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OFFICE HOURS

Monday Office Closed

Tuesday 8:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am-1:30pm

Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

Friday Office closed

Please conduct all business during office hours: i.e., Mass scheduling, Baptism and Marriage preparation, requests, appointments, etc. The parish staff appreciates your cooperation.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Live by Faith – Love like Christ!



November 29, 2020



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

LITURGY REFLECTION:

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Today's readings remind us that waiting for the Lord is not a passive exercise. Isaiah pray's that God "might meet us doing right," rejecting our sinful ways. Jesus warns his disciples that they must keep watch, because, like servants not knowing when the Lord of the house will return, we don't want to be asleep when we should be ready to receive him. Paul assures the Corinthians that they "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as they wait. Let the word of God inspire us to prepare our hearts for his arrival.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear St. George Family,

November quickly comes to an end with the First Sunday of Advent. We begin a new liturgical year and do our best to prepare the way of the Lord by preparing our hearts to welcome him at Christmas time.

Saints celebrated this week are St. Andrew, the brother of St. Peter who actually told Peter about Jesus and was one of the twelve apostles.

Also celebrated this week is St. Francis Xavier, one of the great Jesuit missionaries of India, Malaysia and Japan. Not all of us can be missionaries in far away lands but all of us are called to be missionaries in the sense of sharing our faith with all we meet.

So Happy Advent everyone! May we all be closer to our Lord come Christmas.

Fr. Dale Maxfield, Pastor

"Lord, Make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Vocation Corner:

Not long ago, a friend asked me an intense question: "What has been your most profound encounter with the mercy of God?" I had an answer – even a specific date: Oct. 24, 2010. On that day, I wasn't expecting anything dramatic as I walked into the confessional in St. Mary Magdalene Church in St. Louis. But I had a profound experience of God's mercy that changed everything. The personal holiness embodied by the priest who heard my confessions awakened in my soul the desire to stake everything on Jesus. How could I not? Through this encounter, He invited me to the priesthood. I was all in. On that day in the confessional, the priest 'won me for Christ'. Through my priesthood, Jesus wants me to win souls for him."

Dcn Jonathan Ruzicka, Seminarian of Archdiocese of St. Louis; *Columbia Magazine* Feb. 2020

MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 1st

8:00 AM Mass @ St. George
Rose Wolters

Friday, December 4th

8:00 AM Mass @ St. George
Ted Vosholler

Saturday, December 5th

Confessions 3:15-3:45 pm
4:00 PM Mass @ St. George
Denise Laughlin

Sunday, December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Mass @ St. George
Jackie Karpel
Elmer, Marie, and Ron Singler
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ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

The Food Pantry will remain open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:00 am through 3:00 pm. If any resident of New Baden or New Memphis is in need of food, please feel free to come in on those dates. You'll need to bring your photo ID & proof of residency. The **only** forms of proof of residency we accept are one of the following: *Electric bill, water bill, or a lease agreement.* Only one form is required to bring, but it must be one of these items. We do not make exceptions on this.

Contributions are not able to be tallied due to early submission of bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity during these trying times! Please continue to mail in your contributions, fill out an ACH form (found on the parish website <https://www.stgeorgefamily.org/> under home), drop your donations in the lock box (located near the handicap ramp/parking spaces along the driveway), or if you bank online, have a check sent to the parish. *Thank you and God bless! Please stay safe and healthy!!*

MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, November 29nd

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Tuesday, December 1st

Mass 8:00 am @ St. George Church

Eucharistic Adoration

5:00-9:00 pm @ St. George Church

Quilting 6:00-9:00 pm @ CLC Room #1

Friday, December 4th

Mass 8:00 am @ St. George Church

Saturday, December 5th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. George Church

Sunday, December 6th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

**31st National Night of Prayer for Life
Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction**

We Humbly Invite All Churches to Come Pray with Us-- Everyone Is Welcome! Join in Prayer across America to seek the Lord's Mercy and restore Life, Liberty, Faith and the Family! **St. Dominic Church, Breese Monday, December 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.** Prayer services will begin on the hours of and led by: **6 pm St. Dominic, 7 p.m. St. Augustine, 8 p.m. St. Anthony, 9 p.m. Knights of Columbus** followed by time for silent prayer and adoration of the Eucharist for the remainder of each hour. The Night of Prayer for Life is to unite our prayers with Christians throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and an end to abortion. We honor Our Blessed Mother on the eve of The Immaculate Conception, along with the Feast of Juan Diego (the Messenger of Our Lady of Guadalupe) and her Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (patroness of the Americas and the Unborn). We pray for her intercession to increase the Culture of Life, for the pregnant mother, her baby in the womb, the baby's father, protection for the Church, Religious Freedom, the Family and to ask Our Lord to revive our land...Sponsored by St. Dominic, St. Anthony, St. Augustine Churches and Knights of Columbus. Fr. Pat Peter 526-7746, Pauline Albers 381-0911, Roger Foppe 339-7770

St. George Catholic Church Pandemic Picnic Raffle: \$3,500.00 Prize Money – 7 Prizes to be awarded GRAND PRIZE: \$2,500.00 and (1) \$500.00; (5) \$100.00 Ticket Cost: \$25.00 each or 5 tickets for \$100.00 Prizes awarded Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 after 8:30 AM Mass. One prize awarded per ticket. Checks should be payable to "St. George Church". In the event less than 350 tickets are sold, prizes will be awarded based on a percentage of the prize pool. Additional tickets will be available in the parish office or in the box where bulletins are located, on the church front step. Ticket stubs and monies can be returned by mail, to the parish office, in the lock box (located near the handicap ramp/parking spaces along the driveway), or drop the envelope in the collection basket at mass time.

Please Pray for the sick:

Geri Hughes



If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please call (588-4323) or send us an email at saintcatholicchurch@gmail.com. Thank you!

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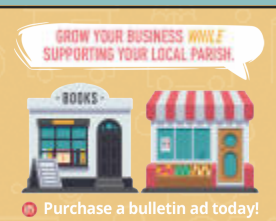
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