#### **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.

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 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.

A God Who Knocks-A 4-week series exploring the impact of emotional wounds and opening the door to God's healing love. Held on Tuesdays 6-8pm beginning March 6. Register for this series at www.thelourdescenter.com. Call with questions.

**Broom Tree Schedule:** 605-263-1040 or email: broomtree@sfcatholic.org: 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 Retreatdirected 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

<u>creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretretreats</u> or scan the code

Choose one from these available dates:

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



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 <a href="https://thebanquetsf.org/volunteer">https://thebanquetsf.org/volunteer</a> or call 335 7066.

The USCCB is inviting YOU to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024. This is a pivotal moment in the life of the Church in the USA. Tickets are only \$200 for a limited time if you get them through the diocese. That is a savings of \$175! Get all the info at sfcatholic.org/eucharist.

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 <a href="mailto:brendaw@svdpsd.org">brendaw@svdpsd.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:svdpsd.com">svdpsd.com</a>

# Saint George Parish



# January 7, 2024 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

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## Magicians at Jesus' Birthday Party?

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany where God revealed Jesus' kingship to three mysterious figures. We have several different names for these men: the wise men, kings, or the strange term Magi. Who were these guys?

In the original greek, they are called magoi ( $\mu \acute{\alpha} \gamma o\iota$ ) which is where we get the word magi, but what does that mean? Historically, magi were members of the religious caste in Persia, but over time the term broadened to include anyone who offered sacrifices, interpreted dreams, or told the future by various means. Jimmy Akin explains in a post on Catholic Answers:

"The skills they practiced became known as mageia, from which we get the word magic in English."

So we can truthfully say that a bunch of magicians showed up to Jesus' birthday party! All kidding aside, it is important to remember that the 'magic' that these men did was not pulling rabbits out of hats, but things like haruspicy - reading predictions in animal entrails or astrology - reading the stars for future guidance. These practices are all the more shocking given that most Jews objected to such practices and in the Catholic Church these things are sinful.

All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums...contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone. (CCC 2116)

So why would God reveal the birth of Son to such misguided men? Because that is exactly what Jesus came to do. To reveal himself to sinful humanity and replace following those superstitions with following him.

~Fr Andy

**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, January 6 | 5:00pm

+Lowell +JoAnn Miles
Sunday, January 7 | 9:30am

+Ron +Iona Sechser

Monday, January 8 | NO MASS Tuesday, January 9 | 5:30pm

+Neal Even

Wednesday, January 10 | 8:00am

+Cheryl McIntosh

Thursday, January 11 | 5:30pm

+Lowell +LaWanda +Paul Huls
Friday, January 12 | 8:00am

+Marv Lou Lusch

Saturday, January 13 | 5:00pm

+Susie +Paulette Trapp

Sunday, January 14 | 9:30am

+Leo +Cindy Liesinger

## With Deepest Sympathy

We express our sympathy and prayers to:

Roxy Whalen and her family on the death of her sister Cheryl McIntosh.

Carol Kapperman and her family on the death of her mother Maureen Birgen Carolyn Spielmann and her family on the death of

her sister **Laurie Jean Gustaf.** *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.* 

#### Come join us TUESDAY January 9th ~6pm~ @ St George for the Monthly Pro-Life Rosary to pray for LIFE!



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

# Liturgical Ministers

#### **Saturday January 13**

Altar Servers: Chris Ebsen, Bryce & Corbin Ridings

Read: Mike Cypher

Usher: Brad & Anthony Bjergaard,

Mike Cypher, Gilbert Mohrhauser

**EMOHC:** Julie Weber, Roxy Whalen, Bill Zortman

**Offertory:** Alexander & Christy Flynn

**Sacristan:** *Joyce Luke* 

#### **Sunday January 14**

Altar Servers: Ada, Cora, Gunnar Strunk

Read: Butch Warrington, NEED

Usher: Greg Boggs, Gerald Dvorak,

Tanya Brown, Duncan Woodhull

**EMOHC:** Greg Boggs, Gerald Dvorak,
Butch Warrington

Offertory: Tom & Kim Ketcham

Sacristan: Gerald Dvorak

**Donuts:** NO DONUTS: First Reconciliation Retreat

#### St George Knights of Columbus BEST Breakfast (FULL MENU) January 7th 8am-11:30am

Hartford-Humboldt Right to Life (HHRTL) would like to say "thank you" to all who so generously donated to the Advent Baby Shower. Your donations support new moms, babies, and families! Thank you so very much!



D-Camp 2024 – Early-Bird Discount Ends Soon

Save \$50 if you register by January 31!
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. For more information please visit: 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!

**Upcoming Meetings** 

Catholic Daughters: January 8 @ 6:30pm

4th Degree Knights: January 15 @ 6:45pm
Knights: January 15 @ 7:30pm

HHRTL: January 15 @ 6:30pm @ St Ann
Finance Council: January 25 @ 7am

Epiphany House Blessing materials are located in the Fover .

# Sacrificial Giving as of January 4, 2024 ~Thank you for your generosity

**General Needs:** 

Weekly Collection Needs \$ 5,952.83 Weekly Receipts-Actual \$17,416.00 Weekly-Overage (Shortfall) \$11,463.17

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget
Year-To-Date-Actual
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)
Actual Overage (Shortfall)
\$ 160,726.41
\$177,039.50
\$ 16,313.09
\$ 29,444.03
\$ 45,757.12

 CFSA 2023:
 Receipts

 Goal
 \$58,000.00

 Receipts-Actual
 \$87,444.03

 YTD
 \$29,444.03

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

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 <a href="https://www.mbsmissionaries.org/">https://www.mbsmissionaries.org/</a> and go to the appropriate form under the Vocations tab.

Contact Sr. Sarah Elizabeth McMahon (<u>sr.sarahelizabeth@gmail.com</u> or 402-992-7839) if you have any questions.

The Men of the Jericho Wall pray the Patriotic Rosary at 7pm each Tuesday at St George. All are welcome to join in praying for the conversion of our country.

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://holyspirityouth.com/ski-trip-valleyfair

Join us on February 7 at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine Church in Luverne, Minnesota, for a Eucharistic Presentation by Father Leo Patalinghug. Fr. Leo is an author/speaker, creator and founder of an international food and faith movement called Plating Grace. He is a host for radio, podcast and a weekly international food and faith show on EWTN, "Savoring our Faith." The mission to see food as a gift from God to nourish your family and to strengthen relationships is making this world a better place one meal at a time. All are welcome from 6th grade through adults. We would love for you to join us.

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 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.

There will be rosary following 8am Mass at St George each Wednesday in support of LIFE as we continue to free our country from the culture of death and bring it back to a culture of life.

**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. Lambert Parish in Sioux Falls is hosting a Eucharistic Miracles Display on Saturday, January 27 beginning at 2 p.m. and Sunday, January 28 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Below is a tentative itinerary for the event. Saturday, January 27

2 p.m. – Exhibit opens

3:15 p.m. – Earl Markley will give a short presentation 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Mass

5:30-??? p.m. – Exhibit

Sunday, January 28

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Mass

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – Exhibit will be open

9:45 a.m. – Earl Markley will give a short presentation

10 a.m. – Mass 2 p.m. – Exhibit Closes

Childcare will be provided for one hour after each Mass. Catechesis during childcare will focus on Candlemas.