FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT: Pastoral Planning is different from other kinds of planning processes which many may have experienced. Our focus is on "discernment," that is, "that Christian discipline in which we attempt to listen to God's dream for us, which guides us to make a discovery that can lead to future action." As Catholics we want to center that "discernment" process within our respective parish. I ask you to reflect upon these words of our Holy Father, Francis: "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters.'" ("Joy of the Gospel," No. 28)

We can never assume that because our parishes have existed in one manner, they are always going to be that way. Instead, our parishes must adapt and change to meet the needs and hopes of our people, especially for future generations. In my discernment which has led to me calling for this pastoral planning process, I have recognized three areas of focus on which we need to build this planning process:

**Creating a culture of co-responsibility between the clergy and laity, in accord with the Second Vatican Council's teachings;

**Raising awareness of the spirituality of stewardship as essential for all disciples; and

**Increasing our parishes' capacity as centers of charity and mercy.

Your Lenten sessions will give you a deeper understanding of the "spirituality" of stewardship. As Christian stewards, we must receive God's gifts gratefully, must cultivate them responsibly, must share them lovingly in justice with others, and must return them with increase to the Lord. During Lent 2020, we can delve into our responsibilities in renewing our parishes so that, as Pope Francis reminds us, parishes are truly "the presence of the Church in a given territory." While our Sunday Liturgies are the source and summit of our worship, our parishes must also be centers of charity and mercy. Pope Francis writes, "This presumes that [the parish] really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few."

During Lent 2020, you are invited to discern, along with other parishioners, what needs to change, what needs to be strengthened and what may need to be set aside so that your parish can be "nearer to people, ... environments of living communion and participation ... and ... completely mission-oriented." Your insights will be provided to your parish councils, who will bring this information to our Diocesan Pastoral Council in September 2020 and the priests of our diocese in October 2020. I hope each of us find this planning process to be fruitful, both for our own individual growth, but also in becoming a more active participant in one's parish. Together, we will be a better Church, both now and for future generations. Call your parish office at 486-2723 or 236-4390 to sign up for a Lenten group. —Bp McKnight

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COLLECTION: February 9th, 2020

Adults Envelopes (145/33%)\$	7,084.50
Children (6)	6.00
Loose	833.00
Total\$	7,923.50
Property Maintenance\$	1,003.00
Education Fund\$	5.00

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>: "We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, and victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered."

<u>Bishop McKnight's intention</u>: "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.

<u>CHARTER MEMBER WINNER:</u> February 9th winner was Ruth Ann Speckhals who won 1 day church basement rental

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.

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

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.

BRUNCH & BLOOMS will be Sunday, March 15 from 10am to 2pm. This is sponsored by Church of the Risen Savior and will be held at Valentine Hall. Tickets \$25 for Brunch, Beverage Bar and guest speaker must be purchased before the event by calling CRS Parish Office 573-236-4390 or risensav@ktis.net This year's talk will be on Pansies.

<u>LIVING WATERS—LET MERCY FLOW</u> an evening that is meditative, engaging, humorous, thought-provoking, and a true encounter with God will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia, Sunday, March 1st at 7pm. Free Admission.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS with Donna Cori Gibson will be at St. George in LINN, MO at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 8th. This concert presents the Way of The Cross and asks you to take up your cross and follow Jesus. For more info call 573-897-2293.

Once again, our Bishop comes to us to ask for a re-commitment to be good STEWARDS of God's world, using our Time, Talent, and Treasure to honor Him and to benefit His creation. Closing Date in March 15th. We are @ 88% - Please help

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 16:

Scrip sold after 10:30 am Mass

7-11am CRS Breakfast @Valentine Hall

8:15am Grade School PSR

MONDAY, February 17:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

7:00pm Pro-Life Rosary

President's Day-No School

TUESDAY, February 18:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-noon

7:00pm Rosary for Peace followed by K of C meeting here

WEDNESDAY, February 19:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

6:00pm Mass @CRS

7:00 High School Confirmation Session

THURSDAY, February 20:

Scrip sold in Parish Office 8-3

1;00pm StG Quilting

6:30pm 2nd Grade parent/student

Meeting for 1st Eucharist

FRIDAY, February 21:

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

in parish office

SATURDAY, February 22:

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

5:00pm Evening Mass @StG

5-9pm SHRIMP BOIL IN GYM

SUNDAY, February 23:

Scrip sold after 10:30 am Mass

7th Grade Boys begin tournament at IC Union through Tuesday

PRAY FOR OUR SICK
Fr. Chris Aubuchon, 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, Ila
Parrott, Emma Todd, Cindy Finders, Greg Larm,
Edna Hagedorn, Wayne Aholt, Chantel Obreton, Ida
Brandt, Patricia Maitland, Peggy Brown, Pat Dufner, Mary O'Mara, Jim Welschmeyer, Frank La-Boube, Jack Wagner, Virginia Crawford, Kenny
Schaefferkoetter, Warren & Clarene (Mutz) Grass,
Naomi Mahnesmith, Casey Gleeson, Scotty Wagner,
Melva Stolte, Marcia Sever, Marie Lieneke.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT STG

SUNDAY, February 16:

7:00am Taylor Thompson

10:30am Parishioners of St. George

MONDAY, February 17:

8:00am Communion Prayer Service

TUESDAY, February 18:

7:50am For Families of Pregnancy

& Infant Loss

WEDNESDAY, February 19:

7:50am Helen Epple

THURSDAY, February 20:

8:00am Fred Spahn Anniv

FRIDAY, February 21:

8:00am Joe Bracht

SATURDAY, February 22:

5:00pm Mary Lammers Fricke

SUNDAY, February 29:

7:00am Jim Thomas Anniv

10:30am Parishioners of St. George

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP 2019 GOAL \$26,000.00

We are at 88% March 15th Deadline

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 this week. Please contact the parish office if you need any changes to your schedule. 486-2723

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

February 22-23

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Anita Ruga

Comm. Ministers: Janet LaBoube Cheryl Schwartze-Mary Steiner Sacristan: Marilyn Overkamp

Ushers: Joe Staggenborg-Roy Berlener

Bryan Brune-Jim Schneider

Servers: Reagan, Aubrey & Joseph

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7:00am Mass

Lector: Allen Speckhals

Comm. Ministers: Mike



Mundwiller-Carol Brandt-Joe Mundwiller

Sacristan: Rick Kopman

Ushers: Larry Thompson-Marilyn Seifert

Nick & Grace Godat Servers: Larry Thompson Madeline Godat

10:30am Mass

Lector: Debby Heying

Comm. Ministers: Lynn

Bucher-Caroll Scheidegger-Anna Lee

Sacristan: Colette Moeckli

Ushers: Cliff, Cydney & Chelsey Moeckli

Calvin Scheidegger

Offertory: Mr & Mrs Calvin Scheidegger

Servers: Alice, Luke & Norah Eggen

Trustees: Alan Gloe Cate Radtke

UP-COMING EVENTS

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

Friday—March 6th & 13th—Seafood
Buffets-4-7:30pm Most Pure of Mary
Church, Chamois-fish, frog legs, shrimp

Friday—Feb. 28-April 3rd—Fish &
Chicken Fry VFW—4:30-7pm

Friday—Feb. 21st-April 3rd—Fish & Shrimp Fry K of C Hall Gerald 4:30-7pm Sunday, March 15th—Brunch &

Blooms, Valentine Hall 10am-2pm