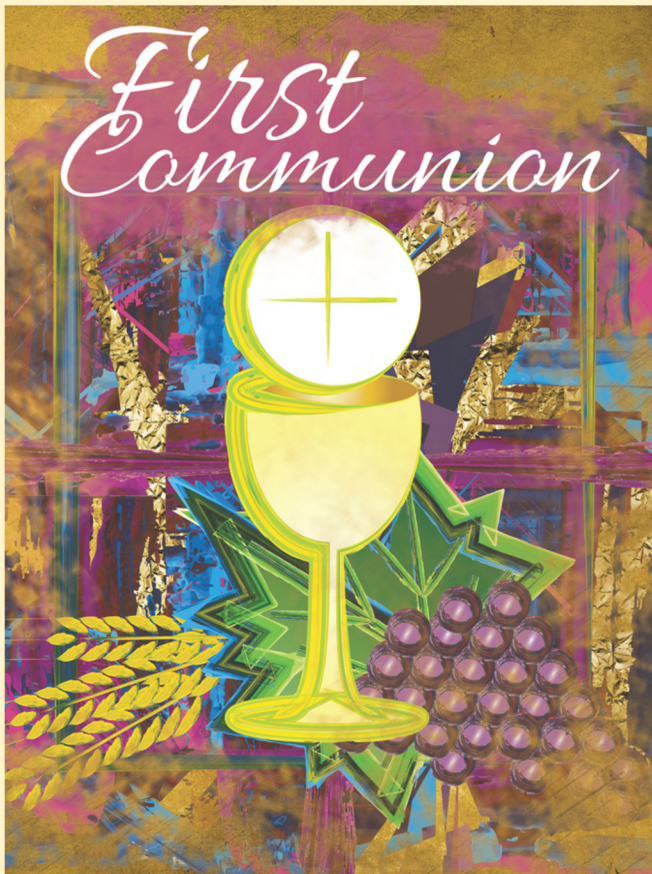




# Church of St. George

**FIRST COMMUNION • APRIL 26, 2026**



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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  
Tuesdays, 4pm-5pm, 6pm-7pm

### Masses

Tues 5:30pm; Wed & Thurs 8:30am; 1st and 4th Fri at 8:30am  
Sat 4pm; Sun 9:15am and 5:00pm in Spanish

**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

## Blessed Martyrs of Nowogrodek

The story begins on September 4, 1929, when the first two Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth arrived in the small town of Nowogrodek, Poland. Nowogrodek is a small town now in modern Belarus. Its population was very diverse, including Jews, Muslims, Belarusian, Russians and others.

A few people helped them to find a place to live and in time more Sisters joined them. The townspeople were not terribly welcoming to these women of God. In the face of opposition to their presence, there was some talk of withdrawing the Sisters. Bishop Zygmunt Lozinski, who had recruited the Sisters, pleaded, "Do not leave Nowogrodek; remain at your post. That is God's will and mine!" Their help and overall assistance to Nowogrodek's community gradually gained them the respect of the locals. But in September 1939, as the Second World War began, Soviet Russia occupied the area. With the Russian occupation, the school was taken from the Sisters. They were forced to leave their convent and live in the homes of parishioners. They were forbidden to wear their habits.

Thousands of innocent people were arrested and transported to the steppes of Kazakhstan and to Siberia. Within two years, the Russians withdrew, and then came the German occupation. The Germans started their terror by gathering dozens of local Jewish people in the market square and killing them, while their orchestra played a waltz.

The Sisters cared for the local parish church, lovingly referred to as the Fara. Daily the Fara Church was filled with believers, but the executions continued nonetheless. In July 1942, a mass execution took place in the forest near Nowogrodek; 60 people including two priests Fr. Jozef Kuczynski and Fr. Michal Dalecki were shot. The citizens of Nowogrodek, tormented by the regime, looked for comfort in the church where Fr. Aleksander Zienkiewicz, the only priest left in the area, celebrated daily mass.

However, the Gestapo was still arresting and

killing people. On the night of July 17 and 18th 1943, 120 people were arrested to be executed. Sister Maria Stella was meeting with Fr. Zienkiewicz and said, "My God, if sacrifice of life is needed let them kill us and not those who have families. We are even praying for that." And suddenly, for an unknown reason, the execution of 120 people was stopped. Those who were supposed to be killed were transported to compulsory work in Germany. Some were even released. Those who were transported survived the war.

However, on July 31, 1943, Sister Maria Stella and her nuns were ordered to report to the Gestapo headquarters at 7:30 p.m. After the rosary, 11 nuns went to the building.

Their names were: **Sisters Stella Mardosewicz, Imelda Zak, Kanizja Mackiewicz, Rajmunda Kukolowicz, Daniela Jozwik, Kanuta Chrobot, Sergia Rapiej, Gwidona Cierpka, Feliczyta Borowik, Heliadora Matuszewska, and Boromea Narmontowicz.** That evening the nuns thought that the worst thing that could happen to them was transportation to Germany for slave work.

The nuns did not hear any accusations, and there was no investigation. On Sunday, Aug. 1, 1943, at dawn, the nuns were transported and executed in a birch-pine tree wooded area not far from the town. Love was killed by hate.

In 1945, the Second World War ended. Fr. Zienkiewicz, Sister Malgorzata and all those 120 for whom 11 nuns had sacrificed their lives, survived the war. The martyrs of Nowogrodek call us to remember how great evil can enter communities. They encourage us to support one another irrespective of national boundaries, and to pray, in faith, as Christians. "No one has greater love than this—that one lays down one's life for one's friends," said the late John Paul II on the day of Sister M. Stella and her Ten Companions beatification on March 5, 2000.

**Corn Days Meeting  
This Sunday  
10:15am after Mass**



## WELCOME FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES!

Today we welcome friends and family of our First Communicants as we joyously celebrate First Communion. Please check out next weekend's bulletin for pictures and for the names of the First Communicants who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend.

## SACRAMENTAL SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND May Crowning & Sacramental Reception Sunday, May 3rd, 9:15am Mass

Everyone is invited to May Crowning before the Sunday 9:15am morning Mass next weekend. Come join us to honor Our Mother Mary. Then everyone is invited to a Sacramental Reception in the Community Center to celebrate those who are receiving sacraments this spring, including our First Communicants and our Confirmands. Cake and refreshments will be served. We hope you join us for these special events!



**FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
Congratulations to the children from our parish (pictured on the left) who made their First Reconciliation this winter, with six children having their First Reconciliation on January 31<sup>st</sup> and one student on February 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Sage Cabuchola  
Joshua Estrada Guevara  
Sofie Jundt  
Nathan Mallak  
Isaac Santiago  
Mateo Trejo Diaz  
Ben Yates

### A Special Thank you!

Thank you to Catechists Jean Kottemann and Marie Ziesmer, assistants Gabriela Celleri and Jason Estrada-Nuñez, faith formation director Abby Wooley, and Father Shane Stoppel-Wasinger and Father Joe Kuharski for their wonderful work with our children this year! Thank you also to all the parents for supporting their children as they grow in faith.

## Maverick Zappa Baptism

Congratulations to Maverick Zappa, his parents Scott and Wittne Zappa, grandparents Mike and Rowanne Dombeck, and godparents Jamie and Danielle Miskowic upon Maverick's Baptism on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.





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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: Thurs, May 7th at 7:00pm**

**Next Meeting: Thurs, May 7th at 9:30am**

### SALE DATES

**Wednesday, May 13th, 9 AM - 7 PM**

9-10 am PRESALE - \$5 to enter; 10am-5pm regular price & free entry, 5-7pm 50% off

**Thursday, May 14th, 9 AM - 11 AM**

\$5 Bag Sale (Anything too big for a bag is 50% off!)

### Collection at the POD:

Saturdays 12pm-1pm: April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm: April 29<sup>th</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>

### SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE RUMMAGE SALE!

Check out the Women's Council's Rummage Sale page on the parish website for more info and to sign up: <https://stgeorgelonglake.org/ministries/womens-council-events-and-information/>

There will be an opportunity for volunteers to pre-shop before the sale. This opportunity is only open to people who have volunteered for two or more collection/organizing shifts. See the sign up for the POD shifts on Sign Up Genius.

**Left Top and Middle: The Knights of Columbus Choir under the direction of Deacon Bruce Bowen sings traditional Irish songs during the Knights of Columbus St Patrick's Day Dinner**

**Bottom Left: Jim Lynch leads Robb Smith, Barbie Leighton and Sara Dore in providing traditional Irish music at the Orono Woods St Patrick's Day Potluck**  
**Below: The Women's Council enjoys a lovely Holy Thursday brunch as part of their April meeting.**



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YTD WEEKLY GOAL	YTD WEEKLY COLLECTION
	Year-to-date Actual Offering
\$208,650.00	\$209,103.50
Monthly BIM Goal	March BIM Offering
\$2,000	\$1,170.00

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**  
**Weekend of April 25-26**

This weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**HOSPITALITY SIGN UP**  
**Donut pick up is now at**  
**Kwik Trip in Maple Plain.**

Please sign up on the sheet at Hospitality!

April 26: Doug and Jane Oyen

May 3: Women's Council

May 10: Joe and Caroline Smith

May 17: Red Lake Breakfast

May 24: Doug and Jane Oyen

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



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

The Church of St. George wishes to announce the Second Bann of Marriage for Emma Culhane and Jack Deters who will be united in marriage on May 8, 2026, at our parish.



**CINCO DE MAYO MISSION TRIP**  
**FUNDRAISER**

**Dinner, Bingo, & Fun!**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm, Community Center**  
 Support this year's Mission Trip to Chicago by enjoying a great dinner, playing Bingo, and socializing with fellow parishioners in a fun, relaxed environment.

**Menu: Authentic Mexican Dinner**  
**Enchilada with rice and beans**  
**Adult: \$15 Kids: \$10**  
**Bring cash for Bingo!**

*Those who cannot attend but would like to support the Mission Trip can send a check made out to St. George with the memo line: Mission Trip donation.*

**CALLING ALL 2026**  
**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

We are compiling a list of 2026 high school graduates in preparation for our Graduation Mass and Reception on Sunday, May 31 at 9:15am.

Please email [info@stgeorgelonglake.org](mailto:info@stgeorgelonglake.org) to let us know if you have a graduating senior this spring.

We will be sending information about the Graduation Mass, as well as the Knights of Columbus Scholarship. All 2026 graduates whose families are registered at St. George are encouraged to participate!



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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who recently died:** Vicki Shafer (mother of Jacob Shafer), Mariella Stavish (sister-in-law of Winnie Kroll), David Sovell, Jim Flannery (brother-in-law of Michelle Flannery), Louise Hewins

**Those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, or recuperating:** Kathy Day, Jeri Pagano, Ginger Hayes, Irene Calis (sister of Jane Slaughter), Oliver Strand (grandson of Jeff Strand), 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)

**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.**

### Readings for Sunday, April 26, 2026

**First Reading:** Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

**Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

**Second Reading:** By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

**Gospel:** "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

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### Readings for the Week of Sunday, April 26, 2026

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-1

### Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

**Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope

**Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

**Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter

## MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat, April 25, 4:00pm:** People of the Parish  
**Sunday, April 26, 9:15am:** †Julius and Louise Otte

**Sunday, April 26, 5:00pm in Spanish:** J Carmen Espinoza Arellano

**Tuesday, April 28, 5:30pm:** †Walter and Florentine Kleinschmidt

**Wed April 29, 8:30am:** For healing of A Wong

**Thurs, April 30, 8:30am:** Special Int: FC

**Friday, May 1:** For healing of A Wong

**Sat, May 2, 4:00pm:** †Mariella Stavish

**Sunday, May 3, 9:15am:** †Phyllis Meister

**Sunday, May 3, 5:00pm in Spanish:** People of the Parish

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 25**

9:00am-12:00pm First Communion Retreat

12:00pm-1:00 pm Rummage Sale Donation at POD

**Sunday, April 26**

9:15am First Communion Mass

10:15am Corn Days Meeting

**Wednesday, April 29**

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

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

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

6:30pm-7:30pm Rummage Sale Donation at POD

6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 30**

7:00pm AA Meeting

**Saturday, May 2**

5:00pm Cinco de Mayo Mission Trip Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 3**

9:15am May Crowning

10:15am Sacramental Reception

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 2 at 4pm: Weekend Mass**

Rosary: Marian Krumm Lector: Lou Doherty

Greeters: Robert Krumm, Jody Jenkins

EM: Meghan Flannery, Lou Doherty, Judy Willits, Mary Shearer

Altar Server/Sacristan: Jeff Strand

**Sunday, May 3 at 9:15am: Weekend Mass**

Lector: Doug Williams Greeters: Wooley family

EM: Anne Marie Johnson, Pat Doherty

Altar Servers: Tash and Gavin Shafer

Sacristan: Amy McEvoy

Please contact Sara Dore at [sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org](mailto:sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org) to volunteer or if you have questions.



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