

FROM THE PASTOR: We can learn some important things from the man mentioned in today's Gospel account by Luke. Simeon makes an interesting statement after he has held the infant Jesus in his arms, "Now, Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your Word." Simeon is making this statement to Yahweh (his master) while Joseph and Mary are present, having brought their new-born son to the Temple for the prescribed Rite of Presentation. "Peace"....something we all want and yet, very fleeting because it is often misunderstood. Listen to this story. A man always bought his shoes one size too small. The sales clerk wanted to know why, and the man explained. He said, "My house is a war zone. We are in constant conflict. I do not get along with my wife. My children do not get along with either one of us. And they fight among themselves like cats and dogs. When I get home in the evening, the only thing I can look forward to is taking off those shoes." Simeon can testify to us that there is a better way. He is a man described as "righteous and devout." He is not described as a man "without conflict in his life," and yet he tells God that He can "dismiss him in peace." Jesus taught this truth during his three years of ministry. Peace is not something that is defined as a life without conflict. After all, Jesus did say that He will be the cause of dissension among family members as well with other people in our small part of the world. Thus, Simeon teaches us that "peace" is the result of "keeping close to God by living His commandments," (righteous), and by a constant "prayer life," (devout). Just knowing that we are "right" with God can be a source of daily and lasting peace. Just knowing that we are trying our level and genuine best to always live by the Ten Commandments can give us peace of mind and heart. If we have any ability for personal shame in our lives, or have a working conscience in our lives, then we should feel guilt and remorse when not living by the Ten Commandments...all of them! But when we do practice the Ten Commandments faithfully, our Father in heaven promises us a "peace" that the world cannot give. And one way to ensure that we practice God's Ten Commandments is by daily praying to God for direction and strength to do so. All of us have read about or we personally know people who have plenty of money and worldly possessions but are unhappy, because of conflict in their marriages and family life, or are unhappy at work, etc., etc. It is safe to say that their wealth is not the cause of their turmoil and unhappiness. Rather, more than likely, it is because they are not "right with God" and "do not talk to Him in daily prayer." Simeon was a "righteous and devout man," according to the Word of God, and that is why he could say to his God, "I am ready to go in peace." --Msgr. Greg

COLLECTION: January 26th, 2020

Adults Envelopes (168/39%).....	\$ 9,265.00
Children (5)	5.00
Loose.....	648.18
Total.....	\$ 9,918.18
Property Maintenance.....	\$ 175.00
Education Fund.....	\$ 100.00

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.

Holy Father's intention: "We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world."

Bishop McKnight's intention: "For those discerning a vocation: May they have the grace to hear the voice of God in their hearts, and may they experience the encouragement of the Church to respond with grateful hearts." Let us pray to the Lord.

CHARTER MEMBER WINNER: January 26th winner was Sylvia Loehnig who won 6 Fish Fry Certificates.

SCRIP ON HAND will be sold every weekday at the parish office from 8am to 3pm; on Friday from 7 to 8am in the church basement and after Mass when a seller is available. Please continue to use the Scrip order forms in the back of church. You can turn them in after Mass or put in the collection with payment and they will be able to be picked up by that next Friday or after Mass the next week.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive a statement.

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS to the family and friends of Edmund "Whitey" Ruettgers. May he now enjoy a place of light, happiness and peace in God's Kingdom. May he rest in peace.

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS to Ben & Jeanette, Reid & Quin Steiner, other family and friends of Owen Harold Steiner who passed away on Tuesday. May they find comfort in knowing their little one is surrounded by God's eternal light. May he rest in peace.

WE PRAY also for the repose of the soul of Fr. Ildephonse Skorup, OFM who passed away last Thursday, January 23rd at the age of 89 years. He was assigned to the parish here from 1963 to 1968. May he rest in peace.

WHITETAIL DINNER AUCTION: The committee is looking for auction donations for the annual Auction on February 29th. If you would be able to donate an item for the silent or live auction please contact the Office at 573-236-4390.

A GRATEFUL THANK YOU Your generosity is overwhelming and we can't thank you enough for the huge donation of toys for the community Christmas program. We served 59 local families, with 148 children. Your donations ensured the success of the program and put smiles on the faces of our children this holiday season. We are so thankful for St. George's support each Christmas Season and fortunate to live in such a giving community. Thank you for everything!!
 Bartow & Dawn

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 2:

Scrip sold after 10:30 am Mass

7-11am Lion's Club Breakfast/Wursthaus

MONDAY, February 3:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

7:00pm Pro-Life Rosary

A Team Tournament @Lonedell begins

TUESDAY, February 4:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-noon

WEDNESDAY, February 5:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

6:00pm Mass @CRS

THURSDAY, February 6:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

1:00pm StG Quilting

7:00pm StG Finance Meeting

FRIDAY, February 7:

Scrip sold 7-8am in church basement -8-3 in parish office

8:30am-2:30pm First Friday Adoration & Benediction

5-7pm Home & School Fish & Chicken Fry

7th Grade boys Tournament begins

@Immanuel Lutheran

SATURDAY, February 8:

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

5:00pm Evening Mass @StG

B Team Girls Tournament/Hermann today

SUNDAY, February 9:

Scrip sold after 10:30 am Mass

PRAY FOR OUR SICK Mary Korman, Maura Winkelmann, Melba Engemann, Anna Belle Mueller, Solomon & Paul Mundwiller, Michelle & Bethany Mueller, Susie Smith, Evelyn Winkelmann, Brenda Baur, Trevin Hale, James Hill, Tinecia Watson, Rachel Bruemmer, Lois Metz, Penny Fischer, Ron Weber, Karen & Julie Bretton, Amber, Nicole & Ila Parrott, Emma Todd, Cindy Finders, Greg Larm, Edna Hagedorn, Wayne Aholt, Chantel Obregon, Ida Brandt, Patricia Maitland, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Peggy Brown, Pat Dufner, Mary O'Mara, Jim Welschmeyer, Frank LaBoube, Jamie Karll, Jack Wagner, Virginia Crawford, Kenny Schaefferkoetter, Warren & Clarene (Mutz) Grass, Therese Stockston, Casey Gleeson, Scotty Wagner, Melva Stolte, Marcia Sever, Marie Lieneke.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT STG

SUNDAY, February 2:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George

10:30am Michelle Engemann

MONDAY, February 3:

8:00am Communion Prayer Service

TUESDAY, February 4:

7:50am Fr. James Offutt

WEDNESDAY, February 5:

7:50am Lena Voeller

THURSDAY, February 6:

8:00am Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight

FRIDAY, February 7:

8:00am Edmund Ruettgers

9:15am Jerome Weber (Victorian Place)

SATURDAY, February 8:

5:00pm Glen Warnebold

SUNDAY, February 9:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George

10:30am Judy Baumstark

**CATHOLIC
STEWARDSHIP
2019 GOAL
\$26,000.00**

We are at 85%

BISHOP MCKNIGHT will once again reward parishes who reach their goal with the annual CSA Campaign. If we achieve our goal, then 10% of the goal will be returned to us and 90% of any money donated over the Parish goal. So I ask you to consider helping us achieve our Parish goal again this year. Thank You!! - Msgr. Greg

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

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.

NEW SCHEDULES for March April & May will be made soon. Please contact the parish office if you need any changes to your schedule. 486-2723

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

February 8-9

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Chris Thiessen

Comm. Ministers: Jeff

Englert-Marilyn Overkamp-Susan Hinkley

Sacristan: Jeannie Theissen

Ushers: Jim Schneider-JD Causey

Jeff Englert-Nathan Kopp

Offertory: Jeff Englert Family

Servers: Natalie & Cecilia Kopp

Carter Gerlemann



7:00am Mass

Lector: Lance Conway

Comm. Ministers: John Van Booven

Allen Speckhals-Ruth Baumstark

Sacristan: Mike Witthaus

Ushers: Dan Baumstark-Harold Englert

Kirby Kotthoff-Larry Bock

Servers: Liz, Ethan & Eric Chorley



10:30am Mass

Lector: Kate Engemann

Comm. Ministers: Anna Lee

Paula Schannuth-Debby Heying

Sacristan: Cara Stiers

Ushers: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Servers: Paige & Sydney Schulte

Morgan Penning

Trustees: Steve Engemann

Sheila Bruckerhoff



UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 2nd—Hermann Lions

Pancake Breakfast—Wursthaus

Sunday, Feb. 16—CRS Men's Breakfast @Valentine Hall 7 to 11am

Sunday, Feb. 16th—Sausage Supper, St. Paul's Church, Berger 11am-5pm

Saturday, Feb. 22nd—Shrimp Boil in gym 5-9pm-Pray for good weather!!!

Saturday, Feb. 26th—CRS White Tail Dinner/Auction @Valentine Hall

PLEASE SAVE Best Choice & Box Tops for School & Village Market receipts for the Parish. Aluminum cans can be put in the trailer on the lower parking lot. Thanks!!