

Saint George

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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!



December 27, 2020



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

LITURGY REFLECTION:

Today's Readings:
Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Today's readings relate values all families should treasure. The selection from Sirach speaks of the way we ought to treat each other, closing with a moving portrayal of an adult child and elderly parent. Paul lists the qualities we should manifest in our families, especially love. Luke tells the story of Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in order to present him to God. As we listen to today's readings, let us see our own families in the works we hear.

Vocation Corner:

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each of them was called to in a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also went out to the world. The Gospel story tells of Jesus being presented in the temple as per the law. They are already "sharing" their Son with the world as acknowledged by Simeon and Anna. Can we, as family, support one of our family members who might be discerning a call to the religious life? Joseph and Mary made that ultimate sacrifice.

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Respect Life Corner- In Luke's Gospel, Simeon while near death, anxiously awaits his chance to meet the Christ Child in the presentation of the Lord in the Temple. He amazes Mary and Joseph in the temple, with his enthusiasm and words proclaiming Jesus as the salvation of Israel. He holds Jesus in his arms and gives thanks to God that he has seen his salvation. Simeon, the prophet and Anna, the prophetess, provide a voice to the shepherds visiting the manger in humble homage. Jesus' arrival is herald as the savior who calls men and women for God's Kingdom more than two thousand years ago and today. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-**Mary and Joseph were rich in love for each other and their son, Jesus, but poor in material goods. The couple offered two pigeons in the temple, instead of a lamb, as they dedicated the Christ Child. Many women want to be good mothers in our community, but lack resources. How can we take the good news of Christ's arrival to those who have very little? Donating gently used maternity clothing, toddler clothing, diapers, formula to a pregnancy care center near you is a good way to start thinking of those in need. Consider praying at The Fence of Planned Parenthood and offering words of hope and encouragement to those searching for answers. By praying to the Holy Spirit, we will all find the ways God is calling us to serve His son and one another.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 29th
No Mass @ St. George

Thursday, December 31th
4:00 PM Mass @ St. George

Friday, January 1st
No Mass @ St. George

Saturday, January 2nd
Confessions 3:15-3:45 pm
4:00 PM Mass @ St. George

Sunday, January 3rd
Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 AM Mass @ St. George

A very big **thank you** to all that took time out of their busy schedules to help decorate the church and cemeteries. We are truly blessed to have a congregation willing to pull together and make the holidays beautiful. We could not have done it without all who helped.

**Thank
You**

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, December 27th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Rosary For Peace

6:30 pm @ St. George Church

Tuesday, December 29th

No Mass @ St. George Church

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, December 31st

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. George Church

Friday, January 1st

No Mass @ St. George

Mass 9:30 @ St. Mary in Trenton

Saturday, January 2nd

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. George Church

Sunday, January 3rd

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

2020 End Of Year Contributions

Please make sure any contributions that you want counted for the 2020 calendar year are in by December 27th. All end of year contributions will only be printed and mailed out if you need one. Please contact the parish office at 588-4323 or email to saintcatholicchurch@gmail.com with your request to have your 2020 contribution mailed to you. We hope you have a healthy and blessed holiday season!

Pandemic Picnic Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Pandemic Picnic Raffle: **\$2,500:**Richard Poettker; **\$500:**Ben Gregov; **\$100 winners:** Brian Stempel, Luke Uhles, Gary Hitpas, Mary Lou Schomaker and Theresia Herzing. The profit from the raffle was **\$6,525.00!** Thanks to all who bought tickets. The raffle was a huge success!

Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours have returned to normal working hours (8:30 am -1:30 pm) with the exception of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Please be considerate of parish office staff as they are doing their best to meet everyone's needs during these unexpected circumstances. If you have any concerns please address during regular business hours or leave a message at 618-588-4232 and someone will return your call.

Grounds Keeper / Handyman Needed

We are looking for a **part-time grounds keeper / handyman** 5-10 hours weekly. We want to keep our grounds/cemeteries nicely maintained. Please email your resume to saintcatholicchurch@gmail.com, or mail your resume to St. George Church 200 N 3rd St, New Baden IL 62265 or contact the parish office (588-4323) with your interest or for a list of duties.

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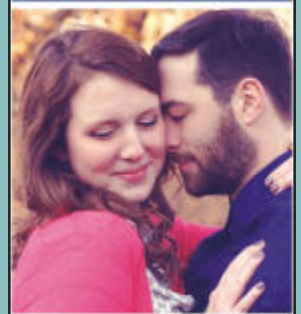
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