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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!



February 14, 2021



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

LITURGY REFLECTION:

Today's Readings:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Both the first reading and the Gospel deal with the illness of leprosy, not exactly the subject we hoped to hear about on Valentine's Day. In Moses's day, Leprosy was a sign of sinfulness and separation from God. But in the Gospel, Jesus, the Son of God, reaches out and touches the leper. The leper is literally not separated from God at all. Not even leprosy is a barrier to Jesus' healing touch. As a member of the body of Christ, it is now up to us to break through those barriers. Listening to the word of God, let us take Paul's words as a challenge: "Be imitators of me, as I am Christ."

Vocation Corner:

On this 2nd Sunday in February, we celebrate the Vocation of Marriage with the observance of World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Today provides an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.



“I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of Salvation.”

Valentine's Day

MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, February 16th

No Mass

Wednesday, February 17th

Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Mass @ St. George

Charles Brokering

Friday, February 19th

8:00AM Mass @ St. George

George & Magdalene Wilken

Saturday, February 20th

Confessions 3:15-3:45 pm

4:00 PM Mass @ St. George

Pauline & Victor Gerling

Sunday, February 21st

8:30 AM Mass @ St. George

Ralph Mueller

Dear St. George Family,

Thank you for your prayers on my recent foot surgery. The surgery went well but I have little to no circulation in what's left of my foot. The plan is hyperbaric treatments which sometimes regenerate new blood vessels and thereby allows for healing. Of course, we are trying to avoid any further amputations.

I am trying my best to get my work done here at St. George. I apologize for all the doctor appointments. I promise you, I would much rather NOT have all those appointments and health issues. It seems to be my cross to bear. I pray that I can stay healthy enough to be your priest and pastor .

Lent is coming soon (February 17th), We will have ASH WEDNESDAY MASS at 8 AM on Ash Wednesday. The diocese has requested that we NOT distribute ashes from thumb to forehead this year. They suggested we sprinkle ashes on top of the head of people which I know the ladies would not appreciate. So we will use individual Q tips for each person coming up for ashes. Hopefully, next year we can go back to regular reception of the ashes.

There will also be a Mass at St. Mary Trenton at 6:30 PM with Fr. Joe Rascher on Ash Wednesday, Remember to REGISTER online for either Mass. If you have to cancel please call Vivian Bossler at 588-4644 so she can take you off the list and we can open the pew for someone else.

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Dale Maxfield, Pastor

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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, February 14th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Tuesday, February 16th

No Mass

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, February 17th

Mass 8:00am @ St. George

Friday, February 19th

Mass 8:00am @ St. George Church

Saturday, February 20th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. George Church

Sunday, February 21st

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Pope Benedict's Encyclical "God is Love"

Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 February 2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46. Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11. 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Mark 1:40-45.

Making Clean. Jesus was not afraid to touch the untouchable leper today. Jesus was unafraid to be cleaning and healing and teaching – right and good behaviors. Saint Paul makes a clear implication for all of us. Our task: imitating Christ. Our task: doing all things for the glory of God.

- What mercy works of cleaning and healing can I do this week?
- What will I do, seeking not my own benefit but that of another?
- How will I be like Christ today? Tomorrow? Next Week?

HAPPY WORLD MARRIAGE DAY! February 14, 2021

Celebrate your Sacrament by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For more information on encounter experiences being held around the globe, go to www.wvme.org to find one in your area. For more information about experiences in the St. Louis, Missouri area, contact Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Breakfast Albers American Legion : CARRY OUT ONLY ! Sunday, February 14th, 8:00 am to 11:30 am
Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. \$10.00

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday **February 16th** and council hosting will be Okawville, St Barbara Parish Center.

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