

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I like Pope Francis. Understandably, some Catholics appreciate his open manner while others would prefer that he have a more discrete approach, especially to global social concerns. As Pontiff, we Catholics trust he is the Vicar of Christ on earth. Our Church, being *universal* (which is the meaning of *Catholic*), is structured so that the Pope is the Shepherd of all the faithful. An under-used title for the Pope, one that Pope Francis seems to heartily embrace, is "*the servant of the servants of God*".

As citizens of the United States, we American Catholics are often tempted to expect the Church to operate as a democracy. It is the model of governance that we know best and that we believe is the most just way to organize society. Occasionally, it can feel a bit like internal or spiritual whiplash when the policies of our Church and our nation conflict. At times like these, it helps me to remember that the Church is attempting to encompass the faithful of every culture and land, while our national interests are not intended to be universal.

A bottom-line confidence that we are called to have as faith-filled Catholics is that the Holy Spirit guides and protects our faith. Jesus promised to send us his Spirit to remind us of all he taught. Jesus also tells us that we do not know where the Spirit is coming from or where the Spirit will lead us. We are to simply nurture our faith in God by leading Gospel-based lives of love and service as best we can.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 20	5 pm	Fr. Bonaventure Hayes, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, October 21	10 am	Joseph Nappo, by the Murray family
Monday, October 22	8 am	Thomas G. Cumiskey, by the Estate
Tuesday, October 23	8 am	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate
Wednesday, October 24	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, October 25	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, October 26	8 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate
Saturday, October 27	5 pm	Edwina Geiger, sister of Paula Callieri, by Barb Songin
Sunday, October 28	10 am	Daniel Sojka, by the Schneckenberger family



On **All Saints' Day—Thursday, November 1st**—Mass will be celebrated at **8 am** in the church. (*This is a Holy day of obligation.*)

Our next First Friday Mass will be on November 2nd (All Souls' Day) at 8 am in the Chapel.

Each First Friday of the month, following the 8 am Mass in the Memorare Chapel, we offer Eucharistic exposition and adoration until 10 am.

Consider joining us in this prayerful devotion.

Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.

Join us in praying the Rosary Saturdays at 4:30 pm in the Church, and at 7 pm Mondays in the Chapel.



LET US PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Bob Hardy, Linda Kraus, Gene Holden, and Rita Kowalik.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

This annual global appeal supports missionaries of more than **1,100** mission dependent dioceses through whose work and witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. We appreciate your support and generosity. *If you wish to donate to this appeal, place your specially marked offering envelope (available at the entrances) in the regular offering basket today.*



Donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/wms.



SCRIPTURE SHARING ON MONDAY MORNINGS

A small, friendly group of folks gather every **Monday morning at 9 am** in the **parish office** to contemplate and discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, providing Father Jim with valuable feedback for preparing his Sunday homily. *The coffee will be on - just show up!*

OUR YOUTH FALL BREAK“FEST” & BASKET AUCTION IS SUNDAY!

Our Youth's annual fundraiser is **Sunday, October 21st** from **9 am - 1 pm** in the hall. We're serving eggs, ham, home fries, pancakes, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. *All proceeds are used to subsidize our Youth's fees to attend the **Diocesan Youth Convention in March 2019** and Youth activities.*



Come out and support the Young Church! Your generous free-will **Love Offerings** are greatly appreciated. **Take a chance at winning a great theme basket, too!** *Thanks for your support of our St. George Youth activities!*



A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE paying tribute to parishioners and their loved ones who have died during the past year is planned for **Saturday, November 3rd** at **5 pm** in church. *Perhaps you would like to honor and remember someone in your family who passed away in the past year at this service.* If so, please call, **email** or visit the parish office to let us know.

6TH ANNUAL HAITI CLEAN WATER BENEFIT

Cash Raffle tickets will be available to purchase before the Masses **next weekend**. Tickets are **\$5 each** or **3 for \$10**. **First prize is \$500, Second prize is \$250 and Third prize is \$100.**

Raffle proceeds are used to purchase water purification systems for Haitian families. For more information or to purchase tickets by mail, call **Donna Schwarzenholzer** at **713-3563**. The winning tickets will be drawn in the parish hall on **December 1st** after the **5 pm Mass**.

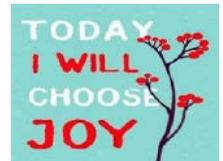


THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, October 25th** from **2:30-5 pm**. This will be the final Food Truck visit of this year. Be sure to bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and your *photo ID*. Call **941-3550** with any questions.

COPING WITH GRIEF & FINDING HOPE IN LOSS

Loss has many faces: death, divorce, jobs, dreams, etc. and impact all of us differently. If you are saddened by a loss, then you need to give yourself some time to work through the natural process of grieving. You are invited to hear about and discuss how you may be affected by loss, and how to recover and grow from the deep hurt of loss.

Come and join the discussion on **Thursday, November 8th** from **7-9 pm** at **Immaculate Conception Church**, 520 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora. **Kindly call 655-5108 to register.**



*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Christ the King Seminary.
(Fr. Jim is an active member of this KoC Council.)*



YOUR OFFERINGS enable our parish to keep the Good News of Jesus alive in our community. Last week's **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings were **\$3,358.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** total **\$751.00** this month.

Your offerings for our twin parish in Haiti totaled **\$3,793.00!** On behalf of the community of St. Michael, *thank you again for your 25 years of generosity. It truly is life changing and life-saving!*

Donate online anytime at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.

**READINGS FOR
October 28, 2018**

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: *“Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all.”*

When you donate the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

*The **blue bin** in the lower parking lot anxiously awaits your gently used clothing donations!*



CALLING ALL PAINTERS!

Now that the new windows have been installed in the Church, we are preparing to give the walls of the church a fresh coat of paint! We are hoping to cause as little disruption to events as possible; our apologies for any inconvenience to you.

If you want to help with the painting, we are now gathering volunteers—please call the office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com. We'll contact all volunteers directly once we have made firm plans for the painting to begin.



**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

CAN YOU HELP A FRIEND TO ATTEND MASS?

Don Murray is a member of our faith family who can no longer drive, so he really appreciates the favor of a ride to and from **5 pm Mass on Saturday**. *Might you be able to give Don a lift, whether it's once in a while or regularly?* If you can help our brother in need, please call the parish office at **652-3153**.

SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and other local agencies near **McAllen, Texas** are operating a **Humanitarian Respite Center for asylum seekers** detained there. Watch the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=B82AIHjw3Cc. *If you feel called to donate to this cause, please visit catholiccharitiesrgv.org/donations.aspx.*



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS AT A NEW TIME!

Join other men of faith **every Saturday morning** from **8-9:15 am** in the parish hall to share some coffee, scripture, and fellowship. *Questions?* Email **Paul** at kalinski@gmail.com or **Matt** at his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com.