

✠ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 - 26

- Tue, Feb 21 6:00pm Stephanie Rinne, Jim Scheulen, Charles Scheulen, Cletus Scheulen, & Debbie Scheulen
- Ash Wednesday**
- Wed, Feb 22 8:00am Shirley Lock; Dorothy Ihler
9:30am Robert Dudenhoeffer- *Frankenstein*
6:00pm Parishioners
- Thu, Feb 23 9:30am Mary Ann Kremer-*Frankenstein*
- Fri, Feb 24 8:00am John & Pat Oidtman
- Sat, Feb 25 5:00pm Hugo Brandt
- Sun, Feb 26 8:00am 50th Wedding Anniversary –Dan & Edith Kirsch; Bill & Pearl Gentges; Shirley Evans; Bill & Clara Kirsch- *Frankenstein*
10:00am Parishioners

The Saturday evening Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will be streamed at www.facebook.com/stgeorgeparishlinn/.

EVENTS

- Fri, Feb 17 – K of C Fish Fry** – Loose Creek School, 5-7pm, drive thru only \$12/meal
- Fri, Feb 17 – Argyle K of C Fish Fry** – 5-7pm, swai fillets, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, apple sauce & slaw, \$12 adult
- Sun, Feb 19 – CYO Fellowship Activity**- CYO will meet at the Show Me Axe House in Linn at 11:15. All youth will have to have parents sign activity waivers. Pick Sup youth at 12:30pm.
- Sun, Feb 19 – Consoling the Heart of Jesus**- 3pm, Chapel.
- Tue, Feb 14 – Divine Mercy Chaplet**-3pm, St. George Chapel
- Tue, Feb 21 – St. Ann’s Sodality Meeting**- Notre Dame, 7pm
- Wed, Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday Mass** – 8am & 6pm at St. George and 9:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians
- Thu, Feb 23 – School Rosary** – Join our school to pray the Rosary in St. George Church at 7:45am
- Fri, Feb 24 – Linn K of C Fish Fry** – St. George Church Hall
- Sun, Feb 26 - Consoling the Heart of Jesus**- 3pm, Chapel
- Tue, Feb 28 – Divine Mercy Chaplet**-3pm, St. George Chapel
- Wed, Mar 1 – Stations of the Cross**- 6:30pm, Linn & Frankenstein, Confessions available in Frankenstein this week.
- Thu, Mar 2 – Parish Council Meeting** – 5:30pm
- Fri, Mar 3 – First Friday Adoration**- following the 8am Mass – 12pm. Sign up to cover a Holy Hour in the back of church or just stop in to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Sat, Mar 4 – First Saturday Mass & Confessions**- in Westphalia, 7am Confession is available, 8am Mass begins.

BISHOP’S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For engaged couples preparing for marriage in our Church; that they may grow together in their love for one another as they seek to enrich their matrimonial commitments with the grace of God. We pray to the Lord...

	Total collection
February 4 & 5	\$17,854
February 11 & 12	\$12,383
February 18 & 19	\$
February 25 & 26	\$

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

FEBRUARY 25 & 26

USHERS

- (will need to complete Mass Counts of all attendees)*
- 5pm**– Kevin Cox, Mike Deeken, Brad Deeken, Russell Dudenhoeffer
- 10am**– Stanley Riegel, Lousi Saunier, Bob Scheulen, Gary Anderson

LECTORS

- 5pm**– Debra Oliveras, Sharon Sprenger
- 10am** – John Klebba, Ben Klebba

COMMUNION MINISTERS

- 5pm** – Deacon Tony, Debra Deeken, Evelyn Niekamp
- 10am** – Deacon Tony, Kenny Fick, Pat Brandt

SERVERS

- 5pm** – Dawson Sprenger, Kenzie Jurd, Layla Wingrath
- 10am** – Colleen Clough, Vince Tschappler, Daniel Clough

GREETERS

- 5pm** – Jane Verdott- Theissen
- 10am** – Elaine Hunt

MUSIC

- 5pm**- Pam Radmacher, Sarah & Samantha Brandt, & Choir
- 10am**- Melissa Massman, Marlena Woelk, & Choir

LIVE-STREAMING

- 5pm** – Debbie Backes

ROSARY LEADER

- 5pm** – Edna Kliethermes
- 10am** – Gerri Reynolds

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Bonnie Hackmann, Kristen Hackmann

CALL TO PRAYER

Please pray for: Kim Kliethermes Backes, Jeanette Balliz, Mary Berhorst, Doris Boes, Vince Boillot, Kathy Cartwright, Holly Eynard, Nick Eynard, Mike Fowler, Cody Fulkerson, Kennedy Hartmann, Donnie Haslag, Nate Helmig, Lisa Higginbotham, Gary & Rosie Huckstep, BJ Kaullen, Tyler Kliethermes, Donnie Linnenbrink, Heather Manfreddie, Darlene Mengwasser, Wyatt Niemann, Terry Eugene Nilges, Bridget & Mike Parkhurst, Tricia Rehagen, Loretta Rustemeyer, Lydia Samson, Frank Schroeder, Judith Schroeder SSND, Blake Snyder, Eloise Taulbee, Larry & Sharon Thomas & Chad Williams. *Contact the parish office to have someone added to our prayer list.*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 22 at 8am & 6pm at St. George in Linn and 9:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians in Frankenstein.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be available each Wednesday in Lent beginning March 1 at 6:30pm in Frankenstein & in Linn. Fr. Tony will be available for confessions in Frankenstein on March 1 & March 29 with all others in Linn.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Recently, we sent out a letter to our school parents in response to questions regarding budgeting for the upcoming school year. As our school is a large part of how our parish fulfills its mission, we wanted to share the contents with those of you who do so much in support of the parish school.

In December, the school Advisory Council president, our financial advisor, Fr. Franklin and I met to develop a budget for the upcoming school year. The St. George school budget looks at all the needs of the school and tries to anticipate as many unknowns as possible. As with any school budget, salaries and benefits take the largest portion. We did our best to anticipate any staffing changes, increases to health care premiums, and incorporate increases due to inflation, etc. It was a sobering experience to look at these numbers and compare them to where our parish giving has been recently.

The school budget is discussed at every school Advisory Council meeting. As a group, we determine if our spending is in line with what has been budgeted. For example, at the last meeting, St. George School had spent 63% of the money projected in the 2022-2023 budget, and we had completed almost 60% of the year. St. George has an annual budget of more than \$850,000 serving 180 students. It is a big place, doing vital work for the future of the Church, and we are blessed to have a parish that supports us.

Unfortunately, there is a disconnect with the amount of estimated revenue and that of our expenses. With that in mind, there are several problems with the budget that need to be addressed. The first issue is that estimated revenue has not been met. The second is with a school that is growing the way ours is, we have had to increase expenses in order to provide a quality education for students.

As you know, our school is funded through the stewardship model, which means we do not charge tuition to families who are active Catholic parishioners. The parish, understanding the school is its largest and most important ministry, funds the operational costs of the school. The funds to support the school comes from the generosity of our tithing parishioners.

We depend on ALL of our parishioners to support the parish, so the parish can support the school. Unfortunately, when giving is less generous at the parish, it affects what we are able to do at the school. We are asking you—as all parishioners are asked— to prayerfully discern if you are supporting your parish to the best of your ability.

This parish school has accomplished so much with our parishioners' support. We have been able to hire an amazing staff with high standards and expectations for our students. We have hired a counselor, who helps our students navigate through rough times. We have been able to provide a more secure and improved campus- and the list goes on. The challenges we are facing financially are not new and can be remedied.

We want to continue to grow as the body of Christ. Our students are our main priority. We want them to continue to have a faith-filled Catholic education where we focus on being the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Moreover, we are counting on all of you to keep the St. George students growing in faith and knowledge.

Lisa Grellner, Principal

FR. FRANKLIN ON TEMPORARY LEAVE

As was announced at the Masses last weekend, Bishop Shawn McKnight has accepted Fr. Colin Franklin's request for a temporary leave of absence from his pastoral duties at St. George Parish in Linn and Our Lady of Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein for health reasons. Bishop McKnight has appointed Fr. Anthony Onyeihe as temporary administrator of the parishes until Fr. Franklin returns. Please keep Fr. Franklin in your prayers. Please read the following message from Fr. Franklin:

Dear parishioners,

Through the course of an evaluation and in consultation with some medical professionals, I have identified a couple of issues that would be beneficial to address at this time. The Bishop has graciously granted me some time to attend to these matters. I remain in good spirits and eagerly look forward to soon resuming my ministry, healthier than ever. I remain in regular contact with people back home and will keep you all constantly in my prayers.

May God Bless you all,

Fr. Franklin

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FR. FRANKLIN

St. George Parish is preparing a spiritual bouquet for Fr. Franklin during his leave. If you would like to participate by adding your prayers and well wishes, please fill out the form inserted in the bulletin and return to the parish office by Monday, February 27. You can put them in the collection basket, drop them by the parish office, return through kidmail at school, or email stgeorgeparish@att.net. The spiritual bouquet will be sent to him electronically so no physical gifts or cards will be sent with the bouquet at this time.

WELCOME FR. TONY

Please help us welcome Fr. Tony Onyeihe as our temporary administrator during Fr. Franklin's temporary leave. Fr. Tony is the associate pastor at Immaculate Conception in Jefferson City and was recently covering at the parish in Booneville. Please help us extend a warm welcome for him!



Stewardship



"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." *Matthew 5:44-45*

One of the pillars of stewardship is PRAYER. When we pray for others, even our enemies, it opens your heart and may soften their hearts.