

FROM THE PASTOR: Come join the fun at the annual Christmas Bazaar Sunday, Dec 10th. Dinner 11am-3:30pm; Auction items in the gym. Christmas Concert at 4pm.

St. George and Church of the Risen Savior volunteers are needed to help participate in the Ministerial Alliance bell-ringing at Loutre Market. Please call the Parish Office at 486-2723 or 236-4390 to help us out Dec 15-16 between 10am & 6pm. All proceeds help local pastors reach out to area people in need.

As we come to the end of the calendar year I would like you to remember two special funds which would benefit a great deal from generous "End-of-the-Year" donations: St. George Education Fund & St. George Cemetery Fund. Check it out with your personal accountant. We can use your extra help!

SCRIP on hand will be sold this week from 8am to 3pm in the parish office Monday through Friday. Scrip is sold on Friday from 7 to 9am in the church basement and after the Sunday Masses when seller is available. **Last Day to order to receive for Christmas is this Friday at 10am.**

CHARTER MEMBER This fundraiser helps toward our Property Insurance, which this year is \$33,991.00, Church, rectory and convent \$17,686.50—school buildings \$15,284.50. These figures include General Liability, Property and Workmen's Comp. Please return your ticket as soon as possible. WINNERS: Nov. 5th, Bird Feeders & Feed, Dan & Ruth Baumstark, donated by Mr & Mrs Norman Budnik: Nov. 12th, \$50 Loutre Scrip, Andrew Aubuchon, donated by Mr & Mrs Albert Jacquin: Nov. 19th, Fall Table Runner, Denis & Edna Hagedorn, donated by Mr & Mrs Mike Witthaus: Nov. 26th, Handmade Cutting Board, Norman & Marilyn Budnik, donated by Mr & Mrs Vincent Klott and Richard Klott: Dec. 3rd, Asst. Soda, Bryan & Mimi Raterman, donated by Calvin's Distributing.

PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

from 3 to 4:30pm on Monday, December 4, 11, 18 here at St. George. Practice for the CRS Children's 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass will be after 8:30am Mass on December 3-17th.

HELP NEEDED next Sunday after the 10:30am Mass to put up the crib in church for the Christmas season. Your help will be very much appreciated.

SECOND TUESDAY MASS at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine, Starkenburg will be this week beginning at 11:15am with confessions with the Mass being offered at noon. There will be no lunch for December, January and February.

COLLECTION: December 3, 2017

Adults Envelopes (186/43%).....	\$ 9,807.00
Children (13)	12.50
Loose.....	<u>446.84</u>
Total.....	\$ 10,266.34
Property Maintenance.....	\$ 359.00
Education Fund.....	\$ 477.00

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.

ADVENT PROJECT Again, this year the parishes of St. George and Church of the Risen Savior along with the school community, will be helping to purchase Christmas gifts for the those families in Gasconade County who are in need of help to make their family Christmas a joyful one. If your family would like to help please choose an ornament on the tree, buy the suggested item, secure the tag to the outside of the package and drop off at one the churches or school. If you would prefer, a monetary donation or one of the local vendor SCRIP gift cards will also be accepted. Thank you for participating in our project, and please keep its success in your prayers as well as all the families in need in our community. This Friday, December 15th, the gifts need to be here. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THESE GIFTS!!

THANK YOU to the Ladies Sodality for the donation of \$200.00 toward the altar candles. This is very much appreciated. Also, thank you for the reception at the close of last week's Mission on Wednesday night.

K OF C NEWS Three members are ready to take their First Degree. A time in late April/early May will be picked for cleaning and painting the Stations at Starkenburg. A total of \$1,268.54 was raised from their BBQ fundraiser to benefit our Coats for Kids Program.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: This Thursday, Dec 14th at 7pm. Extra priests will be present to hear confessions.

The parish is intimately united to the diocese as the diocese is united to the seat of Peter, This is really what we mean when we say "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." By making a gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, you are supporting the work of the Church in our 38-county diocese. If you are still thinking about making a pledge, please consider doing it today by check, or online by visiting diojeffcity.org and clicking "Giving" on the menu bar. We count on your prayerful and financial support to help meet the various needs of parishes, missions and schools in the diocese. Thank you if you have already made a gift. We had \$11,745.00 given so far—no new total sent from the Diocese this week. Our goal is 22,200.00

