

**Youth Trips 2024**

**Guatemala Mission Trip- July 2024-** Dates TBA  
Juniors, Seniors, college and older can attend. Whole families can attend. Cost \$1750-\$2000 per person.

**CHWH-(Catholic Heart Work Camp) June 8-15 2024.**  
Cost to attend \$800.00. Ages: Those entering 9th grade fall of 2024.

**Steubenville Youth Conference: July 12-14, 2024.**  
Cost \$600-\$800- depending on the number of youth attending. Includes hotel, conference fees, conference t-shirt, all food and transportation.

*Please contact Dana if you are interested in attending any of these events.*

Are you NEW to the Hartford area or are you LOOKING for a parish to join? We welcome you to Saint George! If you are interested in becoming members of our parish just contact the office by phone or email. Contact info can be found on the cover of the bulletin. Registration forms can be found in the rack in the foyer as well as online at [www.stgeorgehartford.com](http://www.stgeorgehartford.com)

**Lourdes Center Offerings: 605-988-3775**  
**“He is Stable”** – A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace – on **December 5, 2023 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls.** The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow! Children welcome!

**Camp Sydney**-The Lourdes Center will be offering a Grief Camp for youth and their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. June 21, 2024 until 11:00 a.m. June 23, 2024. This two day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is offered free of charge. Please register at [thelourdescenter.com](http://thelourdescenter.com) Registration will begin January 15, 2024 at 8:00am. Call The Lourdes Center for more information.

**Broom Tree Schedule:** 605-263-1040 or email:  
broomtree@sfcatholic.org: [www.broom-tree.org](http://www.broom-tree.org)

**\*\*Day of Recollection:** Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. *Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register.* A prayerful donation is requested.

Dec 5: "Advent Prayer with Handel's Messiah"  
-Fr Steven Jones

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul Conference at St. Michael Church would like to invite our St. George friends to attend a meeting to find out if they'd like to join us in serving people in need. The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is:

"a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need." We, as trained volunteers, go out in pairs to visit those who have requested assistance, assist as we can, refer to other resources as applicable, and pray with them.

Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month starting at 6:15, usually in the teachers' lounge in St. Michael School. Feel free to contact Brenda at [brendaw@svdpsd.org](mailto:brendaw@svdpsd.org) with questions or to let her know you'll be attending in case of a location change. You can also check out the Sioux Falls St. Vincent de Paul website at [svdpsd.com](http://svdpsd.com)

Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center, located one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA is offering 3 Day Silent Directed Retreats at the times listed below. Retreats begin 6 p.m. supper the first day and end at 3 p.m. the last day. The cost is \$375 for room, meals and one-on-one spiritual direction sessions. Register at [creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats](https://creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats) or scan the code

Choose one from these available dates:

- Thurs-Sun Jan 18-21, 2024
- Thurs-Sun Mar 21-24, 2024
- Thurs-Sun May 2-5, 2024
- Sun-Wed July 14-17, 2024



The 27th annual Christmas at The Cathedral will be performed December 14-17, at the Cathedral of St Joseph. This year's theme, "The Heavens Declare," is a first-hand account of the monumental events surrounding Jesus' birth and His miraculous mission and impact through the experience of one of the magi. This inspiring production features actor, Mark Christopher Lawrence, best known for his role as Big Mike on the NBC series Chuck. He has also made guest appearances on many television programs and movies. The script will come alive through the inspiring musical compositions and arrangements of Christmas at The Cathedral Music Director and Conductor, Dan Goeller; and our featured soloists, Nashville recording artists, Shelley Jennings and Carlos Santiago; along with the Christmas at The Cathedral Orchestra and Choir. In addition to being an inspiring Christmas experience, Christmas at The Cathedral supports the poor and vulnerable in our midst through endowments for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, as well as the ongoing care of the Cathedral of St Joseph, one of the region's most significant civic and sacred landmarks. Christmas is not just an historical event or celebration, it is something that happens within each of us every moment of every day.

We look forward to sharing with you the hope and joy of God's Incarnation during the 27th annual Christmas at The CathedralThe Heavens Declare! Tickets available!



**December 3, 2023**  
***The First Sunday of Advent***  
***Month of the Divine Infancy***

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# Millions of Monicas

"My kids don't practice their Catholic faith anymore."

“My kids don’t practice any faith.”

"My children have left their catholic faith for a non-denominational Christian church."

These are the words I hear from so many women. Then I hear;

“What did I do wrong?”

“Why are they not practicing their faith?”

“Why did they leave the church for another Christian faith?”

Most of us know someone who has left the Catholic Faith and it is time to start doing something to bring them back. I would like to offer you an opportunity to pray for your children. St. Monica was the mother of St. Augustine. St. Augustine was living a life of sin and away from any faith for many years. Monica never stopped praying for the conversion of her son's soul. Her persistent prayers for her son paid off as her son became a Saint.

As mothers, our prayers matter. I would like to invite you to pray for your children. A group of women from Grand Rapids Michigan started a prayer movement in April of 2021 that is spreading across America. The movement is called "Millions of Monicas." St. George started Millions of Monicas last March. We have 35 women who have attended M.O.M. We meet on most Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the church. The motto of the group is: One hour, One purpose; Our children. We are a group of mothers coming together to lift up our children of all ages. Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. Like St Monica, we pray for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. We believe that by coming together weekly and uniting our hearts and voices, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. We want to grow in humility and holiness. St. George has already seen the fruits of our prayers. St. George is the first parish in South Dakota to offer Millions of Monicas. We would love St. Michael women to join in our quest for our children's souls. M.O.M is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, Godmothers and Confirmation sponsors. Any woman who wants to pray for someone. This evening is for you. Join us in being part of something beautiful for your loved ones, and grow closer to God in the process.

If you would like more information, contact Dana Webskowski at [dre@stgeorgehartford.com](mailto:dre@stgeorgehartford.com) or visit <https://millionsofmonicas.com>.

We will meet Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. You don't need to register. Just bring a Rosary and an open heart.



Mass Intentions

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Saturday, December 2 | 5:00pm

+Susie +Paulette Trapp

Sunday, December 3 | 9:30am

+Leo +Cindy Liesinger

Monday, December 4 | NO MASS

Tuesday, December 5 | 5:30pm

+Neal Even

Wednesday, December 6 | 8:00am

+Bernadette Even

Thursday, December 7 | 5:30pm

+Robert Sutherland

Friday, December 8 | 7:00am

+Jim LeTendre

Friday, December 8 | 6:00pm

+Todd Heiberger

Saturday, December 9 | 5:00pm

+Joe +Alice Burggraff

Sunday, December 10 | 9:30am

+Ron +Iona Sechser

The **Immaculate Conception of Mary**, a holy day of obligation, is December 8th.  
**Masses will be held on December 7th at 5:30pm and December 8th at 7am and 6pm.**  
Liturgical Ministers are needed.  
Please sign up in the foyer.



The next liturgical ministry schedule will cover the months of January and February.  
Please contact Rechelle with your unavailable dates by December 15th.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 9

Altar Servers: Zoe & Ema Dissing, Grady Stuessi

Read: Bill Zortman

Usher: Eric Dissing, Stephan Kulzer, Jerry & Kathy Price

EMOHC: Linda Andersen, Eric Dissing, Bill Zortman

Offertory: Jennifer Davidson

Sacristan: Joyce Luke

Sunday December 10

Altar Servers: Olivia & Jack Sebert, Cadence Rogers

Read: Marcia Kasowski

Usher: Jerry Jueneman, Brad Kramer, Dean Munce, Tom Sebert

EMOHC: Greg Boggs, Jerry Jueneman, Barb Olson

Offertory: Tyson & Ashley Reinesch

Sacristan: Gerald Dvorak

Donuts: Brian & Liz Voss

Welcome by the waters of Baptism  
**Taya Diane**, daughter of  
**Brian & Tiffany Tjepkes**  
*May she always walk in the light of Christ*

40 Hours of Adoration with Fr Cimpl

St Michael's Sioux Falls

Sunday, Dec. 3: 7pm talk

Monday, Dec. 4: 8am breakfast/9am talk 7pm talk

Tuesday, Dec. 5: 11am Join us for Mass--

this will replace the 5:30pm Mass.

After the 7pm talks on both nights, confession will be offered. Adoration in our Nave will continue throughout these 40 hours. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 1 at noon if you wish to attend. Call the parish office @ 605.361.1600 or stop in and sign up. The 11am Mass on Tuesday is open for everyone. There will NOT be 5:30 Mass or Confessions on the day.

Confessions available at 8pm on Dec. 3 & Dec. 4.

**Communal Penance** will be held at St George on **December 17th at 4pm**. Confessions are available each week: Tuesdays 4:45-5:15pm, Thursdays 6-7pm, & Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm  
**Communal Penance** will be held at St Michael's on December 19th at 7pm.

St George is accepting Mass Intentions. There are quite a few open **weekdays** in the next month. Please limit your requests to 10 per year. \$10/Intention. Please place in an envelope in the offertory labelled "Rechelle".

Sacrificial Giving as of November 30, 2023

~Thank you for your generosity

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs \$5,952.83

Weekly Receipts-Actual \$6,575.00

Weekly-Overage (Shortfall) \$ 622.17

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget \$130,962.26

Year-To-Date-Actual \$124,960.50

Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall) (\$ 6,001.76)

CFSA Overage (Shortfall) \$ 20,318.00

Actual Overage (Shortfall) \$ 14,316.24

CFSA 2023:

Goal \$58,000.00

Receipts-Actual \$78,318.00

YTD \$20,318.00

Christmas Meal Gift Boxes:

Saint George will be joining the area churches by helping to provide TWENTY Christmas Dinner Boxes to families in need. You may purchase any combination of items, or you may donate money to "fill in the holes." Please leave any items you have purchased in the foyer **by December 12th**. There is room in the parish hall freezer for turkey & ham. Monetary donations marked "Christmas Boxes" can be left in the offertory.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER FOR THE ITEMS THAT YOU WILL BRING AND REMEMBER TO MARK THE SHEET WHEN YOU BRING THE ITEMS.

\*\*10-12# Turkey or Ham

\*\*1 – 64 oz container of juice (any kind)

\*\*2 boxes dressing

\*\*10 # bag of potatoes (non-instant)

\*\*1 cake mix with container of frosting

\*\*2 boxes of Jello (any kind)

\*\*2 packets gravy

\*\*Scripture message celebrating the birth of Christ Jesus

Donations for Christmas flowers can be marked as such and placed in the offertory. Thank you!

Mass Times: Saturday-5pm | Sunday-9:30am

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm | Wednesday & Friday 8am

First Saturday 8:30am

Confession: Tuesday 4:45pm / Thursday 6-7pm

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

First Saturday-before/after 8:30am Mass

Rosary: Thirty minutes prior to weekend Masses

Divine Mercy Chaplet: First Sunday prior to Mass

Adoration: Thursday 6-9pm; Julie: 605-359-5428 for info

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm

Bulletin: Please email or call Rechelle

~Deadline \*10AM Wednesday\*

Religious Education: Please contact Dana

Baptism, Matrimony & Member Registration: Please contact the office

St. George Religious Education

Family Formation (K-5) & CGS (pre-k)

6:30pm (5:45 dinner)

Dec 13 Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8

First Communion

Retreats: Jan 14 & April 14

First Communion April 28th @ 9:30am

Ignite (6-11)

6:30pm

Dec 6, 20 Jan 3, 17, 24 Feb 21, 28 Mar 6, 20

Apr 3, 17, 24

Special Event dates

Feb 14-Ash Wednesday

Confirmation-Juniors

Saturday January 20th @ 10am @ St Michael's

Dead Theologian's Society (9th-young adult)

All IGNITE nights 8-9pm

**St George Prayer Chain:**  
Please contact Cindy Steinhauer at 605-351-7502, stgeorgeprayer@gmail.com, or call the office with prayer requests or to join the Prayer Chain

St George Knights News

Knight of the Month for November:

Terry McMahon

Knight Family of the Month for November:

Greg & Amy Anderson

Congratulations and thank you for your service.

The Hartford/Humboldt Right to Life is sponsoring an advent baby shower through December 25th. Please only donate new items. Infant thru 24month Clothing, diapers size 3-5, wipes, baby lotions/creams, shampoo, laundry soap, formula, bottles, car seats, strollers, Pack & Play, cribs & bedding, high chairs, bath toys

Donations can be left in the foyer of St George. Donations will be given to the local food pantries and the Alpha Center.

Upcoming Meetings

4th Degree Knights: December 18 @ 6:45pm

Knights: December 18 @ 7:30pm

Do you have any empty Holy Water bottles? You can bring them to St George and put them in the basket under the font in the foyer! Thanks!

**Risen Savior-Brandon "Glorious Light of Christmas" A Christmas Cantata** December 17th at 5:30pm at Risen Savior in Brandon with a potluck to follow and December 20th at 7:30pm at St Rose of Lima in Garretson. Free will donation welcome