

FROM THE PASTOR: Be sure to look closely at the schedule of activities on page two of this weekend's bulletin to find the Christmas Mass schedule for both StG and CRS! Spread the word to family and friends about the schedule.

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Inserted in last weekend's bulletin was an invitation to participate in a SPIRITUAL BOUGUET for our Bishop-elect W. Shaun McKnight who will be ordained on February 6, 2018. If you would like to participate, simply drop your completed form in the collection basket on the weekend or by the Parish Office or mail it in. We need them by January 31st.

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Every year at Christmas time we remember the education of our seminarians and we are asked by our Bishop to join the other parishes throughout the Diocese of Jefferson City in supporting our Office of Vocations which recruits students for the seminary to study toward the priesthood. I ask you to use your Parish envelope to support this worthy cause and help us reach our goal of \$7,560.00.

**SCRIP** on hand will be sold this week in the parish office Wednesday through Friday from 8am to 3pm and after the Sunday Masses when seller is available.

**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. Winner this week was Greg & Michelle Ruediger who won 2 Christmas Table-runners made and donated by Denise Witthaus. **REMEMBER!** For \$100 you can become a charter member and not only win nice prizes over 12 months, but also contribute toward our annual Insurance bill. Call the Office!!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** To all the volunteers who transformed the front of the Rectory and Church and decorated the inside of the Church for Christmas. You did a great job and I am sure that all of our many visitors and guests, as well as townspeople will be impressed and even inspired.

**SAMARITAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH (ST. VINCENT de PAUL)** will have their second collection next weekend, December 30th and 31st. Volunteers have organized resources and the commitments of generous givers, such as you, help to meet the needs of the marginalized of our are generous donations and contributions of new and gently used clothing, funds and home repair items, has made it possible for organizers and volunteers to provide non-emergency interventions for situations that could not be provided for by other services. Corporal Works of Mercy, as Christ commissioned, are carried out, as infants and children are clothed, elderly are visited and dwelling places are rendered safe and efficient for inhabitants.

#### **COLLECTION: December 17, 2017**

|                                 |               |
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| Adults Envelopes (146/33%)..... | \$ 7,241.00   |
| Children (5) .....              | 5.50          |
| Loose.....                      | <u>805.00</u> |
| Total.....                      | \$ 8,051.50   |
| Property Maintenance.....       | \$ 305.00     |
| Education Fund.....             | \$ 15.00      |

*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.*

#### **Dear Friends in Christ:**

***I pray that this year's celebration of our Savior's birth brings happiness and tranquility to your hearts. As I write this letter, I cannot help but think back to the first Christmas letter I sent as your Bishop. I recall expressing my thanks for the collaboration and support of our devoted priests, religious, and laity who helped me to rest easier every night. It is an appreciation I still hold dear to this day.***

***Thank you so very much for continuing to be a part of the rich mystery of the Incarnation, and carrying forward the ministry of the Word of God who came to make His dwelling among us. May God's will be accomplished powerfully in each one of us in the coming New Year, and may God pour forth abundant blessings upon my chosen successor, Bishop-Elect W. Shawn McKnight. Each of you will remain in my daily prayers, and in my heart always.***

***With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year, I am,***



***Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos  
Bishop Emeritus of Jefferson City  
Apostolic Administrator***

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](http://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 \$15,195.00 given as of December 13th. With 64 donors. Our goal is \$22,200.00

### MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY, December 24:

**Scrip sold after 7 & 10:30am Masses**

5pm Mass @CRS—7:00pm @StG

Midnight Mass @StG

#### MONDAY, December 25:

**Christmas Day Masses:**

8:30am @CRS—10:00am Mass @StG

#### TUESDAY, December 26:

**Office Closed**

#### WEDNESDAY, December 27:

**Scrip sold in Parish office 8-3**

5:30pm Caroling at Nursing Home/Victorian Place— Please come join the choir

#### THURSDAY, December 28:

**Scrip sold in Parish office 8-3**

1:00pm Quilting

#### FRIDAY, December 29:

**Scrip sold in Parish office 8-3**

#### SATURDAY, December 30:

Confessions 4-4:30pm or by appointment, call Msgr. Greg

5:00pm Evening Mass

**Scrip sold after 5pm Mass**

#### SUNDAY, December 31:

**Scrip sold after 7 & 10:30am Mass**

New Year's Eve Masses: 5pm @CRS

#### MONDAY, January 1:

**8:30am @StG**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK** Solomon & Paul Mundwiller, Michelle & Bethany Mueller, Susie Smith, Evelyn Winkelmann, Brenda Baur, Trevin Hale, Gerard Wehrle, James Hill, Alfred Klott, Pearl Schaumberg, Tinecia Schuttenberg, Rachel Bruemmer, Lois Metz, Kevin Fenwick, Shawna Fenwick, Ron Griffin, Joe Engemann, Penny Fischer, Ron Weber, Julitta Jones, Marian Groner, Jeanette Cruz, Karen & Julie Bretton, Angie Scheidegger, Jessica Parrot, Ila Parrott, Lily Wright, Many Danter, Cindy Finders, Henrietta Schneider, Lori (Seifert) Pehle, Greg Larms, Denis & Edna Hagedorn, Ron Bouziden, Judy Baumstark, Jamey Collins, Wayne Aholt, Angie Leimkuehler, Ida Brandt.

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

Zachary Weiser, Tammy Grey and Bobbie Jo Gary, Bo Epple, Ron Giffin, Kevin Hofmeister, Afghanistan; Dan Mundwiller, Alex Hahne, Lucas Landolt, Tyler Sparks

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT StG

#### SUNDAY, December 24:

7:00am Clarence Zerr

10:30am Parishioners of St. George

7:00pm Taylor Thompson

Midnight Gerald Engemann

#### MONDAY, December 25:

10:00am Parishioners of St. George

#### TUESDAY, December 26:

7:50am Communion Service

#### WEDNESDAY, December 27:

7:50am Communion Service

#### THURSDAY, December 28:

8:00am Communion Service

#### FRIDAY, December 29:

7:50am Communion Service

#### SATURDAY, December 30:

5:00pm Doug Kidd

#### SUNDAY, December 31:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George

10:30am Ralph Van Booven Anniv

#### MONDAY, January 1:

8:30am Bob & Jeanette Landolt

**PLEASE SAVE** Village Market Receipts for the parish and Best Choice and Box Tops for Education for our school. Aluminum cans may be placed in the trailer on the lower Parish parking lot. There is also a bin behind the school for clothing.



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!

—Msgr. Greg

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**December 30-31**

#### **5:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Anita Ruga

Comm. Ministers:

Janet LaBoube

Harold & Mary Steiner

Sacristan: Janet LaBoube

Ushers: Harold Stiener-JD Causey

Chad Grannemann-Nathan Kopp

Offertory: Chad Grannemann Family

Servers: Ava & Ashlyn Hughes

Hali Overkamp



#### **7:00 am Mass**

Lector: Justin Alferman

Comm. Ministers: Joe Mundwiller

Ruth Baumstark-Allen Speckhals

Sacristan: Mike Witthaus

Ushers: Dan Baumstark-Kirby Kothhoff

Dennis Kleekamp-William Fischer

Servers: JJ Mundwiller

Larry Thompson



#### **10:30am Mass**

Lector: Kate Engemann

Comm. Ministers: Sheila Bruckerhoff

Lynn Bucher-Pat Erbschloe

Sacristan: Kellie Witthaus

Ushers: Tom Bruckerhoff-Kelith Heying

Harold Gloe-Alan Gloe

Servers: Emma & Caroline Starke

Jordan Heying

Trustees: Jud Mueller

Cate Radtke



*Peace On Earth*

### **UP-COMING EVENTS**

Sunday, Dec. 31st New Year's Eve

Dance, St. Gertrude, Krakow

For reservations call: 636-239-2977

Jan 5th, St. George Fish Fry, 5-7 pm.

Jan 29-Feb 2, Catholic Schools Week

Feb 17-19, TEENS ENCOUNTER

CHRIST retreat weekend at StG

School