FROM THE PASTOR: A research study conducted a while ago and published in DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE AND CHILD NEU-ROLOGY, told how recordings were made of thirty-one newborn infants and played for their mothers in a series, so that each time the mothers of the newborns heard five different babies cry in a row. In the first two days after her baby was born, twelve of the twenty-three mothers in the sample recognized their own baby's cry. After two days, all of the mothers tested recognized their own child's cry. In another part of the experiment, mothers in a hospital ward with lots of mothers and lots of infants were found to wake up when their own baby cried, but were able to sleep through the cries of other children. As human beings, we can be remarkably adept at listening when we know something is truly important to us. Jesus says in today's Gospel account that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. But even more sensitively than a mother hearing the cries of her child, Jesus has heard the voices of those who cry out to Him. All of us need to assess to what degree of importance we place on the Voice of Jesus coming to us in our prayer life, or listening to the Word of God. Could we make it more important as a voice of guidance and direction, a voice of correction and compassion, a voice of encouragement and challenge.

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As you can see from the inserted flyer we have graduation coming up for St. George School. Our eighth graders will graduate during Mass on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6pm. This event is open to the entire parishes and I want to invite you to it. These young men and women now transition to a new educational career called High School and we want to wish them well, pray for their success, and thank them for contributing so much good to the life and history of St. George School during their time here. Check you calendar to see if that evening might be free for you.

A special event is also coming up for our High School Seniors and that is not only their graduation on May 16th, but a Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at St. George Church. This event is also open to the public and we welcome family members and friends who have a graduate in the Class of 2019. I will be delivering the sermon for the graduates and visitors that evening.

You will also see in the flyer inserted in the bulletin this weekend a reminder about the annual May pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. Besides the spiritual benefits of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross and procession of the White Lady, the Sacrament of Reconciliation with five priests, and Holy Mass at 2pm, there is also a delicious luncheon meal prepared for and available to the public who attend the pilgrimage. Please say an extra prayer, or extra rosary, for good weather that day for all of our pilgrims.

<u>Finally.....HELP IS NEEDED!!!</u> We need extra help cleaning up the Shrine grounds on Tuesday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5 o'clock. Bring rakes and help us clear up twigs and branches that fall during the rain storms. Bring gloves to help us weed the flower gardens. Some can help get the votive candles ready. There is plenty to do to get ready for Mary's pilgrims. Please take a look at your calendar and see if you can help us out!

Thank you! -- Msgr. Greg

# **COLLECTION: May 5,2019**

Adults Envelopes 172/40%)\$ 13	3,556.00
Children (10)	. 11.25
Loose	978.51
Total\$ 14,545.76	
Property Maintenance\$	122.00
Education Fund\$	215.00

Thank you to all who regularly use their church envelopes, or use automatic bill pay, or give in the loose collection, and therefore, support your parish! Your sacrifices are appreciated.

<u>Holy Father's intention</u> this month: "That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent." <u>Bishop McKnight's intention</u>: "For those who have received the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation this year; that they may witness the resurrection in works of sacrificial love." Let us pray to the Lord.

<u>CHARTER MEMBER WINNER</u> this week was Robert and Shawn Groppe who won a Handmade Table Runner made and Donated by Mike and Denise Witthaus.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE will be held at the Old Pamida Building June 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th. Call Darlene Aubuchon, 573-680-3880, to arrange for a time to bring your items to the store. We wish to thank the Baumstark family in advance for donating the use of their building. THANK YOU from the Knights of Columbus to everyone who supported their BBQ Plate sales last weekend. Thank you to all the helpers who made the food and helped sell the plates. It was appreciated. WELCOME into the Parish family of God: Jakob Ryder Trevino, son of Jordan and Krystyn Trevino; Ellie Leora Isaak, daughter of Scott and Carlie Isaak; Keaton Nicholas Kopp, son of Matt and Ashley Kopp. May they be filled with God's wisdom and grace now and all the days to come.

# PRAYER FOR PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Heavenly Father, we turn to You and humbly ask You to send the Holy Spirit to guide our principal search process for St. George School. We pray for worthy and committed applicants to consider coming to our School and lead our faculty and students in their education journey and Faith journey. We pray that we will trust Your Holy Spirit to direct the members of our Search Committee throughout the process of searching, questioning, and discerning, whom to be the next Principal for St. George School. We lift this prayer up to you through the intercession of our greatest teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**FAREWELL MASS** for Mrs. Julie Clingman will be this Monday, May 13th, at 6pm, as she leaves the Hermann area and returns to her roots west of Jefferson City in the community of St. Martin Parish. We want to wish her well and send her off with a sincere sense of gratitude and best wishes. A reception will follow in the gym.

# **MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY, May 12:

# Scrip sold after 7 & 10:30 am Mass

6:00pm High School Baccalaureate @StG

#### MONDAY, May 13:

# Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

6:00pm Special Mass & Reception for Mrs. Julie Clingman

# TUESDAY, May 14:

### Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

Kindergarten Recognition

11:30am Shrine Confessions followed by NOON Mass and lunch in Valentine Hall 5:00pm Clean-up at Shrine for Pilgrimage

# WEDNESDAY, May 15:

# Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

6:00pm Communion Service @CRS 6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass

#### THURSDAY, May 16:

# Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

1:00PM StG Quilting

7:00pm High School Graduation

7:00pm Adult Volleyball in gym

#### FRIDAY, May 17:

Scrip sold in Church Basement 7-9am in Parish Office 8-3

# SATURDAY, May 18:

Confessions 4-4:30pm or by appointment, call Msgr. Greg 5:00pm Evening Mass @StG

Scrip sold after 5:00pm Mass

# SUNDAY, May 19:

# Scrip sold after 7 & 10:30 am Mass

10:30am Polka Mass

10:00am Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine, Starkenburg begins—Dinner served from 11am to 1pm—2:00pm closing Mass

PRAY FOR OUR SICK Maura Winkelmann, Imogene Strassner, Anna Belle Mueller, Solomon & Paul Mundwiller, Michelle & Bethany Mueller, Susie Smith, Evelyn Winkelmann, Brenda Baur, Trevin Hale, James Hill, Pearl Schaumberg, Tinecia Watson, \$20 /per person, all ages, includes one Rachel Bruemmer, Lois Metz, Penny Fischer, Ron drink and one hot dog. About 25 tickets Weber, Marian Groner, Karen & Julie Bretton, Am- left for Section 272. First come-first serve. ber, Nicole & Ila Parrott, Cindy Finders, Greg Larm, If interested, payments at St. George Par-Edna Hagedorn, Wayne Aholt, Chantel Obreton, Ida ish Office is required at time of reserva-Brandt, Patricia Maitland, Marilyn Rethemeyer, tion. The bus for this game is full!!! Peggy Brown, Pat Dufner, Mary O'Mara, Jim Welschmeyer, Frank LaBoube, Shaun Stinecipher, Virginia Crawford, Kenny Schaefferkoetter, Warren & Clarene (Mutz) Grass, Therese Stockston, Patty Culp, Margie Greene, Casey Gleeson.

# MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT StG

#### SUNDAY, May 12:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George

10:30am Lily Wright

# MONDAY, May 13:

8:00am Communion Service

6:00pm Mrs. Julie Clingman

### TUESDAY, May 14:

8:00am Don & Gladys Faes

#### WEDNESDAY, May 15:

8:00am High School Graduates

6:00pm 8th Grade Graduates

### THURSDAY, May 16:

7:50am Maurice Klott

### FRIDAY, May 17:

7:50am Fr. Richard Cronin

# **SATURDAY, May 18:**

5:00pm Cecilia Steiner Weidman

#### SUNDAY, May 19:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George 10:30am Liv Dec Jacquin Families

# FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SERVICE PEOPLE **ESPECIALLY FROM THE PARISH, WE PRAY:**

Zachary Weiser, Tammy Grey, Bobbie Jo Gary, Bo Epple, Kevin Hofmeister, Alex Hahne, Lucas Landolt, Tyler Sparks. For safety & good health of our Bishop & Priests, let us pray to the Lord

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY is in need of a parent/parishioner to help at the 10:30am Mass. Please call Amy Schebaum 573-680-3649 to volunteer.

PLEASE SAVE Village Market receipts, Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education for St. George Parish and School. Aluminum cans may be placed in the trailer on the lower parking lot. Bins are in the back of school to recycle clothing.

**CARDINAL BALL GAME** Sunday, July 14th, 1:15pm against Arizona Diamond Backs. Cardinal Large Brim Straw hat Giveaway!!

**SAVE THE DATE** Saturday, June 1st for the St. George Horsin' Around Fun Show at the Rhineland Park beginning at 10am with grounds opening at 8am.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES May 18-19

# 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Bob Witthaus

Comm. Ministers: Tamara Cruse Mary Beth Strassner-Carol Elsenraat

Sacristan: Janet LaBoube

Ushers: JD Causey-Nathan Kopp Scott McGarrah-Chad Grannemann Offertory: Scott McGarrah Family Servers: Ashley & Holly McGarrah Carter Gerlemann

# 7:00am Mass

Lector: Debbie River

Comm. Ministers: Jovita Klott Mike Witthaus-William Fischer

Sacristan: Mike Witthaus

Ushers: Curt Bruckerhoff-Cullen Bruckerhoff-Dennis Kohne-William Fischer

Servers: Liz & Eric Chorley

#### 10:30am Mass

Lector: Tim Moran

Comm. Ministers: Anna

Lee-Heather Hale-Sheila Bruckerhoff

Sacristan: Kellie Witthaus

Ushers: Keith Heying-Tom Bruckerhoff

Harold Gloe-Alan Gloe

Servers: Jordan Heying-Caroline Starke-

Faith Engemann Trustees: Cate Radtke Alan Gloe

#### **UP-COMING EVENTS**

May 12th-6PM High School Baccalaureate @StG May 13th—6pm—Special Mass &

reception for Mrs. Julie Clingman

May 14th- Noon Mass & Lunch @Shrine

May 14th—5pm clean-up at Shrine

May 15th—8th Grade Graduation May 16th—7pm High School

Graduation

May 19th—Pilgrimage @Shrine

May 19th—Polka Mass @10:30am StG

May 22nd—Last Day of School