

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten and preschool round-up is on February 20th for the 2024-25 school year. If you are interested in sending your child to a Catholic school, please contact Mrs. Grellner at lgrellner@saint-george-parish.org or 573-897-3645.

We are saving Thriftway receipts dated January 1 – April 30. Please send your receipts to the school office. This program allows the school to obtain necessary items that are not budgeted. Receipts can also be scanned for Box Tops through an app on your phone. We are also collecting Best Choice labels.

The Stations of the Cross, (the Way of the Cross), provides us an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' death and the sacrifice He made for us. Parishioners are welcome to attend with St. George School on the following dates: Feb 23 after Mass, Feb 27th at 2pm, March 6th after Mass, March 14th at 2pm, & March 18th at 2pm.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Trivia night to help us with fencing around the campus, and the pancake breakfast they provided to kick off our Mardi Gras celebration. We are truly blessed to have the Knights so active in our parish and so supportive of our school.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMPS

Diocese of Jefferson City Youth Camps provide overnight experiences where young people can grow in community through activities that inspire a deeper relationship with Jesus. Camp Lolek is for junior high youth with a co-ed camp June 9-13, Boys camp June 16 – 20, & Girls camp July 7 -11. Camp Maccabee is for young men July 14 – 19 & Camp Siena is for young women July 21 -26. For more information or to register for camps, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-camps.

WOMEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Arise Women's Ministry of JCMO presents *Restored Through the Five Wounds of Jesus* on Sunday, March 24, 1 – 5pm at St. Stanislaus School Gym in Wardsville. Join us for an afternoon gathering of women where we share messages of God's Redeeming Love. Doors open at 12:30pm. Get tickets online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) search for Restored – A Womens's Retreat. Each ticket is \$20. Please RSVP by March 20.

USHERS NEEDED

We have very few volunteers to regularly be assigned in the rotation for liturgical assignments as ushers for both Saturday and Sunday Mass. If you are willing to serve in the regular rotation of ushers for either Saturday or Sunday and have not selected it on you 2023 CSA forms, please contact the parish office. Thank you to those willing to serve your parish at Mass!

JANUARY MASS COUNTS

	Sat	Sun	Weekend Total
January 6 & 7	224	284	508
January 13 & 14	177	188	365
January 20 & 21	163	270	433
January 27 & 28	192	317	509
Avg Attendance	189	265	454

St. George has 1,153 registered adults & children in the parish. Average weekend Mass (not including Holy Days) attendance for January is 39% of our parish members.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday during Lent at 7pm at both St. George in Linn and Our Lady Help of Christians in Frankenstein. Fr. Franklin will be available for confessions at that time in Linn on February 23, March 8, and March 22. He will be available for confessions during Stations of the Cross in Frankenstein on March 1 and March 15.

VITAE'S PRO-LIFE EVENT

Register to attend Vitae Foundation's Don & Ruth Ann Schnieders Pro-Life Event on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. The keynote speaker is author and podcaster Steve Deace, best known for his book *A Nefarious Plot* which inspired the 2023 movie *Nefarious*. The luncheon is from 12-1:30pm and the dinner event is from 6:30-9pm. Reservations are \$50 for lunch and \$100 for dinner per person and may be made online at vitaefoundation.org. For questions, to register, or to become a sponsor, please contact Stacey Kromer by 573-634-4316 or email her at Stacey.kromer@vitaefoundation.org.

LENTEN VESPERS

Lenten Solemn Vespers 5:00pm
Lenten Recital Series 5:35pm

February 18 Recital: Karen Bretz, Flute; Nicholas Liese, Organ
 March 3 Recital: Tom Halpin, Organ
 March 17 Recital: Andrew Meagher, Organ; Katharine Meagher, Soprano

Holy Week Schedule
 Holy Thursday - 7:00pm | Good Friday Stations - 3:00pm
 Good Friday Passion Liturgy - 7:00pm | Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

Each of these Sundays of Lent, we cordially invite you to join us at St. Peter's in Downtown Jefferson City (216 Broadway) for sung Vespers at 5:00pm. On the Sundays of February 18, March 3, and March 17, Vespers will be immediately followed by a small recital at around 5:35pm. Vespers alone should last around 35 minutes, and together, with Vespers and Recital together lasting around an hour.

This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:15

As we begin our own 40-day Lenten journey, we are called into a deeper relationship with God through increased prayer, giving alms and practicing self-control through fasting, which leads to the purification of our hearts and opens us to the gift of himself.

