

St. George Church
March 6th & 7th
Third Sunday of Lent

SHARING OUR TREASURE

-- WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 22nd -28th

\$5,145

The total building fund campaign to date for 2021

\$11,025

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

--PRAYER LINE - PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rita Barrett; Richard & Sue Bergan; Mary Borgan; Scott Brassea; Lindsay Blanchette; Mary Bucher; Joe Delmore; Carl Erickson; Mario Fiorenzo; Carter Fortin; Tim Gates; Patricia Glaeser; Cheryl Govert; Denise Hannig; William Hilton; Christine Kaul; Ken Kaul; Judy Kinder; Fred Mancuso; Bobby McRath; Michael McClain; Maxine Nyc; Steve Meredith; Marie Pelletier; Marilyn Poces; Dana Rasmussen; Jim Saindon; Judy Sanders; Catherine Schulz; Kenneth Shugart; Ann Marie Smiley; Georgia Smith; John Tatarczuch; Chris Thornton; Carl Tosi; Carol Wilson; Renee Whitehouse; John Zandy; Dave Zico; Special Intention

THE PRAYER LINE WILL BE CLEARED MARCH 15TH

--REMINDER To add OR remove a loved one to the Prayer Line please call the Parish Office:
815-939-1851

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 10th

8am *Joan Benoit (Mr & Mrs Michael Foulkes)

Friday, March 12th

8am *The Repose of the Souls of the Stringer Family (The Richard H. & Alice R. McMurry Fund)

Saturday, March 13th

6:00pm- *Larry Walsh (Zeph Benoit)

Sunday, March 14th

8:00am *Antonio Chihuahua (Tom & Paula Wasser) *St George Parishioners

10:15am *The Albert Ridder Family (Rick & Mary Ann Kingsnorth)

*To schedule a mass for a loved one please leave the envelope in the collection basket at mass or call the office.

WEEKLY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 6:00 pm MAR 13

LEAD: Annie Edwards

READER/EM: Roger Schnitzler

GREETERS Chk-in: Annie Edwards

USHERS: Merle Raymond, Mike Voss

GREETER Spray: Gracie Edwards

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Michelle Tharp

EM HALL Park/Hall: Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert

Sun 8:00 am MAR 14

LEAD: Denise Dillard

READER/EM: Judy Peerbolte

GREETERS Chk-in: Denise Dillard

USHERS: Renee Whitehouse, Tom Wasser

GREETER Spray: Donna Kohl

EM CHURCH Front/Choir Hunter Romanowski

EM HALL Park/Hall: Kelly St Aubin

Sun 10:15am MAR 14

LEAD: Debbie Asher

READER/EM: Mary Ann Kingsnorth

GREETERS Chk-in: Debbie Asher

USHERS: Brian McCrary & Bobby Lampley

GREETER Spray: Bria McCrary

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Christine Wick

EM HALL Park/Hall: Dave Glaeser

VIEW OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

For current information and events view our website at www.stgeorgeil.com or "like" our Facebook page **St. George Church & Family Ministry**.



ANNUAL LENT DRIVE

We have chosen to support the “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” organization as our MAIN focus for lent of 2021. This organization ensures that children in our own area do not sleep on the floor. The cost to build one bed is \$200. This includes building materials, mattress, sheets, pillows and blanket. With the support of the St. George community, we know we can make MANY children happy. Please CLEARLY mark an envelope “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” with your donation in it and place it in the baskets in the back of the church. If you send in \$200 to pay for a whole bed you will be entered into a raffle to win your \$200 back!

TAX LETTERS

Your 2020 contribution letter is ready at your request! If you need one it is your responsibility to email or call the office at stgeorge@stgeorgeil.com or 815-939-1851. The easiest way is via email if you have that option. These will be sent out on Tuesdays each week. Please do not wait until the last minute if you will be requesting a letter.

MASS TIMES AND GUIDELINES

Reservations are not required at this time. Masks MUST be worn properly while in the building. The 6pm Saturday mass will be streamed live via our YouTube channel. The link to this is on our website. You can watch that anytime. The option of coming out to the parish grounds and listening to any of the 3 masses from your car radio on 87.9fm is still available. If you wish to participate in this fashion you are invited to come up to the church steps or the parish hall to receive communion.

MEDIA MINISTRY

Our website has been given a facelift! Go check it out! As we move forward with the “Return to Me Media Ministry” we are striving to make everything technical the best that it can be!

www.stgeorgeil.com

ONLINE GIVING

We strongly encourage you to sign up for online giving. You can set this account up to be a monthly or weekly occurrence whatever is the most convenient for you. Go to our website at www.stgeorgeil.com you will see the link to guide you to sign up in a safe and secure website.

RETREAT

“God Will Help You”

Presenter: Dr. Steven Bond

Facilitator: Fr. Dan

4 Week Series: Tuesday March 9/16/23/30

6:30-8pm – Parish Hall

Using the book “God Will Help You” by Max Lucado. **20 seats available** at \$15 per person.

First come first serve all COVID guidelines will be followed.

Please contact office (815) 939-1851 to register.

Meet our RCIA Candidates

May we welcome them with open arms and walk with them in their journey!



My name is Dr. Steven Bond. I am new to the area and new to Illinois in general. I moved to Illinois from the west Texas town of El Paso. I work for a company called Kindred Behavioral Health and am a full-time employee at Riverside Medical Center

as the Director of Behavioral Medicine. In addition to that position, I have a private practice online where I operate as a Licensed Professional Counselor. Mental Health service is a large part of my life, as I have been working with the mentally ill for about 20 years in both inpatient and outpatient settings. My service to the mentally ill began when I was 18 years old when I started working as an orderly at an inpatient psychiatric hospital. From there and in that time, I earned my Bachelor of Science in Psychology and then my Master of Science in Counseling Psychology. At that point I became licensed as a professional counselor in Texas and opened Bond & Associates. Because I believe in helping as many people as possible and due to the love of teaching, I became a college professor at a city college in Waco, TX, where I taught a myriad of psychology courses. In addition to my professional work, my inpatient treatment of active duty and retired military veterans began to spark. The serious nature of these illnesses convinced me that trauma certification was an absolute necessity. After many years of inpatient therapy service, I was afforded the path of executive leadership. Upon that journey I achieved my Doctorate in Healthcare Administration. Currently, I am attending the RCIA Program at St. George Parish. The Lord has blessed me with the ability to speak and give aid to those in need. I dedicate all that I do to God, for He is the one responsible for where I am now. I look to meeting everyone.



Hello Everyone,

My name is Jim Laski and I have lived in the area for 16 years. I am a recent widower to my late wife Kellie. We were married for almost 26 years. In my free time I enjoy riding bicycles and restoring a 43-year-old Jeep. I look forward to meeting everyone and being part of

the St. George community.

I was baptized Catholic didn't pursue Catholic education as a child. I have experienced the guiding hand of God in many ways. The latest example is while thinking about joining the RCIA program, I ran into Father Dan in Love's Bookstore. I called that meeting "divine intervention".



My name is Trevor Allen. I was born and raised in Kankakee county and attended Bishop Mac where I met my now fiancé. We have a 3-year-old son, Jackson. I am a firefighter paramedic. I am becoming Catholic so that we can raise our children in a Catholic home and so I may

stand at the alter on May 29 and have a Catholic wedding.

Meditations for the Third Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

Out of the Temple

John 2:13-25

When Jesus saw the money-changers, merchants, sheep, oxen, and doves at the Temple, he became angered, not because of what they were doing, but because of where they were doing it. Making the act of worship into a commercial, for-profit enterprise by selling those animals within the Temple made a mockery of a sacred duty.

The temptation to turn faith into profit is still with us. Today, as in Jesus' time, there is wealth to be made in religion and spirituality. At the same time, there is a pull to make Sunday

worship into just another thing we do every week, instead of a true act of reverence. When we come to Mass, we can be distracted by worldly affairs, more concerned with what we (or someone else) is wearing, even slipping out early so that we can get on with "real life." In today's Gospel, Jesus is showing us that the time we give to God needs to be given freely and fully — without being compromised by anything else. This Lent, let us make the time we spend at Mass a highlight of our week.

FOR REFLECTION

- › When I attend Mass, am I fully aware that I am in the presence of God during that time?
- › When was the last time I went to confession?
- › As we enter the third week of Lent, what progress have I made spiritually? Do I need to make a "course correction" for the remaining weeks?

Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God."
— Psalm 42:1

My Lord, as we enter into the third week of Lent, help me to put aside worldly concerns and focus more deeply and completely on you.

OUR FAITH

Works of Mercy

Along with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are encouraged to perform both corporal and spiritual acts of mercy during Lent. During the next few weeks, try to do at least one act of mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Comfort the sorrowful
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive all injuries
Pray for the living and the dead

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The Scrutinies

This week and two following weeks, we celebrate the Scrutinies. Their purpose is

“to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.” (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, 141)

While specifically designed for those who are entering the Church, all of us can benefit from the Scrutinies by examining our hearts and consciences for both healing and strengthening.

Catechism CONNECTION

“In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path (cf. Ps 119:105), we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord’s Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others, and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1785

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Crown of Thorns

To encourage children to perform good deeds and make small sacrifices during Lent, make a “crown of thorns.” Twist a rope of tan modeling clay into a circle and then stud it with toothpicks. Each time someone in the family makes a sacrifice or does a good deed, pull one of the toothpick “thorns” out of the “crown.” Try to remove all the “thorns” by Good Friday.