

St. George Church
November 6th & 7th
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

SHARING OUR TREASURE

-- WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 25th – October 31st

\$3835

Building fund Campaign

October 2021, \$4070

With a YTD total of \$60,447

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; Maxine NYC; 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 10th

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

Friday, November 12th

8am *The Parishioners of St George

Saturday, November 13th

5pm *Larry & Rita Walsh (Their Family)

*Ken Bunnell (Larry & Betty Blanchette)

*Tammy Lezzott (David & Susan Surprenant)

Sunday, November 14th

8am *Helen Metke (The Knickrehm Family)

*Joan Benoit (Tom & Paula Wasser)

*Ken "Butch" Granger (Don & Virgie Surprenant)

10:15am *Bob Lampley Sr. (Thomas Clocksin)

*The Parishioners of St. George

***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

Saturday 5:00pm November 13

READER: Lisa Berg

USHERS: Mike Voss

GREETER: Ann Neal

SACRISTAN: John Mroz

L/EM: Linda Mancuso

EM Choir: Curt Saindon

Sun 8:00 am November 14

READER: Carol Kizior

USHERS: Wayne Kizior

GREETER: Mary Sharkey

SACRISTAN: Rosa Carroll

L/EM: Pam Cuchiara

EM Choir: Paula Wasser

Sun 10:15 am November 14

READER: Julie Lampley

USHERS: Russ Absher

GREETER: Ella & Nate Absher

SACRISTAN: MaryAnn Kingsnorth

L/EM: Don Le Monnier

EM Choir: Marsha Saathoff

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 14th- Children's Liturgy- 10:15 Mass
- Nov. 27th- 150th Anniversary Celebration
Kickoff Saturday after 5 PM Mass

RECONCILIATION

Father Dan is available for Reconciliation or conversation. Please call the rectory office at 815.939.1851 to schedule an appointment.

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

This past year we have lost many loved ones in our parish. If you have experienced a loss and would benefit from a visit, Jean Beck, pastoral care minister, is available. Jean is fully vaccinated and follows all CDC guidelines. Give Jean a call at 815-210-6167 to schedule a time.

SUPPORT LOCAL MINISTRY

St. George will continue to collect items for several ministries.

- Pregnancy Resource Center needs diaper sizes newborn, 4, 5, & 6, diaper cream, and baby body wash.
- JPPI 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.

Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Volunteer Services is looking for friendly, energetic men and women to join their team in assisting in providing an excellent experience for their patients and their families. If you have four hours a week to share, the following volunteer opportunities are available:

- Surgery Assessment Front Desk Greeter: M-F: 9-12:30 & 12:30-4
- Cardiology/Pulmonary Front Desk- T-F: 12-4 PM
- Gift Shop- M-F: 9-1:00
- Concierge- Flexible Position 8-12 or 12-4:00
- Radiology- M-W-F: 9-1:00

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities please contact Volunteer Services at 815.937.2479

ANNUAL STAG

Unfortunately, due to the mask mandates the Stag committee feels it best to cancel the annual Stag and Fish Fry this year. We still want to assist in helping various ministries and projects in our community, therefore, to raise some funds for the Parish, we will continue on with a modified version of our cash raffle, ham raffle, and bacon raffle. Please read the letter you received earlier this week. Cash raffle tickets were included. We would appreciate if you could sell as many as you can. Thank you for supporting our parish.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

November 14th – K-7 In Classroom

November 21st – K-7 On-line

MUSIC NEWS

CANTORS NEEDED-If you miss singing in church, please reach out to Maggie Prendergast. Cantors are needed to lead the music during our 5 PM and 8 AM Masses. If you have never been a cantor, Maggie will gladly meet with you and help prepare you. You can email, call, or text 815.351.1344 or

stgeorgechoir@stgeorge.com

CHOIR REHEARSALS- The adult choir will meet November 10th from 6-7:30 PM. Please join us. Masks will be required when singing.

YOUTH CHOIR (grades 3-12) is back on! We will meet for rehearsal November 17th 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 Calendar will be available for a \$5.00 donation before and after Masses the weekends of November 13th/14th and November 20th/21st 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.

November 1, 2021

St. George Parishioners:

The Finance Committee is pleased to include in this weekend's bulletin, as required by the Diocese of Joliet, financial statement information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, as well as budget information for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

<u>The major account balances were as follows:</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>September 30, 2021</u>
Operating Fund Checking Account	\$ 62,153.67	\$ 48,102.58
Operating Fund Savings Account	\$ 62,526.73	\$ 62,684.32
Building Fund Checking Account	\$ 124,429.54	\$ 148,709.86
Building Fund Savings Account	\$ 316,212.84	\$ 317,009.86

We originally approved an austere budget for 2020-21, due to the pandemic, with \$269,750 in planned revenues and \$283,275 in planned expenses (and a \$13,525 transfer from the Building Fund to cover the shortfall), but we actually collected \$366,590 in revenues and encumbered \$351,642 in expenses in the operating fund, creating a surplus of \$14,948 that we are carrying forward. We collected over \$7,000 for the stag (just held the raffles) and \$20,000 for Summerfest (modified event with limited ticket sales)...thanks to all who supported both events! We hope to bring back several other events this year and will keep you posted as plans evolve. We were also able to complete many repairs, renovations, upgrades and beautification projects throughout our buildings and grounds, while supporting our rapidly growing parish. We now have over 400 families registered here at St. George!

This year's budget includes \$355,500 in projected revenues and expenses, representing a 1.1% increase over last year's actual expenses. Through the first quarter of this year we are slightly ahead on revenue collections and right on track for expenditures, and we are hoping again for a small surplus at year end.

Last year we completed several improvement and beautification projects totaling just over \$100,000, primarily in the Parish Hall (cabinets, ceilings, lighting and technology) and the Church (lighting and technology), with a Viatorian Grant assisting with about half of this work (technology related). Most large projects are done, but we do still need to complete a few repairs, renovations, ongoing technology upgrades and other improvements throughout our facilities. Therefore, we are budgeting about \$75K for capital needs this year, with the larger projects being the church sound system, ongoing technology upgrades, and some tuck pointing, HVAC and concrete work. While we wrapped up our formal Planting the Seeds Capital Campaign over two years ago, we ask that you continue to thoughtfully contribute what you can in support of our ongoing capital needs through the gold building fund envelopes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Dan Belanger
Parish Priest
St. George Church

Robert Lampley
Chairman
St. George Finance Committee

Amy McCrary
Bookkeeper
St. George Church

HOW TIME FLIES: St. George celebrates 150 years (Sesquicentennial)

In 2022, St. George celebrates the 150th anniversary (Sesquicentennial) of the building of our church. The first stone structure was built in January 1869. It was destroyed just a few months later in an April tornado. As discouraging as this might have been, the parishioners wasted no time in planning for and building another new church. The people of St. George spent many hours volunteering their time and expertise to build the church. The second stone church was completed in 1872. In 1959 the structure was destroyed by a fire. The community chose to rebuild from the ashes and kept the current church walls.

To honor and remember those parishioners who were determined to ensure there was a parish church for future generations and to recognize the future generations of families who will continue to ensure the faith of their children is just as strong as the early parishioners, our 150th Anniversary theme will be “Family and Faith”.

Beginning Saturday, November 27, 2021 (1st Sunday of Advent), the parish will kick off a year of celebration and events to gather families together and grow in their faith.

“I WOULD LIKE TO BORROW YOUR CHRISTMAS INFLATABLES!”

We all know that Fr. Dan is full of hot air, but now he would like to put that air to good use!

On Saturday, November 27, 2021, after the 5pm Mass, St. George will kick off our yearlong celebration of 150 years of the current Church built in 1872. The 150th Anniversary celebration has events/activities which promote the Family and Faith of the St. George Community. The Saturday, November 27th event will bring families together to view our beautiful church and walk the grounds to see festive Christmas light/inflatable displays.

To ensure that every family is part of this event, Father Dan is asking every family to purchase/donate a Christmas inflatable decoration, to be displayed on the church grounds. (Multiple families can join together to purchase an inflatable and cash donations towards the purchase of inflatables will also be thankfully accepted.) The inflatables are required to be at the church before Friday, November 19th. (This will allow enough time for a group of men to install on the property grounds prior to kick-off event.)

Remember to save the date: *Saturday, November 27th - 150th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration!*