



Church of St. George

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • FEBRUARY 22, 2026



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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Parish Mission Statement

We express and embrace the Divine Will in caring for each other, liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, ministries, stewardship, outreach, social gatherings and prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-8pm

Masses

Tues 5:30pm; Wed & Thurs 8:30am; 1st and 4th Fri at 8:30am
Sat 4pm; Sun 9:15am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:00pm-3:30pm and by appointment

Office Hours Tues, Wed, Thurs from 9am-3:00pm

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SAINTS by Bob Rawson

Saint Pauline of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus was born Amabile Lucia Visintainer on December 16, 1865. She was the second daughter of Antonio Visintainer and Anna Pianezzer in the town of Vigolo Vattaro, in Italy.

Like many others in the area, the Visintainer family was very poor but practicing Catholics. In September 1875, the family immigrated to the State of Santa Catarina in Brazil, where they founded the village of Vigolo, now part of Nova Trento.

From a young age, Pauline showed a strong devotion to Jesus and a desire to serve others. She dedicated herself to a life of prayer and spiritual contemplation, and she often fasted and practiced other forms of self-denial. From an early age she spoke of giving her life to God. After receiving her First Communion at about age 12, she began to participate in the life of the local parish, teaching catechism to children, visiting the sick and cleaning the local chapel.

On July 12, 1890, Pauline and her friend Virginia Nicolodi under the spiritual direction of a Jesuit priest, Luigi Rossi, committed their lives to religious service. They began by caring for a woman suffering from terminal cancer in a small house which was donated to the small community and the young girls began a schedule of religious living. After the woman's death the following year, they were joined by a third friend, Teresa Anna Maule.

In 1895, Rossi and Visintainer, seeing the need for a more formal and secure organization of the young women coming to them, decided to establish a religious congregation called the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. In December of that same year, the founding trio took religious vows. Visintainer took the religious name by which she is now known. The congregation, Brazil's first locally founded, grew quickly throughout the state, and in 1903, Pauline was elected their Superior General for life. She moved from Nova Trento to Ipiranga, São Paulo, where she opened a convent of the congregation in order to take care of orphans, the children of former slaves,



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and aged slaves who had been left to die because they could no longer work.

In 1909, Pauline was removed from her position as Superior General by the Archbishop of São Paulo, following a series of disputes within the congregation. She was sent to work with the sick at the Santa Casa and the elderly of

the Hospice of St. Vincent de Paul at Bragança Paulista, without being able to assume an active role in her own congregation. She spent her spare time praying in support of the congregation. In 1918, with the permission of Archbishop Duarte, she was brought back by the Superior General, to live at the General Motherhouse of the congregation at Ipiranga, where she would remain until her death. Pauline was acknowledged as the "Venerable Mother Foundress", when the Decree of Praise was granted by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1933 to the Congregation of the Little Sisters, establishing it as one of pontifical right.

Pauline's health began a long, slow decline in 1938, as she fought a losing battle with diabetes. On July 9, 1942, she died with the last words, "God's will be done." She was canonized by the Catholic Church in 1947. She was the first Brazilian to be proclaimed a saint by the Catholic Church when she was canonized on May 19, 2002, by Pope John Paul II. Pauline suffered from diabetes for much of her life and is considered an "unofficial" patron saint of diabetics.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays
at 7:00 pm, except for Good Friday:

Friday, Feb 27 (Spanish)

Friday, March 6

Friday, March 13 (Bilingual)

Wed, March 20 (Spanish)

Friday, March 27

GOOSED! A NEW MUSICAL WRITTEN BY KELLY KADLEC AND DANIELLE VINUP

Get your tickets for this upcoming show!

March 6-15, 2026. Osseo High School Auditorium

After writing ten youth musicals for the Church of St George, former music director Kelly Kadlec has co-written her first full-length musical with former assistant director, Danielle Vinup. Kelly joked that she was very excited to branch out and write something not geared toward children. Ironically, this “grown up” musical is based on the characters of Mother Goose’s beloved rhymes. While *Goosed!* is based on children’s literature, it is a more grown-up musical, geared toward adults and youth eight years and older.



Goosed! is a vibrant musical which asks its characters to assess the reality of the labels placed upon them. With lives built around lines from Mother Goose’s library, the characters in the village are held captive by their names and Mother Goose rhymes. Filled with plot twists and turns, it’s a comical and poignant look at well-known characters, all grown up and as you’ve never known them before.

We meet The Old Woman Who Lives in a Shoe. She has seven adult children in residence: Wee Willie Winky, Bo Peep, Miss Muffet, Peter, Georgy Porgy, Simple Simon, and Jill. On the other side of town lives the Royal Family: Old King Cole, the Queen of Hearts, and their son, Humpty Dumpty. Additional characters, including Mother Goose herself and an ensemble of villagers and royals, round out the cast. The youngest cast members are Mother Goose’s “goslings,” her young students. What follows is an uproarious unfolding of the plot as Humpty is forced to attend a support group in order to secure a wife. This group is led by the Grand Old Duke and includes Peter (who keeps his wife in a pumpkin shell) and Georgy (who kisses girls and makes them cry). Jack is wrangled into attending and finds that he needs to know himself better (Jack be nimble? Jack and Jill? Little Jack Horner?) Meanwhile, Humpty’s life is in danger. Who is behind this vicious plot? Mary Contrary? Will anyone find their true love? Will everyone rise above their stereotypes to become the best versions of themselves? The characters sing their way through their foibles and their search for “more.”

Kelly and Danielle wrote an entirely original script and score, with Kelly even writing orchestra parts to feature a 12-piece pit Orchestra. Dani submitted the script and music to a contest that was sponsored by Bunce Performing Arts. Kelly had never worked with this organization before and was thrilled when Bunce chose *Goosed!* for their collaborative project. The original idea was that Bunce would workshop the musical, meaning they would sit down with talented actors and spend time going through the script to find what needed work and what was already presentable. After reading the script and listening to the score, they decided it was already ready to be performed and offered to produce the musical as their spring show.

The musical will take place the first two weekends of March at Osseo Senior high. Tickets are already available on Bunce’s website at www.bunceperformingarts.com or at Kelly and Dani’s *Goosed!* Website at www.goosedthemusical.com.

Kelly expressed so much gratitude for her friends at St. George, saying that their encouragement and support of her previous musicals have paved the way for this opportunity. Had it not been for her years at St. George building musicals every Advent from the ground up, she said she would have never been able to turn this dream into reality. We have been so blessed that Kelly has been helping us out by playing and directing at Masses this month! We encourage you to support her as her original musical is staged for the first time.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

For information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Steve Cox** at 612-308-1253. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the community center.

Knights of Columbus Mission Statement:

We believe in human dignity and support causes that respect life from conception to reunion Christ.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 5th at 7pm

Knight of Columbus Lenten Fish & Shrimp Dinner March 27th, 5-7pm

Join the Knights of Columbus for their delicious Lenten fish and shrimp dinner including French fries, baked potatoes, coleslaw and desserts. Beer and wine available for purchase. \$15 for adults; \$5 for children's portion.

Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH FRIDAYS

Join the Knights featuring Steve and Robb for soup and sandwich dinners, featuring homemade sourdough crackers and bread! Every Friday from 5-7pm during Lent except for the Fish Dinner Fridays. Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner Saturday, March 14th at 5:00pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a delicious meal prepared by the Knights! The menu includes corned beef, glazed carrots, roasted potatoes, oven-baked bread, and a side salad. Mark the date – more details to come!

ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S COUNCIL

For more information, call

Marie Suchy at 612-599-9661.



Next Meeting: Thurs, March 5th at 9:30am

SEEKING WOMEN'S COUNCIL OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Women's Council is taking nominations for all officer positions. Please think about yourself or anyone else you would recommend to fill a 3-year term. The positions are the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please let us know if you are interested or have questions about the position. Contact Marie Suchy, 612-599-9661, or Michelle Flannery, 612-518-1140. Nominations will be taken at the February and March meetings, and the election will be held on April 2nd.

FAITH FORMATION SAFETY LESSONS

As part of the faith formation curriculum at St. George, the Archdiocese requires parishes to teach safety awareness lessons each year. These important lessons are part of the guidelines established by the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) of the Archdiocese to teach age appropriate safety concepts. Over the next two months, each grade level will engage in a video and/or discussion that is developmentally appropriate for their age to highlight important concepts regarding personal and/or online safety. Some of these topics include identifying a trusted adult, telling a trusted adult when they feel uncomfortable or scared, and learning rules to keep them safe online.

Most of the curriculum for the safety awareness lessons is taken from NetSmartz, a program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and has been approved by the Archdiocese. For more information, go to:

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

For some of these lessons, we may be sending out some materials for you to preview or some follow up materials in case you wish to use this as an opportunity to have a conversation with your children regarding these important concepts.

If you have any questions regarding the safety lessons, contact either Faith Formation Director Abby Wooley, awooley@stgeorgelonglake.org or Sara Dore at sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org or 952-473-1247.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
NEW FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
FINANCIAL UPDATE Weekly Goal \$5,350

Offering for 02/08 Week 32	\$4,288.00
YTD WEEKLY GOAL	YTD WEEKLY COLLECTION
	Year to Date Actual Offering
\$171,200.00	\$166,737.50
Monthly BIM Goal	January BIM Offering
\$2,000	\$455.00

Catholic Services Appeal 2026 PARISH GOAL: \$17,311.00

The Catholic Services Appeal is our Archdiocese's yearly fundraising campaign that responds to the needs of our local communities and its people. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal supports our parishes, schools, and dozens of Catholic ministries like Catholic Schools and faith formation, hospital ministry and care for those in crisis, college campus ministry, room and board for seminarians, respect life, support for the imprisoned, and so much more.

You probably have received a mailing already – you may mail your check directly to the CSA.

There are additional pamphlet/envelopes in the pews. You may also donate online at: <https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal/donate/>

HOSPITALITY SIGN UP

Donut pick up is now at Kwik Trip in Maple Plain.

Please sign up on the sheet at Hospitality!

February 22: Jamie & Dani Miskowic

March 1: Parish Council

March 8: Maria Ochoa Estrada & Confirmation

March 15: OPEN Please sign up

March 22: OPEN Please sign up

Help us welcome visitors and encourage social interaction and fellowship by hosting hospitality!

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 were mailed out in January.

If you have any questions regarding your statement or did not receive a statement, please email Paula Luna at pluna@stgeorgelonglake.org or call her at 952-228-5879.

DONATE HERE! St. George Giving QR Code



FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

This Weekend

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

— Matthew 25:35

As Christians, we have a Biblical mandate to feed the hungry. Please help stock food pantries in our area with your monetary donation. Thank you for your past generosity!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Southwest Options for Women

February 21-March 8

Fill a bottle - change a life!

Please pick up a baby bottle bank this week to fill with change, cash, or checks made out to



SouthWest Options for Women. We are collecting the bottles over the next two weeks to support women in our community who are experiencing an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. Our goal this year is \$2,800. SouthWest Options for Women provides needed resources such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling/mentoring, parenting education, and material support for mothers and babies.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who recently died: Louise Hewins, Enma Yolanda Ochoa Tenezaca (mother of Gabriela Céleri), Sister Lillian Kroll (sister of Clem Kroll), Dick Stevens (uncle of Joe Stevens), Patty Stevens (cousin of Joe Stevens), Paula Kasowski (daughter of Jim Maas), Mary Murley

Those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, or recuperating: Peter Beck (husband of Theresa Beck), Fr Shane's mother, Samantha Voigt (granddaughter of Theresa Beck), Pat Janos, Jane Hall, Allen Schwinghammer (brother of Karen Speeter), Bobbi Vaughan, Shawn Sutherland, Drew Janos (grandson of Rich and Pat Janos)

Those who are homebound or in assisted living homes

Those who are serving our country: Sid Brown, Whitney Eisinger, Justin Eisinger, Dylan Jones, Chris Pearson, Ben Persian

All those currently in treatment for their respective addictions and those who need to face their addictions.

MASSSES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, February 21, 4:00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday, February 22, 9:15am: †Schmitz Family

Sunday, February 22, 5:00pm in Spanish: TBD

Tuesday, February 24, 5:30pm: NO MASS

Wed February 25, 8:30am: †Enma Yolanda Ochoa Tenezaca

Thurs, February 26, 8:30am: NO MASS

Friday, February 27, 8:30am: NO MASS

Sat, February 28, 4:00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1, 9:15am: †Paula Kasowski

Sunday, March 1, 5:00pm in Spanish: TBD

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 25

9:00am-10:30am Divine Will group

6:15am-7:15am PreK-1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

6:15pm-7:45pm Grades 2-9+ Faith Formation & C

6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

7:00pm AA Meeting

Friday, February 27

5:00-7:00pm K of C Soup & Sandwich Dinner

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Thursday, March 5

9:30am Women's Council Meeting

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00pm AA Meeting

Friday, March 6

5:00-7:00pm K of C Soup & Sandwich Dinner

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Readings for Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Reading: No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does the LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalms: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel: At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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Readings for the Week of Sunday, February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Liturgical Ministers should check their emails for a Flocknote with next weekend's schedule. The new schedule starting February 28th was sent by Flocknote but was not finalized prior to bulletin submission deadline.

We are looking for the following liturgical ministers for the Saturday 4pm and Sunday 9:15am Masses: Lectors, Greeters, Rosary Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers. Please contact Sara Dore at sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org to volunteer or if you have questions. Training is provided & instruction guides are available.



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Bookkeeper Paula Luna, 952-473-1247 X105,
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Parish Secretary and Safe Environment Coordinator
Sara Dore, 952-473-1247 X101, info@stgeorgelonglake.org

Director of Music

This position is currently vacant.

Faith Formation Director, Abby Wooley
952-473-1247 X104, awooley@stgeorgelonglake.org

Confirmation Coordinator, Maria Ochoa Estrada

Office Assistant, Rowanne Dombeck,
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Matilde Narvaez, Leonardo Santiago, Robert Smith

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Paul Bennett (952) 200-7399

For inquiries regarding plot information and availability or to schedule a burial, contact Sara Dore at 952-473-1247 X101 or info@stgeorgelonglake.org.

Ministries

Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator

Jean Kottemann, 763-458-1591

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight

Steve Cox, 612-308-1253

ACCW Women's Council President

Marie Suchy, 612-599-9661

Parish Council

Chair Dick Speeter, 952- 475-1244

Secretary Frank Fraser

Trustee Daren Grothaus, 612-839-1162

Trustee William Kottemann, 612-802-4397
wkottemann@gmail.com

Other Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Marie Suchy Shannon Banks

Molly Yates Danielle Miskowic

Joe Smith Andy Pfeifer

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To register for the parish, contact the parish office at [952-473-1247 X101](tel:952-473-1247) or info@stgeorgelonglake.org or pick up a registration packet at the Welcome Center at the back of church.

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