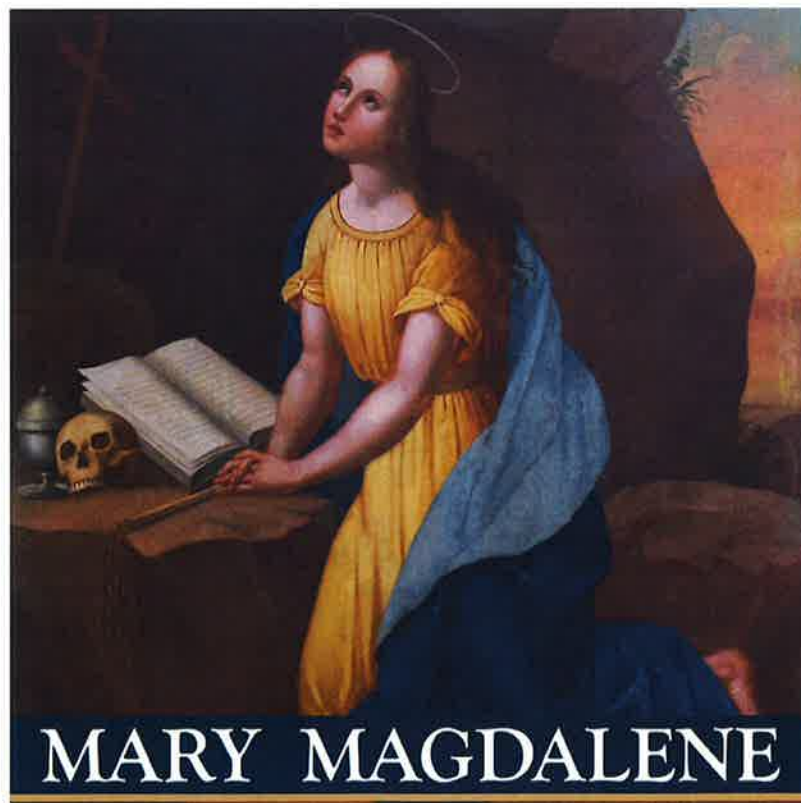


July 18... St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

July 20... St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

July 21... St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

July 22... St. Mary Magdalene



MARY MAGDALENE