

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Save the date: January 29th is the St. George Alumni Basketball Game. If you are interested in forming a team, please call the school office. Games will start in the afternoon before Mass. Then we will play the championship game after Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a chili supper after Mass.

A new year means many new opportunities & experiences in our faith. I would like to share a blessing from the USCCB, "Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days."

Please begin to save your Thriftway receipts dated January 1 – April 30. We are once again participating in the Thriftway Receipt program to raise funds to help us purchase items that aid in instruction that we may not be able to budget for otherwise. We also are still asking you to scan your receipt for Box Tops before sending them in to school. Other items that help our school are Best Choice Labels and Coke Rewards. All of these small things make a huge difference to our school.

The school is also in need of Lego sets. If you have any that you would like to donate, please let the school know.

TASTE OF ITALY

Taste of Italy will serve an Italian dinner from 4 - 8PM Saturday, January 15th in the St. George Activity Center. The Italian dinner will include chicken parmesan, spaghetti with meatballs, fettuccini alfredo, a zesty salad, bread, and cheesecake. Bottles of wine and beer will be available for purchase, along with a new option to pair desserts and wines. Dinner plates will also be served via drive thru out of the church basement.

Dinner tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. To purchase dinner or raffle tickets, check with any St. George School family, the scrip table, the school or parish office, Thriftway, Legends Bank or Studio 116.

A live auction will take place at the event at 7PM. An online auction will be held from December 26 until 4 PM on January 14th. Additional auction details will be posted on the St. George Home & School Facebook page. A limited number of silent auction items will be available the night of the event.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with all liturgical roles for Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested in participating as a greeter, Rosary leader, usher, lector, communion minister, live streamer, or collection counter, please contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

St. George Goal is \$22,440

Received: \$17,945 80% Committed: \$20,320 91%

Diocesan Goal is \$2,000,000

Received: \$1,245,696 62% Committed: \$1,463,756 73%

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8:30 – noon. We need volunteers to fill all the time slots for adoration. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church.

WOMENS WELCOME RETREAT

Ladies – do you feel like your life lacks purpose? Do you just “go through the motions” everyday? Save-the-date to join us for Welcome Weekend, February 19-20, 2022. Welcome is a weekend of meditation, prayer, renewal, & discovery of God’s purpose for your life. To register, please visit <https://stgeorgelinn.diojefcity.org/blog/2021/12/15/crhp-2-0-womens-welcome-weekend/>

HELIAS CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Helias Catholic High School’s Open House on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon. Families and students of all ages are invited to come meet teachers, tour facilities, explore activities and clubs, and learn about how Helias Catholic is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ. All are welcome! Please call 573-635-6139 with any questions.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

If you volunteer with the parish through the church or the school in any way or have children enrolled in the school, please make sure your Virtus training, background checks, and Code of Conduct are up to date. Please log into your Virtus account at www.virtusonline.org to see if your information is up to date or to complete any necessary training or documentation. We expect to meet with the Diocese to audit our Safe Environment status in January. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at the parish office.

ST. FELIX OF NOLA

Felix was the son of Hermias, a Syrian who had been a Roman soldier. He was born on his father's estate at Nola near Naples, Italy. On the death of his father, Felix distributed his inheritance to the poor, was ordained by Bishop St. Maximus of Nola, and became his assistant. When Maximus fled to the desert at the beginning of Decius' persecution of the Christians in 250, Felix was seized in his stead and imprisoned. He was reputedly released from prison by an angel, who directed him to the ailing Maximus, whom he brought back to Nola. Even after Decius' death in 251, Felix was a hunted man but kept well hidden until the persecution ended. When Maximus died, the people unanimously selected Felix as their Bishop, but he declined the honor in favor of Quintus, a senior priest. Felix spent the rest of his life on a small piece of land sharing what he had with the poor, and died there on January 14. His tomb soon became famous for the miracles reported there, and when St. Paulinus became bishop of Nola almost a century later (410), he wrote about his predecessor, the source of our information about him, adding legendary material that had grown up about Felix in the intervening century. His feast day is January 14th.