

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Here we are at a time of transition, a New Year on our calendars is upon us in two days. This measurement of time is entirely a human construct. Based on our human experience of day and night, the life and death of plants and the patterns of wildlife we have developed markers of time. In this modern age, these markers are tweaked to the millisecond by computers. Every four years, we all get to acknowledge the slight error in our measurement of time by including an extra day in February.

Most of us would find it absolutely impossible to organize our lives without referring to dates and hours. Where and when we need to be somewhere is calendared and reminder alarms are set on our watches or computers. When my physician asks if some date that is a full year away is good for my next annual appointment, I generally say something like, "*sure, if the world hasn't ended yet*".

Our belief is that God has an entirely different existence; one that is eternal, that is *without time*. We proclaim that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. There is no beginning nor any end to God. God, the Creator of all things, is everywhere, always.

These sweeping statements are held in our faith but are clearly beyond our understanding. When we have time to sit quietly with such profound truths, we can sense the awesomeness of God. It can be humbling to believe that this good and great God loves humanity. During this Christmas season, our celebration of God-with-us serves as an annual reminder of God's extravagant love for each one of us.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 29	5 pm	Jerry Castiglia, by Barbara & family
Sunday, December 30	10 am	Daniel Sojka, by Carolyn & Dennis Dee
Monday, December 31	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday, January 1</b> <b>The Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>10 am</b>	The Four Intentions of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Wednesday, January 2	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, January 3	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, January 4	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
<b>First Friday</b>		
Saturday, January 5	5 pm	Estelle Szymanski, by Terry & Sue Courtney
Sunday, January 6	10 am	Norval Kranz, by Tom & Alice Dziulko

**Our First Friday Mass will be on January 4th 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, Rita Kowalik and Elaine Ahles.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER LORI

as she celebrates **40 years** as a Sister Religious on  
**December 31st!**

We are blessed and pleased to have her guiding our parish  
and faith community.



## Schedule

The **Ministry Schedule** for **December 22 - January 27** is now available in the sacristy and **online**. Please pick up or download your copy today.

*Thank you for giving so generously of your time and talent!*

**2019 CALENDARS** are available at all entrances—please take one or several home with you! **Our sincere thanks to Kenneth Howe Funeral Home** for their gracious gift of the calendars every year!



*Thank You*

*Thank you for your kind Christmas and New Year wishes and gifts to us! We feel greatly blessed to have your support and your affection, and we pray for your peace, joy, and comfort in God's love, today and throughout the New Year.*

*Sister Lori, Father Jim, Father John and the Parish staff.*

### HAVE YOU GOT SOME EXTRA TIME?

Our small, but loyal group of volunteers could use your helping hands with the maintenance of our buildings and grounds, and other tasks as needed. If you can help out occasionally when we need extra hands, **please call the office at 652-3153** to let us know how you can help. **Youth volunteers** – you can earn Community Service hours for your help!



### OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION IS FEB. 3RD!

*Pancake Breakfast*



**Plan to join us on *Superbowl Sunday*, February 3rd, from 9 am - 1 pm** for a hearty and delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverage. Tickets will be available at the door.

***We need theme baskets, please!*** Your basket donations may be left at the back of church, or in the tall brown cupboard on the porch of the Parish Office at any time.

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Team members support our parishioners through times of grief. Volunteers serve in several ways—preparing food for the brunch after a funeral; setting up prior to and cleaning up following a brunch; visiting and praying with family members at the time; and keeping in touch months down the road to continue the support. If any of these volunteer roles interests you, please contact the parish office at 652-3153.



### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BOLO



The **Food Pantry** at **Bread of Life Outreach Center** seeks your donations of **canned stews, pastas and soups** as the demand for these food items has grown especially high now that the weather is colder. If you have questions, call BOLO at 941-3550 during open hours. Donation baskets are in the Gathering Space.

The **January** Parish Calendar is now available at the Church entrances. Take a copy home with you today, or download it **online**.



*The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.*

## YOU HELP US FULFILL OUR MISSION OF MERCY



We are so grateful for you, our St. George parish family, and for the gifts which you share with us. Your generosity enables us to support and expand our community outreach and lifelong faith formation efforts as we journey in faith together. **Sunday and Holy Day offerings** last week totaled **\$2,361.00**.

Today is the feast of the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, reminding us that we all belong to the holy family of God, making all of us brothers and sisters to each other.



**Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to bring joy and hope to our brothers and sisters who are poor by helping families with food, gifts, utility and rent bills. Thank you!**

### READINGS FOR January 6, 2018

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

### CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAY MORNINGS

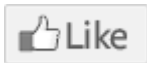


Join other men of faith **every Saturday morning** from **8-9:15 am** in the parish hall to share some coffee, scripture, and fellowship.

Questions? Email **Paul** at [kalinski@gmail.com](mailto:kalinski@gmail.com) or **Matt** at [his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com](mailto:his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com).

### HEADING FOR WARMER CLIMES SOON?

We hope that you enjoy safe and blessed time away; please know that our prayers go with you. Kindly remember that **although you are away**, your home parish still has the same financial obligations, year-round. **Why not sign up for [online giving with WeShare](#) and then "set & forget" your Sunday and Holy Day offerings!**



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### UPCOMING NOTABLE DATES

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| <b>Jan. 13</b> | 11:15 am – 2:15 pm Youth Session                                 |
| <b>Jan. 17</b> | 7 pm Parish Council Meeting                                      |
| <b>Jan. 19</b> | 12:30 - 3 pm Confirmation Candidate Session                      |
| <b>Feb. 3</b>  | 9 am - 1 pm Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast & Basket Auction |
| <b>Mar. 6</b>  | <b>Ash Wednesday</b>                                             |