

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Kim Sprenger, this week's \$100 winner! Her ticket was sold by the Sprenger family.

St. George School will be off next week on an extended Thanksgiving break. School will resume on November 30th.

November is a month for giving thanks and showing appreciation to those who have gone before us. We like to take a moment and pause to give God thanks for all the gifts He has given us. Even in the midst of a pandemic, there is no doubt that God is good. Since Eucharist means Thanksgiving, it is a good time to attend Mass either virtually or in person and receive our Lord, Jesus, in the Eucharist. On behalf of the faculty and staff at St. George, we wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving. We are especially blessed that you entrusted your children with us to teach them not only academics, but also help with their spiritual formation.

HELIAS THEOLOGY TEACHER OPENING

Helias Catholic High School is seeking a Theology Teacher full or part-time beginning in January. For the full job description, please go to the Helias website at www.heliascatholic.com/AboutUs/EmploymentOpportunities or contact the office at 573-635-6139.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES

St. George is looking for 6-8 parishioners to run for parish council to serve 2021 -2023. Each member serves a three-year term, attends quarterly meetings, and helps coordinate the Spring Fling event. The parish council provides advisement to parish administrators to help promote parish growth, fellowship, and spirituality. Thank you to Jane Theissen, Mary Muenks, and Brad Deeken who have completed their terms at the end of this year. If you are interested in running for parish council, contact the parish office at 573-897-2293.

SCRIP HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

This week's winner of a \$25 scrip card is Debbie Haslag. To be entered in the next drawing, purchase at least \$100 of Scrip. If over the 6 week period, over \$500 is spent in scrip sales, that person will be eligible for our grand prize drawing on Monday, December 21 of a \$100 Scrip card that is in stock. Don't forget to use Scrip for your holiday shopping. There will be special rebates and new ship to home options available for those using the RaiseRight app to order. Contact Brenda at the parish office if you have any questions.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciate. Each gift, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the diocese, makes a very real difference. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going online to dioeffcity.org and clicking the "Donate Now" button.

<u>CSA Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>% of Goal Received</u>
\$22,000	\$12,885	\$10,080	46%

WREATHS FOR HEROES

The Wreaths for Heroes program will be held at St. George Church at 10:00 am on Dec. 5. Immediately following program, wreaths will be placed on veteran graves at St. George cemetery. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Backes at 573-680-0033.

MISSALS FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR

Missals for 2021 begin with Mass for Sunday, November 29 & will be available in the back of church over the next couple of weeks. You may take a Missal home with you to use while viewing Mass via live stream, or bring it back and forth with you to Mass. Please do not pick one up to use during Mass and return it to the stack of Missals after Mass. During this pandemic, Mass materials are not to be shared between different households. Also if you took a Missal home previously and have a green cover on it, we ask that you return the cover to be sanitized and stored until we can put them back out in the church pews. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

LIFE OF THE SAINTS- ST. COLUMBAN

Columban was a great Irish missionary in Europe. As a young man he was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, & sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor. After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, preaching, and commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterized by clerical laxity and civil strife. Columban established several monasteries in Europe, which became centers of religion and culture. Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reproved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, Columban was deported back to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy. He found favor with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio, where he died. His writings include a treatise on penance and against Arianism, sermons, poetry, and his monastic rule. The Liturgical Feast of Saint Columban is November 23.