

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we enter a new month, St. George School has many things for which we are joyful and thankful, including:

- We have dedicated teachers who put in a great amount of time & effort to ensure our students are learning & growing.
- The school year is off to a great start. Students embraced the new school year & come each day ready to learn.
- We are continuing to receive Jesus through the sacraments. Father Franklin is delving deep into the Mass, and helping our students form a better relationship with God. It was inspirational to start the school off with our eighth graders receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.
- We have been blessed with a counselor, who is dedicated to help students face their inner challenges. Our counselor is helping to maximize our students' success not only academically but in their psychological, social & emotional development.
- Finally, we have been highly successful incorporating the use of technology in our daily learning.

Challenges that our school will face for the rest of the school year that our school & parish community can help with:

- We would like to see more of our students regularly attend weekend Masses. The Catholic school is at the heart of evangelizing the mission of the Church. The school supports the parents, who have the primary responsibility for their children's education. Attending and participating in Mass is at the heart of our faith.
- Our teachers' salaries have been comparable to public schools in the past. We as a school and parish will need to find the financial backing in order to maintain our current staffing and programs that we have in place to ensure the highest levels of learning and student achievement.

The school's struggles are not new, nor are they unique to St. George. However, I feel that if each person takes a prayerful look at the stewardship way of life and considers how we can continue to grow the body of Christ, spiritually, physically, and financially, it will make a difference.

St. George Home & School is selling raffle tickets. Each ticket is \$20 with 10 chances to win. The first drawing will be \$1000, then the next eight drawings will be for \$100, and the final drawing will be for \$1500. We appreciate any support you can give. Tickets are available from all school families, the parish office, and at the scrip table.

MASS COUNTS FOR AUGUST

	Sat	Sun	Weekend Total
August 5/6	179	236	415
August 12/13	165	376	541
August 19/20	308	278	586
August 26/27	207	306	513
Avg Attendance	215	299	514

St. George has 1,153 registered adults & children in the parish. Average weekend Mass attendance for August is 45% of our parish members.

WILL YOU SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH CYO?

St. George CYO is looking for safe environment compliant men & women from our parish willing to share their experiences, big or small, with the Holy Spirit or Prayer with our youth group. If you would be willing to sit with our youth group and share your faith experience for either topic to help our youth grow in faith in these two areas, or if you want more information, please contact Brenda at the parish office.

PSR VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Kindergarten/First Grade class of PSR is looking for a volunteer to work as an aide to assist children with activities. A responsible high school student (A+ hours available) or a Safe Environment Compliant adult volunteer are welcome. PSR is on Wednesdays 4 – 5:30pm. Please contact Donna Zeilmann or the parish office if interested.

ST. GEORGE FALL FESTIVAL

The St. George Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 1. We will be serving whole hog sausage, roasted turkey and dressing from 11 am – 6pm. There will be a dessert auction at 4pm. We will need donations of dessert and specialty items for the auction that can be brought to the St. George Activity Center on the day of the fall festival. Each family is also asked to bring two pies and a loaf of homemade bread to support the dinner. There are collection envelopes available in your packets for donations towards the meat expenses as well. The work lists are available in the back of church, on the parish Facebook page and the parish website. If you are unable to work your shift, please find a replacement and notify the chair of your work area. We look forward to seeing you all on October 1!

SMALL DISCUSSION GROUPS

We encourage parishioners to reinvigorate their small groups or create a new group to participate in a four week "Spirituality of Catholic Stewardship Renewal" small group program called "The Four Pillars of Stewardship," written by Spencer Allen, Principal of Helias Catholic. Materials are available to view on left side of the Diocesan Stewardship page under "parish resources." <https://diojeffcity.org/stewardship/>.

STEWARDSHIP

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:7-9

Everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God and we respond with a grateful heart by giving him our whole selves.

