

St. George Church November 20th & 21st Christ the King

SHARING OUR TREASURE

-- WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 8 – November 14th

\$4275

Building fund Campaign

October 2021, \$7130

With a YTD total of \$63,507

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

--PRAYER LINE - PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Linda Anderson; Rita Barrett; Mary Borgan; Scott Brassea; Mary Boudreau; Clair Bunnell; Londa Carder; Adelyn Darnell; Andrew Essner; Sue Follansbee; Carter Fortin; Tim Gates; Patricia Glaeser; Antoinette Granger; Denise Hannig; Jim Janowski; Ken & Chris Kaul; Jim Kegg; Judy Kinder; Brian King; Marla Krutsinger; Michael McClain; Bobby McRath; Stephen Meredith; Eva Raymond; Cliff Rusk; Jim Saindon; Sandi Schario; Chris Seman; John Sprimont; Chris Thornton; Carl Tosi; Deb Witherell; John Zandy;
Dave Zivo;

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

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 24th

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

Thursday, November 25th

9am *Joan Benoit (Tom & Paula Wasser)
Euclid & Freda Bouchard (Rick & Mary Ann Kingsnorth)

Friday, November 26th

8am *NO MASS

Saturday, November 27th

5pm *Giles & Evelyn Balcerak (Jan Balcerak)
*Ken Bunnell (Eva Raymond)
*Larry & Rita Walsh (The Walsh Children)

Sunday, November 28th

8am *Faye White (Wayne & Claire Granger)
*The Parishioners of St. George
10:15am *Bob Lampley, Sr. (Tom & Paula Wasser)
Jeannette Gregoire (Friends of Jeannette Gregoire)

*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

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving

READER: Tom Wasser
SACRISTAN: Mary Ann Kingsnorth
L/EM: Paula Wasser
EM CHOIR: Lisa Berg

Sat 5:00 pm November 27

READER: Larry Blanchette
USHERS: Merle Raymond
GREETER: Mary Depatis
SACRISTAN: John Mroz
L/EM: Susan Suprenant
EM Choir: Carol Wasser

Sun 8:00 am November 28

READER: Tom Wasser
USHERS: Phil Romanowski
GREETER: Pat Blanchette
SACRISTAN: Rosa Carroll
L/EM: Tina Romanowski
EM Choir: Hunter Romanowski

Sun 10:15 am November 28

READER: Christine Wick
USHERS: Dave Glaser
GREETER: Emily Poremba
SACRISTAN: Mary Ann Kingsnorth
L/EM: Mike Blanchette
EM Choir: Mary Beth Krisko

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 27th- 150th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff Saturday after 5 PM Mass
- November 27th/28th – No FFF classes
- Dec. 10th- Mary/Martha Ministry “Ugly Sweater Party” at 6:30 in the Parish Hall
- December 12th- Children’s Liturgy

PARISH-WIDE RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sunday, December 12th after the 10:15 Mass

OFFICE HOURS THANKSGIVING WEEK

Tuesday, 11/23- 9:00-3:00
Wednesday, 11/24- 9:00-12:00
Friday, 11/26 Closed

SUPPORT LOCAL MINISTRY

St. George will continue to collect items for several ministries. Thank you for your generosity.

- Pregnancy Resource Center needs diaper sizes newborn, 4, 5, & 6, diaper cream, and baby body wash.
- JPPII Food Pantry accepts food items as well as paper products such as paper towels, Kleenex, and toilet paper.
- Deacon Milt's Ministry appreciates cash to continue buying snacks and supplies for the various nursing homes he and Juliet visit.

All items can be left in the back of church labeled for what group they are intended. Money can be left in an envelope marked Deacon Milt in the collection basket.

STAG RAFFLE TICKETS

Everyone should have received their Stag raffle tickets in the mail. To raise funds and support our Parish we would greatly appreciate if you would sell the cash raffle tickets. In addition to the cash raffle there is a 15 lb. ham raffle and bacon drawing. The cost of the ham raffle is \$10 per chance and the bacon drawing is \$5 per chance. Please specify on your envelope what the money is for: cash raffle, ham raffle, and/or bacon drawing. You can put your raffle envelope in the collection basket marked STAG with your information or mail to the rectory: 5272 E. 5000 N Road, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. We will draw names on December 3rd. Winners will be notified that evening.

MARY AND MARTHA MINISTRY

Invitations for the "Ugly Sweater Party" have been mailed this week to members of this ministry. If you have not received an invitation, please call the rectory at 815.939.1851 so your name can be added to the list and an invitation can be sent to you.

PARISHIONERS' STORIES/MEMORIES

We need your stories!

Do you have a favorite story or memory of your family at St. George Church? We would love to hear it! One of the ways we plan to celebrate Family and Faith during our 150th Anniversary Celebration is to publish all the family stories/memories that our parishioners share for all to enjoy. If you have a favorite family memory/story from St George Church, please send it to

sgfamilyministry@fmail.com

Please include your family name and dates.

MUSIC NEWS

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS- The adult choir will meet Wednesday, 12/1 and 12/8 at 7 PM

Please join us. Masks will be required when singing.

YOUTH CHOIR (grades 3-12) will meet for rehearsal Wednesday, 12/1 and 12/8 at 6 PM. Masks and distancing will be required when singing. Please send children with their own bottled water.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY

St. George's 150 Year Anniversary calendars and mugs will be available at the 150th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff for a donation of \$5.00 each while supplies last.

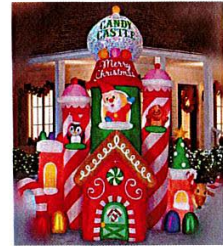
VIEW OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

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

Please remember to respect others space and beliefs.



St. George Church **150TH ANNIVERSARY** **CELEBRATION KICKOFF!**



St. George Church invites you and your family for an evening of fellowship and fun as we kick off our year-long 150th Anniversary Celebration!

- Take a magical stroll through our beautiful Christmas Inflatables Display.
- Warm up in the Parish Hall where Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Homemade Cookies will be served.
- Enjoy performances by the St. George Adult & Youth Choirs and a special Guest Choir.

Saturday, 11/27 @ 6:00 pm



Commemorative 150th Anniversary Calendars & Coffee Mugs will be available for a \$5.00 donation each. (While supplies last.)



St. George Church

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Join us as we celebrate 150 years of Family and Faith!

COMING EVENTS:

November 2021:

- 150th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff
Saturday, 11/27 @ 6:00 pm
(Presented by: St. George Choir)

December 2021:

- Martha & Mary Ministry "Ugly Sweater Party"
Friday, 12/10 @ 6:30 pm
(Presented by: Father Dan)
- Good Shephard "Giving Tree"
Sat/Sun, 12/4 - 19
(Presented by: Peace & Justice Committee)

January 2022:

- Bowling Tournament
Date T.B.A.
(Presented by: Martha & Mary Ministry)

February 2022:

- Pre-Superbowl Party & Chili Cook Off
Friday, 2/11 @ 6:00 pm
- Trivia Night
Date T.B.A.
(Presented by: Martha & Mary Ministry)

March 2022:

- Soup Supper
Wednesday, 3/2 @ 7:00 pm
(Presented by: Family Faith Formation)
- Ladies Retreat/Spa: Stress & Spirituality
Saturday, 3/19 9:00am - 12:00pm
Parish Hall & FQYMC
(Presented by: Father Dan)

April 2022:

- St. George Feast Day Celebration
Saturday, 4/23 12:00pm - 10:00pm
(Presented by: Parish Council)

May 2022:

- National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help Bus Trip
Monday & Tuesday, 5/23 - 5/24
- Annual "Father Dan's Mom" Bingo Trip (4 Winds Casino)
Sunday, 5/29 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Presented by: Martha & Mary Ministry)

June 2022:

- Men's Golf Outing
Sunday, 6/5
(Presented by: Holy Name Society)
- Cultivators Garden Walk
Wednesday & Thursday, 6/22 & 6/23
(Presented by: Garden Club)

July 2022:

- 75th Annual SUMMERFEST
Sunday, 7/17
(Presented by: Holy Name Society)

September 2022:

- Motorcycle Run
Date T.B.A.

Give Thanks TO THE LORD

For Americans, Thanksgiving Day is a special day when we celebrate family unity. In fact, families get together on Thanksgiving more often than on any other holiday, including Christmas.

But besides the traditional family get-together and the big meal, there is also the religious meaning of the holiday that has been present since its origins. According to tradition, the pilgrims celebrated the first meal of thanksgiving in 1621 together with a group of natives to give thanks to God for the abundance of the harvests in the new world.

In 1789 President George Washington recognized an official holiday of "sincere and humble thanks." Later, in

1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated usually on the last Thursday of November.

Today, we celebrate Thanksgiving not only as a national holiday but also as a day symbolic for Catholics. After all, the word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word, *eucharistein*, which means *thanksgiving*.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that "Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life" (#222). Then it adds that this includes "living in thanksgiving: if God is the only One, everything we are and have comes from him: 'What have you that you did not receive?' (1 Cor 4:7) 'What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? (Ps 116:12)'" (#224).

Although Thanksgiving is not a strictly a religious holiday, nevertheless because a eucharistic celebration is most appropriate the US Bishops encourage US Catholics to celebrate it with readings taken from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God" found in the *Lectionary for Ritual Masses*.

Thanksgiving should not only be celebrated with a deep sense of prayer, gratitude and joy, but the celebration this day should lead us to remember that our lives are a continual thanksgiving through our daily activities, all of which should give glory to God, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist.



Thanksgiving at Home

For Christians, every Sunday is Thanksgiving Day, for the term *eucharist* comes from a Greek word which means “thanksgiving.” The American Catholic *Lectionary* includes an appendix with readings for Thanksgiving Mass. Perhaps it is fitting that Thanksgiving is not a mandatory feast, for gratitude is best served by voluntary expressions like the ones suggested below.

Give from Your Table: Numerous agencies, parishes, and food banks offer opportunities to feed the hungry at Thanksgiving. Give what you are able to support those efforts.

Bless Your Bread: Your parish may include a blessing of bread at its morning Eucharist. If not, families can bless their bread at home, extending hands over it before it is baked or served.

Count Your blessings: The Thanksgiving newspaper comes stuffed with Black Friday ads. Instead of starting your “wish lists” or shopping, make a family “thanks list” and read it aloud.

Say Grace before Dinner: Have each member place grain seed, stuffing cubes, or candy corn—symbols of God’s gifts—into a goblet. Then pass the goblet and have each person hold it while naming a blessing. Then say grace or read Psalm 67.

Celebrate the Eucharist: Most parishes have one morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day. The Eucharist is a graceful way to begin the day focused on God’s blessings in praise and thanks.



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

—*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

MORE ABOUT

Thanksgiving Day & The Church

Harvest festivals thanking God for favors received are common among all cultures and religions. Ritual feasts of thanksgiving to Yahweh were a vital part of the Israelite religion, which had two thanksgiving festival periods, one in the spring and one in the fall.

The Church has never had a feast dedicated specifically to thanksgiving—likely because thanksgiving is already an integral part of all liturgical celebration. But in the late Middle Ages in Europe, thanksgiving themes became part of the feast day of St. Martin on Nov. 11.

The history of Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. reveals that the observance was primarily Protestant in its origins, and that wide Catholic recognition and acceptance of the holiday came late.

Traditionally, the first Thanksgiving was thought to be a festival in the fall of 1621 at the Pilgrim settlement in Plymouth, MA. Pilgrim settlers and Native Americans celebrated a good harvest. By the 1660s, some New England communities were holding a Thanksgiving feast annually, but it was not until two centuries later that Abraham Lincoln set the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

By the late 1800s, some Catholic priests forbade parishioners to celebrate what seemed to them a public Protestant festival. However, Cardinal James Gibbons of Baltimore allowed it.

During the 1900s, Catholics were marking Thanksgiving Day as many others were, with private family meals and celebrations, and, less so, by attending parades or other public events.

It was not until 1969 that the American Bishops Committee on the Liturgy prepared and published Lectionary readings and prayers for a Mass specifically for Thanksgiving Day.



