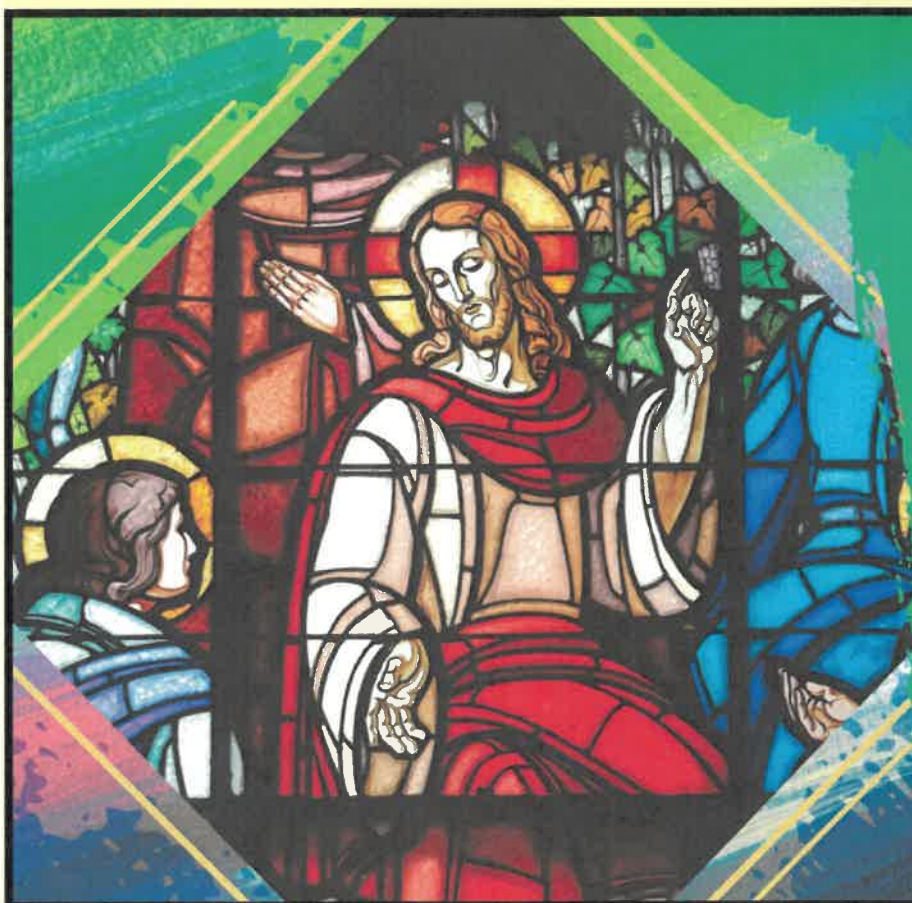




Church of St. George

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • September 20, 2026



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers
and give them their pay,
beginning with the last
and ending with the first.”
- Mt 20:1, 8

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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, 12pm-5pm, 6pm-7pm

Masses

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

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

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

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MISSION TRIP WITH FR MIKE SCHMITZ: All high schoolers welcome!

We invite all high school students to this year's mission trip in Duluth. We also encourage anyone over the age of 21 to become one of our chaperones for this mission trip. Since the Alive in You Catholic Conference and Service Camp in Duluth will have Fr. Mike Schmitz joining them for the week of June 22-27, Alive in You expects to fill their spots quickly when the registration opens up on September 22. Our Mission Trip coordinator Maria Ochoa Estrada and Fr. Shane would like to get a feel as to how many students might be interested in going. Please let us know in the parish office if your student might be interested. At this time, we are only gauging the interest, so no commitment is required at this time to say "Yes." Please let us know by Sunday September 20 of your possible interest.

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30pm

Required Parent Meeting at 6:30pm in the Church

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (grades pre-K-K): Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (grades 1-5): Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES (grades 6-7): Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm

CONFIRMATION, Grades 8-9 and above: Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm



Help Wanted at St. Bartholomew

Lunch Assistant

St. Bart's is looking for someone to assist with serving lunch from 10:15pm - 12:30pm on school days. This would be a job share with someone already hired and working alternate days. This position pays \$25.00 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the principal at gvance@st-barts.org.

K-5 Afterschool Care Assistant

St. Bart's is also in need of an afterschool care assistant to supervise K - 5 students on school days and some vacation days. This is perfect for college students, retired folks, and those who would love to be out of the house a few hours. Hours are from 3:15pm - 5:30pm. This position pays \$23.00 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the principal gvance@st-barts.org.

Invitation to Celebration of Life for Rosemary Vaughan

Sunday, September 27th, 1-3pm

Rosemary Vaughan, mother of Craig Johnson, was a St George parishioner many years ago before moving out of state. She was known as Rosemary Johnson during her years at St George. Her family would like to invite anyone who remembers Rosemary or who wishes to pay respects to the family to attend this open house in her honor.

Since Rosemary was a talented seamstress, crafter, and artisan, the family will be displaying samples of her creative projects from over the years.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God. That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

— Tracy Earl Welliver
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MASS INTENTIONS

Requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition and a lovely way to pray for those we love. The suggested donation for each Mass is \$7.00. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email to schedule a Mass Intention.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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For information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Steve Cox** at 612-308-1253. Meetings are typically 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, October 1st at 7:00pm

BANN OF MARRIAGE

The Church of St. George wishes to announce the Second Bann of Marriage for **Cathy Anderson** and **Mike Cristoforo** who will be united in marriage on **September 26, 2026.**



MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursday, September 24
St. George Community Center
5:30pm-6:30pm

St George, Trinity Lutheran, and Calvin Presbyterian Churches invite you to a free community meal. Join us for food and fellowship!

This month's menu includes chili, a vegetable, bread, crackers, dessert, water, lemonade, and decaf coffee. Come meet people from the community.



Corn Days Meeting
September 27th
10:15am after Mass



ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S COUNCIL
For more information, call
Marie Suchy at 612-599-9661.



Next Meeting:
Thursday, October 1st at 9:30am

APPLE PIE MAKING FOR THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, 9/29: 1pm-6pm
Saturday, 10/3: 10am-6pm (lunch provided)
Tuesday, 10/6: 10am-4pm (lunch provided)

Making pies with the Women's Council is a fun way to meet other parishioners while helping to support the parish and the great outreach work of our Women's Council. There are many jobs including peeling apples, mixing the apple filling, rolling out crusts, making crumb topping, and doing general clean up. You do not have to stay for the full pie-making session. Please reach out to **LisaMarie**, 952-239-4567, with time frames when you can help. A two to four hour window of help would be much appreciated!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE NEW FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 August 30, 2026	
Weekly Goal: \$5385.00	
Offering for 8/30 Week 09	\$3,314.00
YTD WEEKLY GOAL	YTD WEEKLY COLLECTION
	Year to Date Actual Offering
\$48,465.00	\$34,020.00
Monthly BIM Goal	August BIM Offering
\$1,500	\$1,300.00

MATCHING GRANT FOR SIGN

Thank you so very much to everyone who so very generously donated toward the \$11,000 needed for the matching grant for the new parish sign.

Through the second collection and other donations, we have received enough funds to access this very generous grant.

QR CODE: DONATIONS TO ST. GEORGE

Just visiting St. George but would like to donate electronically? Forgot your checkbook or envelope at home? Inspired to help with maintenance costs or donate to a second collection?

Please scan the QR code with your phone to land on the giving page of our website. Click on one-time and choose which fund you wish to donate to (e.g. Sunday Giving, Second Collection, Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund, etc) along with the amount. You may pay with a credit card, debit card, GooglePay, PayPal, Venmo, or your bank account.

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HOSPITALITY SIGN UP

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

Please sign up on the sheet at Hospitality!

September 20: Ginger & Charlie Hayes

September 27: *Please sign up!*

October 4: *Please sign up!*

October 11: Teens



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

BOOK FOR SALE IN PARISH OFFICE

Don't miss this opportunity to experience
175 years of our rich Archdiocesan history.

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and Editions de Signe have produced a book to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese. The book, *In Everything, Give Thanks*, is a 500+ page book with a history of the archdiocese and beautiful pictures of each parish, including St George, along with the parishes' histories. The book is available in the parish office for \$25 in cash or with a check made payable to the Church of St. George.

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTION

September 26/27

The second collection this month will be to fund our local food shelf. Please be as generous as you can be to feed the hungry in our local community.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who recently died: Mary Stevens (aunt of Joe Stevens), Jerry Gebert, Pam Peterson (sister-in-law of Cece Schulte), Rosemary Vaughan (mother of Craig Johnson), Rita Schneider (mother of Marty Schneider), Kimberly Oyen (sister of Doug Oyen), Sandra Donks (sister of Doug Oyen), Tim Strand (brother of Jeff Strand), Kathy Day, Sharon Spitzer (aunt to Michelle Flannery), Brenda Torborg (niece of Jeanne Bales)

Those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, or recuperating: Stacey Schwinghammer (sister-in-law of Karen Speeter) Joe Konicek, Spencer Kadlec, Jake Bales, Carole Young (mother of Glenn Slaughter), Jeri Pagano, Irene Calis (sister of Jane Slaughter), Oliver Strand (grandson of Jeff Strand), Fr Shane's mother, Pat Janos, 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, September 20, 2026

First Reading: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalms: The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel: "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?"

Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:14-15)
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Readings for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; National Migration Week

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept 19, 4:00pm: †Eileen A Auers

Sunday, Sept 20, 9:15am: †Kathy Day

Sunday, Sept 20, 4:00pm in Spanish:
TBD

Tues, Sept 22, 5:30pm: †Sharon Spitzer

Wed Sept 23, 8:30am: Special Int Jean Kottemann

Thurs, Sept 24, 8:30am: Special Int Jean Kottemann

Friday, Sept 25, 8:30am: †Bill Robinson

Sat, Sept 26, 4:00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday, Sept 27, 9:15am: †Tim Strand

Sunday, Sept 27, 4:00pm in Spanish: TBD

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 22

6:00pm Finance Council

7:00pm Parish Council

Wednesday, September 23

6:30pm: Faith Formation Begins with Parent Mtg

6:30pm-7:30pm: Catechesis of Good Sheph, preK-K

6:30pm-8:00pm: CGS gr 1-5, FF, Confirmation

TBD Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

5:30-6:30pm Monthly Community Meal

7:00pm AA

Sunday, September 27

10:15am Corn Days Debriefing Meeting

Tuesday, September 29

1:00pm-6:00pm Apple Pie Making

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19 at 4pm: Weekend Mass

Rosary: Mary Shearer **Lector:** Meghan Flannery

Greeters: Michelle Flannery, Jody Jenkins

EM: Michelle Flannery, Joe Smith, Meghan Flannery,

Kit Dekarski **Altar Server/Sacristan:** Jeff Strand

Sunday, September 20 at 9:15am: Weekend Mass

Lector: Todd Ziesmer **Greeters:** Barrett Family

EM: Mike Dombeck, Marie Ziesmer

Altar Servers: Amy McEvoy, Tash Shafer

Sacristan: Mike Dombeck

Please contact Sara Dore at sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org to volunteer or if you have questions.



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

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Molly Yates Danielle Miskowic

Joe Smith Andy Pfeifer

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