

**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**  
**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.

**Held Grief Series** This eight-week grief series will begin February 6 from 6-8 p.m. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. Each session will allow for small group discussion according to your particular loss (loss of a child, spouse, parent/sibling). Registration is required. Free-will donations accepted.

Join the Knights of Columbus online.  
Visit [KofC.org/Joinus](http://KofC.org/Joinus)

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

**Silent Retreats:**  
*Women:* Feb 1-4, Feb 29-March 3, April 18-21  
*Men:* Feb 15-18, April 4-7

**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.

**Jan 16:** Live Today Well: The path to ordinary holiness- Fr Tom Anderson

**Feb 13:** Romance in Sacred Scripture: Man & Woman made for love-Fr Joe Forcelle

**March 5:** Fr Nick Haiar

**Healing Retreat: Feb 23-25** Undone: A Healing Retreat- directed by Fr. Scott Traynor  
This retreat will assist participants in becoming aware of Jesus’ desire to bring restoration in their lives.

**Couples Retreat: April 12-14** During this retreat, couples will have the blessed opportunity to spend time together receiving from the very heart of God. The environment at Broom Tree makes for a perfect couples get-away: no TV, no radio, no phones or computers, just beautiful, peaceful surroundings, good food, and all the time and good direction you need to experience renewal in your marriage. Register early.

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](http://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 **Catholic Daughters** of the Americas Court St. George #2688 has St. Gerard, patron saint of motherhood and expectant mothers, medals for any expectant mother or any mother who would like one. The medals are given anonymously. If interested call Brenda at 526-6780*

*The Banquet* is a feeding ministry that is seeking individual volunteers to help prepare & serve meals. Just a few volunteer hours on any given day makes a real difference. The Banquet has a need for **individual volunteers**. While various groups make up a large part of our volunteer base, individual volunteers are needed & welcomed! For open days & times, please go to <https://thebanquetsf.org/volunteer> or call 335 7066.

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)



# Saint George Parish

**December 31, 2023**  
***The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***  
***Month of the Divine Infancy***

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Merry Christmas and Happy Feast of the Holy Family! I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the Christmas Season. Remember that Christmas is too big of a feast to only celebrate it on Dec. 25th! My name is Mo Irvine. I’ve worked for the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls doing full-time prison ministry for over 3 years. Since prison ministry has been assigned to the pastorate of St. Michael and St. George parishes, I thought I’d take the opportunity to share a little about prison ministry. There are three men’s prisons here in Sioux Falls - Jameson Annex (maximum security), the South Dakota State Penitentiary (high-medium security), and Unit C (work release, minimum security). Between these three facilities, we have about 1,500 men incarcerated. Just down the hill from the Cathedral is the Minnehaha County Jail, which houses both men and women. That’s over 2,000 people in a 1.5-mile radius of the Cathedral/Diocesan Office. That’s a lot of souls that need care and I’m privileged to encounter them daily. We have Mass and Bible study at the SDSP and Mass at Jameson, both once per week. Apart from those set “events”, I spend much of my day visiting with individuals in the chapel area or visiting the disciplinary units (men who can’t attend Mass or chapel visits). I encounter several men who are hungry for truth and desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Deacon Tim & Julie Dickes work primarily with the men and women incarcerated in the Minnehaha County Jail. They lead Bible studies in the different dorm housing units in the jail as well as provide pastoral care visits to anyone who requests them. Ministry to the incarcerated is a beautiful experience! If you’re interested in volunteering in either the prison or county jail, please reach out. If you feel like going inside the facilities isn’t your thing, you can still participate in prison/jail ministry without setting foot inside. Since we are consistently encountering the darkness of sin, we need your prayers. So many of the people we work with are hungry for the truth! As you know, even though you desire the truth, it’s another thing to let the truth lead your life and let go of past ways of thinking and living. Please pray for those incarcerated, that they would have the strength to pursue truth and have the courage to always say yes to Jesus! And pray for us, that we would be able to share the truth and love of God with all we encounter. We always welcome donations for religious materials for the prisons and jails. We have specific things we are allowed to give out and frequently use in our work of forming men and women. If you’d like to help us purchase these materials, please feel free to contact us at [prisonministry@sfcatholic.org](mailto:prisonministry@sfcatholic.org) with any questions on how to donate. If hearing a little about prison has piqued your interest, you’re welcome to come to Pius Pints at the Buffalo Ridge Brewery in Hartford on January 2nd. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm and the talk at 7:00 pm. This event is for anyone 21 and older. I’ll be sharing some stories about how the Lord is working behind the prison walls! Thank you, in advance, for your prayers and support! See you there! Mo Irvine

**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



Mass Intentions

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Saturday, December 30 | 5:00pm

+Lowell +JoAnn Miles

Sunday, December 31 | 9:30am

+Sr JoAnn Sturzl

Monday, January 1 | 9:00am

+Kenny Andresen

Tuesday, January 2 | 5:30pm

+Willie Griego

Wednesday, January 3 | 8:00am

+Stephen McNamara

Thursday, January 4 | 5:30pm

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 5 | 8:00am

Int of Sr. Carmella Luke

Saturday, January 6 | 8:30am


+Jacob +Elsie Liesinger

Saturday, January 6 | 5:00pm

+Lowell +JoAnn Miles

Sunday, January 7 | 9:30am

+Ron +Iona Sechser



The Christmas flowers at St George are given in memory of:

Saige Jueneman, Robert & Lois O’Kane, Leroy Puthoff, Robert & Irene Even, Howard & Stephen McNamara, Lowell & LaWanda Huls, Paul J Huls, Andrew & Jennifer Hoefert, Abbi Vitek, Osiecki & Bauer Families, Todd Heiberger, Neal Even Family, Carl & Leona Rose, Pearl & Rod Johnson, Paul & Eileen Bruggeman, Ejner & Betty Andersen, Bonnie Steffen, Paul Rodgers, Lowell & Kitty Andersen, Elden Rand, Ed Hanson, Chris Hanisch, Diane Robbins, Bubbles Peterson, George Weber, Carl & Bernadette Even, Jan Meile, Pat Waller, Beck Family, Mary Lou Lusch, Dolan Family, Gene Munce, Delbert & Lorna Spielmann, Doug Sittig, Pat & Theresa Whalen Family, John & Johanna Lewis Family, Roy Ulmer, LeAnne Ulmer, Harry & Pat Knust, Walt & Mag Ahrendt, Joseph Ahrendt, Colleen Jesse, Tom Warne, Francis & Mary McMahon, Harold & MaryAnn Pieper, Mark Westhoff, Leo & Cindy Liesinger, Jake & Elsie Liesinger, Wayne & Mary Mitchell, JoAnn Sturzl, Helen Sturzl, Brian Mitchell, Mary Jo Mitchell, Paulette & Susie Trapp, Ron & Iona Sechser, Isaiah Sechser

Donations for Christmas flowers can be placed in an envelope labelled “Christmas Flowers” and put in the offertory. Please include who the donation is in memory of.

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”.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday January 6

Altar Servers: Zoe & Ema Dissing, Grady Stuessi

Read: Michael Burke

Usher: Dan & Kyle Christensen, Eric Dissing, Stephan Kulzer

EMOHC: Michael Burke, Eric Dissing, Mike Jesse

Offertory: Cody & Holly McMahon

Sacristan: Mike Jesse

Sunday January 7

Altar Servers: Cadence Rogers, Aaden & Elena Woodraska

Read: Marlyn & Laurie Bergeson

Usher: Greg Anderson, Marlyn Bergeson, Jacob Maras, Kelly Meehan

EMOHC: Amy Anderson, Marlyn & Laurie Bergeson

Offertory: Ryan & Andrea Benda

Sacristan: Kelly & Paula Meehan

Donuts: NO DONUTS: KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

First Friday Mass & devotions will be held January 5th at 8am and **First Saturday** Mass & devotions will be held January 6th at 8:30am with confession available before and after Mass.

The Solemnity of Mary, January 1st, is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. However, Mass will be held at 9am on January 1st for anyone who wishes to attend.

The Gospel Hustle: God's Work Inside the Prison Walls

January 2, 2024

Featured Speaker Mo Irvine

Buffalo Ridge Brewery 102 N Main Ave. Hartford, SD

Social Time: 6:30-7:00

Speaker: 7:00-7:30

Q&A/Social Time: 7:30-8:00

Please sign up in the foyer to serve meals at the Hartford Senior Center in the month of January.

Sacrificial Giving as of December 28, 2023

~Thank you for your generosity

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs \$ 5,952.83

Weekly Receipts-Actual \$ 9,838.00

Weekly-Overage (Shortfall) \$ 3,885.17

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget \$154,773.58

Year-To-Date-Actual \$159,623.50

Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall) \$ 4,849.92

CFSA Overage (Shortfall) \$ 29,319.03

Actual Overage (Shortfall) \$ 34,168.95

CFSA 2023:

Goal \$58,000.00

Receipts-Actual \$87,319.03

YTD \$29,319.03

**Men’s Emmaus Retreat:** A great Christmas gift for your husband or adult children. Men's Emmaus Retreat February 9-11 Location: Shetek Bible Camp- Garvin Mn Cost to attend: \$150.00 Covers all lodging, retreat materials and food. Travel is not included. Contact Dana for more information

St George Knights of Columbus

BEST Breakfast (FULL MENU)


January 7th

8am-11:30am



**D-Camp 2024 – Registration is OPEN** –Register by January 31 to take advantage of the Early Bird discount. **This makes a great Christmas gift from parents, grandparents or even godparents.** Discipleship Camp is a transformative experience for the youth in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. It is designed to help teens deepen their prayer life, grow in their understanding of who God is, and meet other teens who are engaged in their faith from throughout the Diocese. With the help of Lumen Christi missionaries who are committed to helping teens encounter Jesus, D-Camp makes faith come alive to hundreds of young people each summer. Through small groups, powerful testimonies, and daily opportunities to receive the sacraments, D-Camp is more than just a fun event. It is a moment in a young person’s life when they step further into following God. For more information please visit: [www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/)

*\*\*St George will reimburse half of early bird registration for registered members of the parish once camp has been attended!*



Thanks be to God and thank you for all the different birthday and Christmas gifts of prayer, love, and support. Also, thank you for any belated birthday and Christmas gifts. May this be a most holy new year. God bless. Fr Daniel Smith.

The liturgical schedule for January and February has been emailed. Paper copies are available in the foyer.

St. George Religious Education

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

6:30pm (5:45 dinner)

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

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

**IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS ED DATES:**  
\*\*\* **Steubenville** meeting: Sunday, January 21st after 9:30am Mass in the St Joseph room at St George.  
\*\*\* **First Reconciliation Retreat:** Sunday, January 14th at 8am in the Parish Hall. NO DONUTS will be served this date.  
\*\*\***Confirmation** for Juniors will be Saturday January 20th at St Michael’s.

The **Annual Walk for Life and Hour of Reflection** in Pierre is Sunday, January 28. The Walk for Life begins at Noon; Hour of Reflection at 2pm. Those who choose not to walk are welcome to stay inside the Capitol building and enjoy coffee & cookies and visit displays. Bishop Donald DeGrood will be the keynote speaker along with Dale Bartscher and Jon Hansen.

Upcoming Meetings

- Parish Society: January 5 @ 8:30am
- Catholic Daughters: January 8 @ 6:30pm
- 4th Degree Knights: January 15 @ 6:45pm
- Knights: January 15 @ 7:30pm

Holy Spirit Parish is hosting a ski trip February 20th for students in grades 6-12 to Afton Alps. Information & sign up is located at the link below. <https://holyspirit youth.com/ski-trip-valleyfair>

The Missionary Benedictine Sisters will be hosting a Come & See the first weekend of February. This allows young women to live in the Missionary Benedictine lifestyle for a few days to learn about the way of life and to help in discerning one's vocation.

Young adults Feb 2-4, 2024

High school women Feb 3-4, 2024.

Register at least one week prior to the retreat at <https://www.mbsmissionaries.org/> and go to the appropriate form under the Vocations tab.

Contact Sr. Sarah Elizabeth McMahon ([sr.sarahelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:sr.sarahelizabeth@gmail.com) or 402-992-7839) if you have any questions.