

February Birthdays

14-Augustus Kuschel (3)

16-Ayden Bickell (2)

16-Zayden Eisterhold (5)

23-Henry Kuschel (K)

24-Mason Monroe (4)

**28-Colson Schaefer
(PK-3)**

Help Kids Beat Cancer: St. Jude's Math-a-Thon! 🧮❤️

It's time to put your math skills to work for a miracle! We are officially kicking off our St. Jude's Math-a-Thon, and we need every SGS student to get involved. By completing your math problems and gathering sponsorships, you are raising life-saving funds for children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please be as generous as you can—every dollar helps ensure that families never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing, or food. All donations and sponsorship forms must be returned to the school office by **March 6th**. Let's show our "Warrior" spirit by helping other kids get back to being kids!

February Calendar of Events

February is a busy month of academic competition, spiritual growth, and the transition into the Lenten season. Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

Important Dates & Highlights

- **Feb 16: No School** (Presidents' Day).
- **Feb 17: Mardi Gras!** We celebrate "Fat Tuesday" before our Lenten journey begins.
- **Feb 18: Ash Wednesday.** We begin the season of Lent with the distribution of ashes.
- **Feb 19: 8th Grade Retreat** Our 8th graders will be traveling to **Folk** for a day of prayer and reflection.
- **Feb 20: Progress Reports** will be sent home today. PK-2 will be in your child's folder, 3-8 will be emailed to the parents.
- **Feb. 23-** Reward Day.
- **Feb 24: Stations of the Cross.** Led by our **8th Grade** class. All are welcome to join us in prayer. Start time is 2:30 pm
- **Feb 27: 4-D Day:** Sponsored by the **3rd Grade** class. **Speech Meet:** Our Students will be competing at **Holy Family**.



Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners: Chloe Rikard, Jackson Jurd, Cooper Rikard, and Sam Brandt.



Kindergarten Screening Day

Date: March 2nd

Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

We are excited to meet our future students! Please see the guidelines below to determine if you need to schedule a time:

- **Current Pre-K Students:** If your child is already enrolled in our PK program, **no appointment is necessary.**
- **New Families:** If you are new to our school, please **call the main office** to schedule your screening appointment or if your child is currently not attending our PK program.



Important: "Teach Touching Safety" Program

Your child brought home information regarding our required *Teach Touching Safety* curriculum last Friday.

Please pay close attention to the form:

- This is an OPT-OUT Form.
- **ONLY** sign and return this paper if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the lesson.
- If you want your child to attend the safety class, no action is needed—simply keep the form for your records.

We are committed to providing our students with the tools they need to stay safe, and we appreciate your partnership in this mandated program.

Date	Event
Mar 2	Kindergarten Screening
Mar 5	Diocesan Science Fair; 7th Grade leads Stations of the Cross (8:15 AM in Church)
Mar 6	No School (Teacher Professional Development)
Mar 11	6th Grade leads Stations of the Cross (Immediately following Mass)
Mar 13	Last Day of the 3rd Quarter
Mar 16	First day students are permitted to wear shorts
Mar 17	5th Grade leads Stations of the Cross (12:30 PM in Church)
Mar 18	Lenten Retreat for Grades 5–8 (Starkenburg)
Mar 19	12:30 PM Dismissal (Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences); First Communion Parent Meeting (6:00 PM)
Mar 20–23	No School (Spring Break/Weekend Extension)
Mar 24	Stations of the Cross (2:30 PM in Church)
Mar 25	Holy Day of Obligation
Mar 26	Diocesan Spelling Bee (at St. Martins)
Mar 27	\$1.00 Dress Down Day (Sponsored by 2nd Grade)

July 17 **Calendar Update: New Last Day of School!**

Please take note of an important change to our school calendar: our final day of classes is moving to **Thursday, May 14th**. We're planning to go out with a bang, as this will also serve as our official **Awards Day and Sports Day!** It's going to be a fantastic day of celebrating our students' achievements and enjoying some healthy competition. School will follow a full-day schedule with dismissal at **3:10 PM**. We look forward to seeing everyone there to wrap up the year on a high note!

ST. GEORGE SPRING FLING

St. George will be hosting our annual Spring Fling on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Your donation of \$150 gets you a ticket for dinner for two provided by Argyle Catering and a chance to win up to \$8,000. Tickets available through parish council members, the scrip table, and the parish office. There will be an early bird drawing for anyone that has already purchased a ticket at noon on February 27th for an extra chance to win Spring Fling prizes.



Remember, every **Best Choice label is worth \$0.05** for our school, so please keep sending them in! Also, continue to scan your receipts for Box Tops. If you'd rather not scan, simply send your grocery receipts to the school, and we'll take care of the scanning! Please keep in mind that box tops expire within one week of purchase, so send in receipts immediately following purchases.

Support Our School While You Shop!

Did you know you can lower your tuition costs just by doing your everyday shopping? When you participate in our **Scrip Program**, a portion of every gift card you purchase goes directly toward your family's account.

How it works:

- **Lower Your Fees:** Use the rebates you earn to significantly reduce your **registration fees** for the upcoming year.
- **Support Our Classrooms:** The school's portion of the proceeds goes directly toward essential resources—like keeping our **school copiers** running and stocked for teachers and students.

It's an easy way to make your regular grocery, gas, and dining budget work harder for you and our school community.

Double Your Impact: Thriftway Receipts & Box Tops!

Starting **January 1 through April 30**, we are collecting Thriftway receipts to earn points for school materials that aren't covered by our regular budget. Please send them in as you receive them, instead of keeping until the end, to make it easier on our parent volunteers. Additionally, did you know you can help us twice with the same receipt? Before you send your Thriftway receipts, please **scan them using the Box Tops for Education app!** By scanning and then donating the physical receipt, we can utilize both programs at the same time to provide even more resources for our students. Thank you for your amazing support!



Is Your Favorite Hoodie Missing?

Our **Lost and Found** mountain is growing! We have accumulated a large collection of sweatshirts, hoodies, and winter coats that are missing their owners. If you've noticed a gap in your closet or your child has been coming home a layer short, please stop by the lobby hallway to take a look.

We would love to see these items reunited with their families before the pile gets any higher!

TO BE AN ACTIVE STEWARD MEANS TO: PRAY: That is, attend Mass faithfully in the parish on weekends and Holy Days

PARTICIPATE: That is, use one's time and talents to strengthen the Parish community.

SACRIFICIALLY GIVE: That is, pledge and remain current on a tithe of financial first fruits to support the ministries of the Parish. The goal is 8% to the Parish and 2% to other worthy charities.

2026 Lenten Regulations and Admonitions

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 3, 2026, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969).

To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent, and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Lent is a beautiful time to bring the "Domestic Church" to life in your home. Since Ash Wednesday falls on **February 18, 2026**, here are some of the best high-quality resources for families to use this year:

📱 Top Apps for Daily Prayer

- **Hallow (#Pray40):** This is the most popular Catholic app. For 2026, their **#Pray40 Challenge** typically features daily meditations that are great for the morning commute or family prayer time. They also have a "Kids" section with shorter, engaging prayers.
- **Amen App:** A free alternative from the Augustine Institute. It offers the "Tears of Christ" Lenten series and daily Gospel reflections that are very accessible for parents and older children.

🎥 Engaging Video Resources

- **FORMED.org:** Often called the "Catholic Netflix." Check out the "**Brother Francis**" Lenten series for younger kids, or "**The Art of Living**" with Dr. Edward Sri for parents and teens.
- **Holy Heroes (Lenten Adventure):** A classic favorite for elementary-aged children. They provide free daily emails with short videos, coloring pages, and fun quizzes that follow the Mass readings.

🔧 Hands-On Activities & Books

- **CRS Rice Bowl:** A staple for the "Almsgiving" pillar. It includes a cardboard collection box and a calendar with daily stories about families in need around the world, plus "meatless Friday" recipes.
- **Catholic Icing:** A fantastic website for "liturgical living." She offers printable Lenten calendars, "Resurrection Garden" instructions, and a "Jelly Bean Prayer" activity.

🏠 Practical Family Traditions

- **The "Sacrifice Jar":** Place a jar on the dining table. Every time a family member makes a small sacrifice (doing a chore without being asked, giving up a snack), they add a bean or a pebble. On Easter morning, the jar is replaced with a jar of jelly beans!
- **Stations of the Cross:** Many parishes have family-friendly Stations on Friday nights, but you can also find "Stations of the Cross for Children" booklets to pray together at home if the evening is too busy.

Small Change, Big Impact: Rice Bowls are Coming Home!

Our **Rice Bowls** are heading home today, and we invite you to join us in turning spare change into life-changing hope. By placing your bowl in a prominent spot and filling it with coins or bills over the coming weeks, you provide essential nutrition and holistic care to orphaned children in need. Please be as generous as you can with this project—while the bowls are small, your contributions make a massive difference. Kindly return your filled bowls by the week of April 6-10. Thank you for your incredible heart and support!



Introducing the debut book from City's Best Therapist, Tricia Orsheln
Founder of Tree of Hope Counseling and Wellness Center and Tree of Hope Creative, Ink

Blending her professional expertise with personal storytelling, Tricia's first children's book "Alohalani... Welcomes Change" follows a little girl, inspired by her own journey, as she moves from Missouri to the island of Kauai and learns to navigate her emotions along the way. Filled with the same tools Tricia uses in her counseling practice, this 32-page story helps children explore their feelings, build confidence, and discover that home and hope can be found wherever life takes them. With beautiful illustrations inspired by her memories of the island, this children's book is a celebration of growth, healing, and hope — and a perfect gift for kiddos ages 3-9, parents, educators, and practitioners.

Please scan the QR code to visit the Tree of Hope Creative, Ink website, to learn more and place your book order. www.treeofhopecreativeink.com

Order Information: Books are \$19.99 each (including sales tax) and will be brought to your child's book reading location. List your school's name in the "Company name" field. If you want a book personalized to someone and signed, please indicate this in the "Order notes" field both located in the checkout page.

If you have questions, please feel free to email
Tricia at: www.treeofhopewellness@gmail.com

Tricia is a proud resident of Osage County!



Author, Tricia Orsheln, will be doing a book reading for our students in grades K-3 on February 23rd at 10:00 am. Parents are invited to attend if you are interested.

Thanks to Debbie Backes for providing our teachers with a sweet treat in honor of Scouts' Week.



Our 7th grade did a great job at the 2nd annual Scholar Bowl. Kate Bradford was our class representative. She did a great job. We were so proud of her.



**Mardi Gras
Breakfast & Party**

Feb 17th

Breakfast
6:30-7:30am

Parents join your student for pancakes! provided by St. George KOC and Home & School

Party
after lunch

Students will enjoy games and a snack in shifts

Students can wear a brightly colored shirt and uniform pants

Parent Volunteers Needed
Breakfast 6:15-8:15am
Party 11:30-3pm

Volunteers to sign up contact Tassi @ 573-694-2532

A festive Mardi Gras banner with a yellow crown at the top center, a yellow banner with the word "MARDIGRAS" in purple letters, and strings of purple, green, and yellow beads. The background is purple with decorative masks and stars.

MARDIGRAS

**BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS
CHURCH BASEMENT
6:15-8:15AM**

**PARTY VOLUNTEERS
CHECK IN @ SCHOOL OFFICE
ACTIVITY CENTER 11:30-3PM**

11:30 AM SET-UP & GAME HELPERS
NEEDED - ACTIVITY CENTER

12:00 PM CROWNING OF THE 8TH GRADE
KING AND QUEEN - CAFETERIA

12:00-12:50PM GAMES FOR GR3-5
ACTIVITY CENTER

12:55-1:45PM GAMES FOR GR 6-8 ACTIVITY
CENTER

1:50-2:45PM GAMES FOR GR PK-2 ACTIVITY
CENTER

2:45-3PM SCHOOL WIDE PK-8TH
MASQUERADE DANCE PARTY IN THE
ACTIVITY CENTER (STUDENTS CAN WEAR
THEIR CROWN, SUNGLASSES, BEADS THEY
WON DURING GAMES

3PM ENTOMBING THE ALLELUIAS

Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus

The **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Founded in 1882 by Blessed Michael J. McGivney, the Knights serve as the "strong right arm of the Church," empowering Catholic men to put their faith into action by serving their parish, supporting families, and helping those in need.

Our local council is active and invites you to support the following upcoming events:

- **Lenten Fish Fries:** Mark your calendars for **February 20** and **March 27!** Join us for food and fellowship while supporting our charitable initiatives.
- **March 14th** Trivia Night (see flyer for details)
- **Annual Raffle:** Our council raffle is happening **now!** Proceeds go directly toward our service projects and parish support. Please contact any local Knight to purchase your ticket and for a chance to win.

Thank you for supporting the Knights as we work to build a stronger parish and community!

LINN K OF C 4838 RAFFLE

1. Big Bear's Deluxe Meat Bundle (\$600 Value) & Seasoning Set
2. \$500 Cash
3. Premium Whiskey Package (\$150 Value) & Two Handmade Knives by Dennis Dudenhoeffer

\$10.00 EACH - 500 TICKETS SOLD MAXIMUM

MUST BE 21 TO WIN • DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 27, 2026

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

St. George School has a limited number of tickets for sale. If you are interested, please send in your payment with kid mail. All Knights of Columbus members also have tickets to sell.



LINN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4838

HOLIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT

MARCH 14TH
6:30 PM

ST. GEORGE LINN SCHOOL GYM

- MULLIGAN'S AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- CHILDCARE PROVIDED BY CYO
- BYO SNACKS AND DRINKS
- \$160 PER TEAM (8 PEOPLE)
- PRIZES AND BRAGGING RIGHTS
- 10 CATEGORIES

CONTACT ETHAN GRELLNER WITH QUESTIONS AND REGISTRATION
VIA TEXT @ 573-821-4958

Sponsored by St. George 8th Grade

Fish Sandwich FUNDRAISER



\$5 Per
Sandwich

\$1
Soda Can

\$0.50
Assorted

February 27, 2026

11-3 TO GO OR BUSINESS DELIVERY

3-6 TO GO OR DINE IN UNTIL SOLD OUT

St. George Church Hall

Will Deliver to Local Businesses if preordered by 2/11/26.

Please call/text **Katie Kuschel (573) 291-6692**

or **Melanie Brandt (573) 619-4026**

to place a business preorder.

★ Thank you for your support!