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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 21, 2021



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

LITURGY REFLECTION:

Today's Readings:

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Our readings today revolve around the covenant God established with all of humanity, with all of us. It began with just the few people taking refuge on the ark, but after the flood Noah and his family *were* all of humanity. The First Letter of Peter identifies baptism as a sign of that covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with the humanity, calls us to repentance and faith. May we heed that call and renew our covenant with God by living out the gospel.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, February 23rd

8:00 AM Mass @ St. George
Herb Hertenstein

Friday, February 26th

8:00AM Mass @ St. George
Rose Wolters

Saturday, February 27th

Confessions 3:15-3:45 pm
4:00 PM Mass @ St. George
Robert & Berdelle Hemann

Sunday, February 28th

8:30 AM Mass @ St. George
Virginia Kennett

Mass Intentions:

If you have a Mass that needs to be rescheduled, please call the parish office at 588-4323.

Thank you.

Vocation Corner:

“Life is about saying “yes” to the things that help you to grow in holiness and “no” to the things that don't. Life is about searching for the best version of yourself. Today's culture doesn't have a vision for the human person. The goal of today's culture is consumption as we no longer are the consumers---we are being consumed. It is time for us to start thinking about where our lives are leading and to where God is calling us. The ways of the world lead to confusion. God's way leads to clarity, order and to a meaningful living with joy. Life is a choice we all have to make. So, fulfill God's vision for you and answer his call with a “yes”.”

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Pg. 79-81.

“Your ways, O lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.”

Respect Life Corner- “The Spirit drove Jesus out of the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.” In Mark's Gospel, 1:12-15, each year, the First Sunday of Lent we are immediately taken to the scene of Jesus' temptation in the desert by Satan. The forty-day time period signifies a time of preparation and orientation that allows Jesus (and us) to see the world in a new way. Like Noah's forty days on the boat in in the First Reading from Genesis, it is a rebuilding of our commitment to God and allowing His vision for our lives. After the temptation, Jesus emerges with full authority, stronger, as He proclaims that “the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.” **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-**We too are tempted, yet we too have worth and purpose. We are called by Our Father to a vocation that He has in mind for us. Whether it being praying for the unborn, helping a mother in need, or welcoming an immigrant to our community, these small acts make a big difference in building up the Kingdom of God. During these 40 days of Lent, may we pray for God's grace to move in our lives as He shows us new opportunities to grow in faith as we firmly say “yes” to all God has in store for us. Lent has just begun. Let's work to emerge stronger than ever in our faith pray “Lord, help us follow you into new life this Lent.”

LENTEN SEASON

The Alleluia is not sung or said during the Lenten liturgies. The Gloria is not sung or said during Lent except on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25). Violet is the color of the season. Rose may be used on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday). In order to help emphasize the penitential character of the Lenten season (with the exception of Laetare Sunday), the altar and sanctuary should not be decorated with flowers. In addition, musical instruments should only be used to support the singing. Unless the guidelines and protocols concerning the pandemic change, holy fonts must remain drained and empty.

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!!***

Please Pray for the sick:
Geri Hughes



MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, February 21st
Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Monday, February 22nd
Adult Bible Study for Lent
7:30 pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, February 23rd
Mass 8:00 am @ St. George Church
Adult Bible Study for Lent
8:30am-10:00 am
Quilting 6:00-9:00 pm @ CLC Room #1
Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 pm-9:00 pm @ St. George

Friday, February 26th
Mass 8:00am @ St. George Church

Saturday, February 27th
Mass 4:00 pm @ St. George Church

Sunday, February 28th
Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

First Sunday of Lent – 21 February 2021

Genesis 9:8-15. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Peter 3:18-22. Mark 1:12-15.

It's Okay to Be Tempted. True. But it is not okay to give in. Just as Jesus spent his forty days in the desert protected by the Spirit, let us have the same trust that God guides us on this Lenten retreat to right Kingdom thinking, speaking, and behaving. Let us sing with the Psalmist that God's ways are love and truth, guiding the humble to justice.

- Since the Kingdom of God is at hand, how will I repent?
- What must I stop saying and doing to embrace more fully this Kingdom?
How can I work for justice?

Drive-Through Chicken Dinner at Immaculate Conception Church in Pierron. **Sunday, March 7, 2021.** Each dinner includes: ½ chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, and green beans. \$10.00.

New Baden American Legion Spaghetti Dinner: Sunday, **February 28, 2021.** Carry Out or Dine In available. Curbside call 618-588-4182 between 3-6 pm. Meals includes Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, side salad, and dessert. 10.00 Each. Proceeds go towards replacement of the chair lift.

New Saint George Adult Bible Study for LENT: No Greater Love by Edward Sri. **February 22-March 22.** Two study groups—**Monday evenings 7:30-9:00PM** or **Tuesday mornings 8:30-10 AM.** \$25 donation covers the participant materials (book, workbook and internet access to supporting videos). Catholic interpretation and group discussion. Room 5 at the CLC.

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