

# Church of St. George

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT • MARCH 12, 2023



#### **Parish Mission Statement**

We express and embrace the Divine Will in caring for each other, liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, ministries, stewardship, outreach, social gatherings and prayer.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays 9am-8pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-9pm

#### Masses

Tues 5:30pm; Wed & Thurs 8:30am; 1st and 4th Fri at 8:30am Sat 4pm; Sun 9:15am; Sun 5pm (Spanish)

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:00pm-3:30pm and by appointment

Office Hours Tues, Wed, Thurs from 9am-2:30pm

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## A Reflection from the Pastor <u>Father Shane Stoppel-Wasinger</u>

Last weekend, I began a four-week teaching, in regards to our Catholic Mass. My hope is that it may serve as a refresher, wake us up a bit, and who knows, you might even learn something new!

What exactly is the Mass? Often it is referred to as the "Liturgy", meaning the "work of the people". This means that *everyone* needs to be engaged, and not just sit back and observe. We sit, stand, kneel and respond together as one faith family.

People have often asked what exactly does a priest wear during mass. The first piece of clothing is called an Alb, usually white in color. Next, is the stole (looks like a scarf), which indicates the priest's role he serves and symbolizes his leadership for the People of God. The stole is purple during reconciliation, Advent and Lent. The stole is white during Baptism, marriage celebrations and funeral services. Lastly, is the outer garment called the vestment. This can also be referred to as a chasuble, descended from the Greeks and Romans around the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

All Catholic churches have a Crucifix to remind us of Jesus' passion and love for us. This is often found hanging above an altar, as it does here at St. George. The Altar represents Christ, our cornerstone. The Hebrew word for "altar" comes from the word meaning "to slaughter" for sacrifice. Early Christians celebrated Mass at the grave sites of martyrs to honor them. That is how relics became associated with the altar. A relic is kept under each altar to remind us how our Christian ancestors celebrated Mass at those saintly graves. The picture below is where the relic is located in our altar. An altar is always in a sanctuary because it is considered a sacred space, and is usually raised.



Now, we all know the Sign of the Cross. This is the most common gesture of our Catholic faith, dating back to the  $3^{rd}$  century. When we make the sign of the cross, we express our Christian faith and call upon divine protection and grace. The sign of the cross should also remind us of

Christ's death for us on the cross.

Did you know the original name for "Holy Water" was "Easter Water"? This is because the water is blessed at the Easter Vigil. Outside of the Easter season, a priest will also bless water used during a baptism. Holy water is to remind us of our own baptism and to rededicate ourselves as children of God. Holy water is also sprinkled at the Christian burial service, marking us with the beginning of eternal life.

Here is a little about our actions and postures during Mass. Did you know that when we genuflect (on one knee), this is considered an act of penance, prayer and also an act of veneration? If able, we should genuflect before a Holy Object, such as when we venerate before the wood of the Cross on Good Friday. Although it is not mandatory to genuflect, it remains an appropriate gesture to make in front of the Blessed Sacrament, whether it is being exposed during Adoration or it is in the tabernacle.

Have you ever wondered why we bow? It is another sign of respect. A profound bow from the waist should be done before an altar. A simple reverent bow, or nod, is done during the Creed when we are commemorating the Incarnation. Even standing is a sign of respect and readiness to engage during mass. Sitting signifies a passive posture of reflection and receptivity. And kneeling represents the posture of repentance, private adoration, and receptivity. Boy, we Catholics sure do get a work out! It surely helps with all the delicious treats that follow during hospitality!

Lastly, I discussed the four processions during Mass: The Entrance, Gospel, Offertory and Communion. A procession means an assembly on the move, united in their purpose and their destination. The movement reminds us that we are on an earthly pilgrimage. But we must remember, our earthly home is temporary; we are made for Heaven. We are actually exiles on Earth, and the Scriptures speak of this. The processions are meant to help us remember we are called to go *toward* God.

Until next class!

Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger, Pastor

### LENTEN EVENTS & RESOURCES

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FRIDAYS AT 7PM

This traditional Lenten devotion guides us through the fourteen meditations upon the events of Christ's passion and death, and expresses our love filled gratitude for the salvation Christ has won for

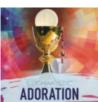


us. March 17, March 24 and March 31 (Bilingual)

#### LENT: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Spend some time in peace and prayer with the Blessed Sacrament and open your heart to God.

Mondays from 9:00am-8:00pm Wednesdays from 9:00am-9:00pm Thursdays from 9:00am-9:00pm



FISH FRY

There will also be Eucharistic Adoration

on Holy Thursday following the 7:30pm Bilingual Mass and culminating in a Night Prayer at 10:00pm.

#### KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNER

March 31st from 5-7pm

Price: \$12; children 5 & under free

Dinner includes Deep Fried Cod, Coleslaw, All-You-Can-Eat French Fries, Roll, and all the Fixin's.

Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 7pm

#### SEDER MEAL

#### Saturday, March 25th at 5pm

You are invited to celebrate a Passover Meal hosted by our Latino Community (pictured to the right). Please RSVP to



Mari Gonzalez, 612-562-3457, by Monday, March 18th. Space for this event is limited, and cost is TBD.



#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions will be offered more frequently during Lent.

Saturdays, 3:00pm-3:30pm (No confessions Holy Saturday)

Faith Formation: Wednesday, March 15, 6:45pm-7:45pm

Saturday, March 18 from 5pm-6pm

Thursday, March 30 from 9am-10am

Tuesday, April 4 from 5pm-6pm

Or by appointment with Father Shane: call 952-473-1247 ext. 111

#### FORMED PROGRAM



#### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places, and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life. Now more than ever, as many of us are confined to our homes, journey along this spiritual pilgrimage and be drawn more deeply into the life and love of God.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023** 

#### February 26, 2023

Collection information was not available prior to the bulletin submission deadline to the printer. Next week will contain collection information for two weeks.

Thank you so much for your generosity and continuing support of St. George!

#### **GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: March 18/19**

Next weekend, we observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn 9:25). This theme is an invitation for all to reach out, around the world, and let our light shine



for those who still hunger and thirst for God's mercy, love and healing. This is especially needed today as one of the appeals, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, is struggling from results of conflict. This appeal also supports spiritual and material needs of three other global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share God's light for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

#### SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

#### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2023**

St. George's Confirmation Class is passing out baby bottles to collect money for SouthWest Options for Women which provides



support to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Your generous donation supports women and children in need to help them choose life. Bottles can contain paper currency, coins, or checks. **Checks should be made out to SW Options for Women.** The Holy Thursday collection will also benefit SouthWest Options for Women. Join our campaign to be a LIFESAVER!



#### THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

Goal: \$13,100.94 Total Pledged & Received: \$1,725.00 Amount Received: \$1,725.00 Over/(Under) Goal: (\$11,375.94) Percent of Goal Pledged: 13.17% Percent of Goal Received: 13.17% Average Gift Amount: \$246.43 Number of Donors: 7

Your gift supports an array of ministries that include prolife, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need, and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. Please consider making a generous gift or pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal which funds so many essential ministries in the Archdiocese. If our parish exceeds its goal for the year, then 50% of the amount we receive OVER the goal will be returned to the parish for our use. Please help us to reach this year's goal. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. Catholic Services Appeal envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the parish office or mailed. To learn more, go to www.csafspm.org. If you prefer to donate online, go to GiveCSAF.org, but please be sure to list St. George as your parish. Thank you for your generosity!

#### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

You may honor your loved ones, either living or deceased, during the Easter season by donating to the Easter Flower Memorial



Fund. Please place your check in an envelope marked Easter Flowers and be sure to include the name or names of the people that your donation is in memory (deceased) or in honor of (living). Please print names clearly. Checks should be placed into the collection basket in an envelope marked Easter Flowers or mailed to the parish office. All donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin after Easter.



For information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Steve Cox at 952-473-3305 or 612-308-1253. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the community center.

Knights of Columbus Mission Statement: "We believe in human dignity and support causes that respect life from conception to reunion with Christ."

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7pm



#### KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNERS

Friday, March 31 from 5-7pm Price: \$12; children 5 & under free Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm **RED LAKE BREAKFAST** 

#### TO BENEFIT ST. MARY'S MISSION, RED LAKE

#### Sunday, March 19th, 10:15am-11:15am

Robb Smith and his merry band of philanthropists will be resuming this breakfast fundraiser after the Sunday 9:15am Teen Mass this month to benefit St. Mary's Mission and School in Red Lake. You can help by making a free will donation for a fabulous breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, and more. Checks can be made out to St. George, and the church will send one check.

#### ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S COUNCIL

For info about the Women's Council, please contact Shannon Banks at 612-554-3274.



Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 10am

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

A general dispensation has been granted by Archbishop Hebda from the obligation of abstinence from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Memorial of Saint Patrick. Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Third Week of Lent.

#### SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN HIRING

SouthWest Options for Women is your local pregnancy center, helping women with unexpected



pregnancies in your community for over 30 years. As you may know, a lot is happening both nationally and in Minnesota in the last several months regarding abortion, and we need your help to fulfill our Life-Affirming Mission. With the growing number of abortion-minded women in our community seeking our services, they need to add to their staff:

Nurse(RN) Manager, Nurse(RN) Sonographer,

RDMS-Sonographer, Nurse (RN) willing to train in sonography

*Part-Time and Volunteer Positions available; flexible hours, paid holidays and PTO; hiring immediately* 

For more information, please Contact Kim Bennecke at admin@myswow.org or at 952-938-4496



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Those who recently died:* Eldie Wittman (sister-in-law of Rowanne Dombeck, Elaine Goeke (aunt of Dick Stubbs), Osmar Arturo Reyes Vargas (brother of Orlando Reyes & Melba and Melissa's uncle), Alan Weinheimer (nephew of Michelle Flannery), Bill Cutshaw

*Those who are sick, hospitalized or recuperating:* José Abdenur, Morrie Wagener, Dick and Pat Janos

Those who are homebound or in assisted living homes: Clarence Stangl, Art Theis

**For those who are serving our country:** Eric Henjum, Whitney Eisinger, Justin Eisinger, Dylan Jones, Chris Pearson, Ben Persian, Jack Tucker

All those currently in treatment for their respective addictions, and those who need to face their addictions.

#### Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5- 42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21- 35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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#### **MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Mar 11, 4:00pm: †Alan Weinheimer Sunday, Mar 12, 9:15am: †Mel Peters Sunday, Mar 12, 5:00pm: For the People of the Parish Tuesday, Mar 14, 5:30pm Spec Int: Lisa Mary Berg Wednesday, Mar 15, 8:30am: †Patricia & Robert Jennings

Thursday, Mar 16, 8:30am: †Fr. John Brandes Friday, Mar 17, 8:30am: NO MASS Saturday, Mar 18, 4:00pm: †Sonny Stoppel Sunday, Mar 19, 9:15am: †Cindy Dore Sunday, Mar 19, 5:00pm: For the People of the Parish

#### PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12 After 9:15am Mass Pre-K-1 Good Shepherd 9:15am Teen Mass Wednesday, March 15 9:15am-10:30am Divine Will group 6:00pm-6:30pm Cherub Choir 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation, gr 2-8 6:45pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Reconciliation 6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal, Church Thursday, March 16 7:00pm AA Friday, March 17 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church Saturday, March 18 5:00pm-6:00pm Reconciliation Sunday, March 19 After 9:15am Mass Pre-K-1 Good Shepherd 10:15-11:15am Red Lake Breakfast 3:00pm-4:45pm Confirmation, Community Center Wednesday, March 22 9:15am-10:30am Divine Will group 6:00pm-6:30pm Cherub Choir 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation, gr 2-8 6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal, Church Thursday, March 23 7:00pm AA Friday, March 24 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 18

Rosary: Mary Shearer Greeters: Mary Shearer, Cynthia Athmann, Mary Lindbloom Lector: Bryan Hendricks EM: Deacon Bruce Bowen Altar Server: Jeff Strand Sacristan: Barb O'Brien **Sunday, March 19** Rosary: Bill Sutherland Greeters: Barrett Family Lector: Daren Grothaus EM: Deacon Bruce Bowen, Beth Juusola Altar Server: Ellie Wheaton Sacristan: Amy McEvoy



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For inquiries regarding plot information and availability or to schedule a burial, contact Sara Dore at 952-473-1247 X101 or info@stgeorgelonglake.org.

#### Ministries

Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator Jean Kottemann, 763-458-1591

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Steve Cox, 952-473-3305 or 612-308-1253

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#### Parish Council

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#### Join Our Parish

To register for the parish, contact the parish office at 952-473-1247 X101 or info@stgeorgelonglake.org.



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