

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 2021



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THIRD Sunday OF *Advent*

Whoever has two cloaks should share
with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

We, the faith-filled community of Saint George,
nourished by God's Word and His Sacraments
and renewed by the Holy Spirit accept the call to continue
the Mission of Christ by living in, sharing and transforming our world.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
and 11:30 AM
Monday - Friday: 8:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
(During Advent)

ADORATION / PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

Tuesday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

ADORATION / PRIVATE PRAYER IN HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Monday through Friday -
11:00 AM to Midnight

PARISH OFFICE

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:45 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday
8:45 AM to 6:00 PM
Office Closed - 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Monday through Friday

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Today we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday." It means "Joyful Sunday" because we have come to the halfway point in Advent. The light grows brighter and the Light comes nearer. Jesus lights the way for us to heaven and eternal life with Our Father. For most of us, we first came into contact with our faith through our family. Whether it be parents, grandparents or an aunt or uncle, there was someone who guided us. These people are a special blessing in our lives!

Last week, I read an article in the paper about the risks of broken family relationships. Some families suffer the loss of a relative --- even a parent or a child --- not to death but by purposeful separation. There are many reasons this happens in families. It is a source of great pain for everyone. Sometimes people feel like they become "free" of an oppressive relationship. In some sad cases, that might be true. But often it is a matter of coming to terms with some incident or argument. Bitterness can cause division and breaks up families.

Sadly, there are times when an individual has to make a break. Some relationships can become toxic. On the other hand, it would be wise to examine what exactly caused the break. And is it worth it? Most of us, at one time or another, experience a break. The anger can be caused by many things, sometimes fear, sometimes maybe not.

Ultimately, it may mean making a decision: do I try to repair this relationship or do I hold on to the bitterness? I know this can be very, very difficult. Taking the first step means swallowing pride. It makes us vulnerable. And we may not get the reception we would hope for. Eventually, we all learn we cannot control the life of another person. We can only control ourselves. Making the effort might yield amazing results.

Christmas is a time when families come together. Too many families will have an empty seat at the dinner table because of death. It might be worth a shot at not killing a relationship before its time.

We will also have many people gathering around the table of the Eucharist at Christmas who we may not see very often. Let's make them welcome! Put out the invitation to join you for Mass. And tell friends about the parking lot Masses on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM and on Christmas Day at 9:30 AM. We will bring Communion out to the cars. We want to do as much as we can to make the Eucharist available to all our people! (Remember, no 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day.)

May God's richest blessings come upon you and Saint George Parish!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Mass Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00 PM, 5:00 PM (Broadcast) and 10:00 PM
Christmas Carols begin at 9:45 PM

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Broadcast) and 11:30 AM

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 26

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

The Feast of Mary Mother of God

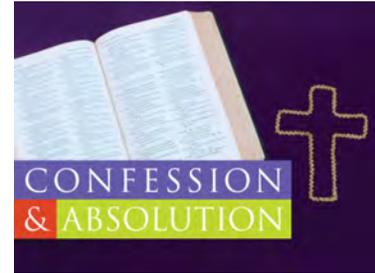
The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday; however, we urge all of our Catholic families to celebrate the New Year by participating in Mass.

Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
(Mass of Anticipation) - 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 1 - New Year's Day
10:00 AM



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE



The Saint George Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday evening, **December 15 at 6:30 PM.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on the following Saturdays during Advent.

December 18 - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

THE ADVENT WREATH



Advent Week Three

Directions: Light the first purple candle (repeat first week's prayer). Light the second purple candle (repeat second week's prayer). Light the rose candle.

Prayer: We ask you to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of Your coming enlighten our darkened minds... You who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

O Key of David, O Royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will, the gates of heaven, come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and lead your captive people into freedom.

Scriptures: Isaiah 9 6-7, John 1:19-34, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Philippians 2:1-11

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS



Christmas Eve always has occupied a special place for those of Polish and Eastern European heritage. Probably more than any other set of customs, the tradition of the Oplatki wafers has

continued to strengthen a sense of religious national identities. The Oplatki are large rectangular wafers embossed with figures of the Christ Child or other nativity scenes. Each member of the family shares a part of their wafer with those at the dinner table and wishes them a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Oplatki is available at the parish office. Free-will donations will be accepted.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Pope Francis Tweet



Service makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives. Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this life.

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR



**Simbang Gabi coming to Saint George Church
Sunday, December 19 (Day 5) - 7:00 PM**

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Novena tradition of nine evening masses during the Advent season. It is meant to help intensify spiritual preparation of the birth of our Lord through prayer and music. Come attend this beautiful grace filled celebration!

We are also looking for Saint George parishioners to take part in the Liturgy when Day 5 of the Novena is hosted at Saint George Church.

Please see the Parish Website for the Complete Schedule
<http://stgeorge60477.org>

SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday - December 23
7:00 PM**

Saint George Church

"THE NIGHT BEFORE ..."

A reflective evening of poetry, music and scripture readings!

Recital by our own Father Tom Puslecki



As we prepare for the birth of Christ, let us reflect in His great glory!

SAINT GEORGE GIVING TREE



One of the ways you can support our Parish Christmas Giving Tree Ministry is by taking an ornament off one of our three Giving Trees located at each entrance of Church. By taking an ornament, you can select an individual to bless this Christmas Season and help a person in need. We will also have monetary donation envelopes titled "Christmas Giving Tree" if you are unable to shop.

Each year the Christmas Giving Trees provide Saint George Parish a unique opportunity to work with the entire community by coordinating resources to meet the needs of families who might not have had the ability to share in the spirit of the holiday season.

Saint George Parish will be sharing gifts with -



Saint Coletta's Group Home Supply Drive

This yellow star shaped gift tag will help residents who are provided with educational and vocational services to men and women with developmental disabilities. Needed items for men or women are hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, blankets, children's books, games, puzzles and twin XL bedding. The suggested gift is \$25 and gifts to be returned by Sunday, December 12. Wrapping is unnecessary.



Saint Gerard Majella

The Purple Angel shaped gift tag will help children from our sharing parish. Names and ages will be on all of the ornaments. Older children's ornaments will have sizes for clothing and toys can be purchased for the younger children. The suggested gift amount is \$15. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 12.



Saint Vincent De Paul

The Red Heart shaped gift tags will help Saint Vincent De Paul families from our parish who are going through a difficult time due to illness, job loss or other unforeseen circumstances. This Christmas, support a family in need to buy a gift for their child(ren), food for their holiday table, or alleviate the burden of fulfilling a basic need. We are asking for gift cards, purchased through our P.A.R.T. program in the amount of \$25 - \$35 for each tag. Gifts to be returned by Sunday, December 12.



The Women's Center

The **Pink and Blue Tags** help the Women's Center support children saved from abortion. The suggested gift amount is \$15. Gifts to be returned by **Sunday, December 12**. Please put gift in box/bag and wrapping is unnecessary.

Thank you for giving to those in need this Christmas season!

A special thanks to those parishioners who have already turned in gifts to help share in the spirit of the holiday season.

COVID-19 VACCINES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mobile Care Chicago is providing COVID-19 vaccinations including boosters to homebound residents over 12 years of age in Cook County - such as Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Crestwood, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Orland Hills, Orland Park and Midlothian. Homebound is any adult person who may be bedridden, wheelchair dependent, elderly, disabled or handicapped and oftentimes has a caregiver. Go to the following link to sign up to be vaccinated in your home.

<https://form.jotform.com/212445697555062>

For information on Mobile Care Chicago go to: <https://mobilecarechicago.org/>

Call 708-284-6511 for more information about this FREE program OR call the COVID Vaccine Program Coordinator, Mobile Care Chicago at 847-951-1141.



Restock the SHELVES

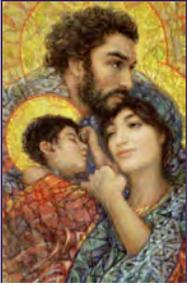
TINLEY PARK FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable food for the Tinley Park Food Pantry can be brought to Saint George Church on the third weekend of each month.

The next weekend for Tinley Park Food Pantry donations is December 18-19.

Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT REFLECTIONS



The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe falls on the beginning of this Advent week. Reflect on the story and tradition of Our Lady shared here: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Know that God is near, especially in the Haitian immigrants and Afghan refugees.

December 12-18, 2021 / Hope

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

LIGHT TWO PURPLE CANDLES. AND ONE PINK CANDLE

"Have no anxiety at all... make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding..." Phil 4:607

As an infant cries, the mother rushes to pick it up. "Shush, little one." Without even knowing how to speak the baby expresses its despair. Yet, the mother's knowledge of what is needed to calm it down or to bring peace surpasses all understanding of the infant. We too experience a loving God who knows our needs before we even express them. We struggle in a world we do not fully understand and are tested in ways that leave us anxious and worried. But our joy is found this Gaudete Sunday when we realize how near God is to us, how soon our anxiety will be gone. We are halfway through Advent and can almost feel God's calm and peace. Emmanuel, God with us.

This Sunday is also the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, a Catholic tradition brought to us by immigrants and refugees from Latin American countries. What despair have they expressed to God? Afghan refugees and Haitian immigrants have also cried out with anxiety and worry.

Participate in an OLG celebration in a church or neighborhood near you. You can also pray this rosary prepared by Catholic Legal Immigration Network: OLG Rosary with Immigrant stories. While praying, reflect on the joy and love of Mary, Mother of Jesus, who brings comfort to each of us in our despair, but especially to immigrants and refugees. Ask God how you too can comfort them.

LET US PRAY

God of joy, we cry out to you and you draw us near. We know our comfort is bound up in the comfort and dignity of immigrants and refugees. Help us to act with justice and be beacons of hope to all migrants and bearers of God's joy for all. Amen.

THIS MAN IS YOU

"A NEW DAY FOR MEN"

Saturday, December 18 - 6:30 to 8:00 AM

Congratulations and thank you to all the men who have joined us throughout our Fall Semester of That Man Is You! We've had some incredible presentations and discussions! Hopefully we will all see at least a few of these lessons bear fruit in our personal lives in the months ahead.

This final session continues with a message of great hope! The best days of Christianity and the family are in the future, not in the past! We are all called to be part of a "New Springtime" of rebirth and renewal!

Our Fall Semester concludes with these points:

- Saint John Paul II Shows the Power of True Leadership
- The Foundation for the Family in the Third Millennium
- The Seven Last Words and JP II
- JP II's Leadership into the New Springtime
- Crossing the Threshold of Hope
- The Triumph of Mercy Please Join Us!

Please join Us!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. ALL men, 18 and over, are invited and encouraged to attend. To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 708-614-1734; ghendzell@msn.com .



Moving Forward in Hope

Join us for an evening of

Prayer, Connection & Hope

Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness

We are pleased to offer Moving Forward in Hope, a monthly series of evening prayer, connection and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward in Hope

Tuesday, December 28 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Contact Deacon Tom Lambert to register:

tlambert as ourlmc.org

RESPECT LIFE

PEACE IN WOMB CAROLING

Peace in Womb Christmas caroling (previously called empty manger caroling) will take place at Flossmoor Planned Parenthood on Thursday, December 16 during a special 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM vigil. The estimated caroling start time will be 10:00 AM, lasting for about 30 minutes. We will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 19831 S. Governor's Highway in Flossmoor. Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th Street which goes west from Governors Highway.

OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

Sunday, December 12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Before Lourdes in 1858, before Fatima in 1917, God considered the Americas so important in His plan of salvation that He sent the Mother of Jesus to our land. Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico on December 9, 1531. Her image miraculously appeared on Juan's tilma when he opened it to present roses to the bishop as a sign of Mary's request for a church to be built. Through her miraculous image, she converted millions in Mexico and ended human sacrifice to pagan gods. In 1990, Mary sent messages that her miraculously preserved image is for all of the Americas to witness. Her image began travelling the Americas in 1991. She has promised to help us end all abortions without exception. Join Saint George Pro-Life to help Mary protect all human life from conception to natural death. The time to restore a culture of life is now.

MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS

This is a time, when amid the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas, we feel alone in the darkness of the time and wonder if it's all worth while. Perhaps we've lost something... J. R. R. Tolkien wrote: "Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth." Perhaps it's a good time to come to Holy Family Chapel and spend a little time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and tell Him we haven't forgotten Him and we haven't forgotten that He is the reason for the season. And if you're looking for a gift to give to Our Lord, how about giving Him a gift of an hour a week for a year.

Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to midnight to provide that opportunity. Use this link to get more information and to register for an hour that works for you: <http://stgeorge60477.org/eucharistic-adoration/>

Choose "Click Here To Sign Up" below the monstrance image, press "Weekly Commitment," select the hour you prefer, and enter the requested contact information. Press "Signup" to complete your registration. You will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to electronically request a substitute when you might need one. If you do not have electronic access, please call Bill Beckman at 708-429-2762 to register your hour.

If making a regular hour is difficult because your schedule changes, please consider becoming a substitute adorer by pressing "Become a Sub" (under "Weekly Commitment"). You will receive notification by text or email when a substitute is needed so you can decide if that hour works for you that one day and time. Regular adorers can also register as potential substitutes to help make certain chapel hours are covered.



We welcome into the Catholic Church and the Saint George Parish Community

Fionn Skylar
Son of Ian & Erin Swillum

Tara Elizabeth
Daughter of Ian & Erin Swillum

Isla Mairead
Daughter of Bryce & Anna Swillum

Sloane Marie
Daughter of Bryce & Anna Swillum

Angela Makayla Susanne
Daughter of Robert & Amanda Shelton

Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents!

For additional information on Saint George, please visit the parish website - www.stgeorge60477.org,



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers:	Barbara Finley - Bread Mary Kubick-Martino - Bread Jack Yock - Bread
Lectors:	Nancy Gayeski - Lector A & B

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Joe Truesdale
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Kukula - Bread Jim Walker - Bread
Lectors:	Teri Rycyzyn - Lector A & B

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Tom
Deacon:	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers:	Tioluwalase Adalokun - Bread Catherine Adalokun - Bread Nicole Olson - Bread
Lectors:	Olatunde Adalokun - Lector A & B

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Tom
Deacon:	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers:	Diane Wawzenek - Bread Wally Wawzenek - Bread
Lectors:	Tom German - Lector A & B

Schedule is also available online at www.stgeorge60477.org and is subject to change.



The Saint George Parish Registration Team is happy to announce that registration for new parishioners will take place on Sunday, December 19, AFTER the 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Life Center, Meeting Room 1.

Join us for coffee and a light breakfast as we welcome you into the Saint George Parish Family!

LIVING AND LOVING LIKE SAINT JOSEPH

On December 8, the Year of Saint Joseph came to a close- but the challenge of living like Saint Joseph has only just begun. Take time daily to pray the Memorare of St. Joseph:

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

Chris Sparks offers that we can continue to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph through:

- Make or renew your consecration to Saint Joseph with this prayer: *O dearest Saint Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide, in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O blessed Saint Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.*
- Be Faithful to the duties of your state in life
- Put God first, family second, self third.
- Know and love the Word of God. Spend half an hour reading the Bible every day.
- Make or renew your consecration to Jesus through Mary with this prayer: *Mary, my Mother, I give myself totally to you as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all that I am and have, whatever most pleases you. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. Amen.*
- Be faithful to prayer and the works of mercy.
- Receive the Sacraments according to the precepts of the Church. If you can, go to daily Mass and make a weekly Confession (through the sacrament or through an examination of conscience)
- Be quick to listen and slow to speak.
- Love God and neighbor.
- Know your faith. Study the Catechism.

The peace of the Lord be with you as you live and love like Saint Joseph!

Deacon Jerry



The Gospel According to Luke, Part One

Bible Study

On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Deacon Jerry will lead a six week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. He will be using the Little Rock Scripture Study. The Gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission and the compassion of God.

Part One of this study includes Luke 1:1—11:54, taking the reader from the infancy narratives of John the Baptist and Jesus to their births and then to the Galilean ministry of Jesus. The study book includes commentary, reflection questions, prayers and access to recorded lectures This bible study was facilitated by Michael F. Patella, OSB, SSD, professor of New Testament at the School of Theology at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

There is a cost for the study book and the price for it is contingent on the number ordered. If you would like a copy of the study book, please let Deacon Jerry know by Thursday, December 23, so they can be ordered. A free will offering will be taken at the first session to offset the cost of the books. Please contact Deacon Jerry through email: jsouta@stgeorge60477.org or jsoutajr@att.net or by a text message (708-574-6093)

The class will meet, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Cahill Center- Meeting Room 3. Please use the entrance adjacent to the South entrance for the Sanctuary.

GIVE CENTRAL

Give Central is an option more people are choosing. You can go to our website - www.stgeorge60477.org to learn how to make your weekly or monthly donations or use the new archdiocesan universal offertory website at: www.archchicago/support. For additional information, please contact Darlene Georges at dgeorges@stgeorge60477.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please submit articles or recommendations to mboss@stgeorge60477.org by **Friday at 4:00 PM (10 days before publication date)**.

As the holiday season approaches, we have several early **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES.**

Bulletin Date	Articles Due
December 19	Tuesday, December 7
December 26	Tuesday, December 14
January 2	Tuesday, December 21

STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Offering
December 4-5, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 25,627.25
School Fund (38):	\$ 785.00
Sharing	\$ 352.00
Children (16)	\$ 35.76
2nd Collection (Christmas Flowers)	\$ 850.00



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Thank You" to all who have been mailing in your Sunday offering envelopes and donations or using Give Central (electronic giving). Your support is

deeply appreciated and needed. If you drop off envelopes at the parish office, please use the mail slot in the wall marked, "Key Deposit" which will bring them safely into the parish



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS.ORG



Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend will help provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities.

Please be generous.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund a Child's Future



Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children's future! Take advantage of a limited time 2-for-1 matching gift.

Looking for a way to decrease your Illinois state income tax liability? What if you could decrease what you owe to the state and potentially increase your state tax refund, while also helping fund scholarships for low-income students to attend the Catholic school of their choice?

The Illinois invest in kids tax credit scholarship program awarded scholarships to more than 9,300 students in the first four years. This year, as a global pandemic has created so many uncertainties in our society, you can still invest in a brighter future for children from our most vulnerable communities. By contributing through the Illinois Invest in Kids program you can make the lifelong advantage of a Catholic school education possible.

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, between December 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022, you can take advantage of a 2-for-1 matching gift program that will triple the impact of your gift! Limitations apply. A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock or credit card.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The Garcia family makes \$50,000/year and pays \$2,475 in Illinois state income taxes.

Family income \$50,000/year	Option A	Option B	Option C
Illinois state taxes at 4.95%	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$2,475
Invest in Kids donation	\$500	\$1,000	\$3,300
Tax refund	\$375	\$750	\$2,475
Total taxes paid to Illinois (after refund)	\$2,100	\$1,725	\$0
Cost of donation to family after refund	\$125	\$250	\$825
2-for-1 matching gift program triples impact and provides three times the scholarships	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$9,900

Each option provides a refund to the family; however, Option C completely eliminates the family's tax burden and provides nearly \$10,000 in scholarships for students to attend Catholic schools.

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at:
312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org, or visit archchicago.org/tcs.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**XVI ANNUAL POSADA
Seeking Immigration
Reform**

**Friday, December 17, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
101 West Ida B Wells Drive**



Join us in walking and praying in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who— as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—have been knocking on the doors for legislative shelter, or “Posada,” year after year, even during a pandemic. This year Pastoral Migratoria from the Archdiocese of New York will join us simultaneously to elevate our voices for immigration reform.

ROUTE

101 W. Ida B. Wells Drive
Metropolitan Correctional Center (71 W. Van Buren St.)
DePaul University (1 E. Jackson Blvd.)
Federal Plaza (W. Adams St. and S. Dearborn St.)
Saint Peter’s Church (110 W. Madison St.)

To livestream the Posada via Facebook Live on December 17, visit the Pastoral Migratoria Facebook page. For more information, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/xvi-annual-posada. Contact Mauro Pineda at 312-534-8103 or mpineda@archchicago.org or Raymundo Valdez at 773-619-1448 or rvaldez@archchicago.org with any questions.

If you would like to attend the POSADA, Angie Brady will be driving and will have room for three people to ride in her car. Masks are required in the car. To reserve your seat, please call Angie at 708-341-3644.



“The personal encounter with refugees dispels fears and distorted ideologies and becomes a factor for growth in humanity.”

Pope Francis

HOW CAN I SERVE THE LORD



God calls us to service in many different ways. One of the simple ways you can help at Saint George is to care for our altar. We are still in need of someone to head our Art and Environment Ministry. This rewarding ministry provides seasonal church interior design to include symbols, banners, and decoration of the Sanctuary (including watering of plants, caring of altar linens, etc.) Can you help?

Please call the parish office at 708-532-2243 and we will get you started.

SAINT GEORGE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

**Anticipated Mass on Saturdays at 4:00 PM
Sundays at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM**

The anticipated 4:00 PM Mass on Saturdays is live streamed on Facebook then posted to the parish webpage and YouTube.

The 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday is broadcast via 101.7 FM to the parking lot. Please park on the east side of the parking lot by 175th Street. Communion will be brought to your car.

Weekdays

Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM

Daily Mass is live streamed daily on Facebook, then posted to the parish webpage and YouTube.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM (During Advent)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Church)

**Monday through Friday - 11:00 AM to
Midnight (Holy Family Chapel)**

Masks are currently required for everyone vaccinated or non-vaccinated when indoors.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

	2nd Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious Swift Drive - Containers at Entrance of Church
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
10:00 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
1:00 PM	Athletics (G)
1:00 PM	Baptism Preparation (MR 3)
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi Mass (Church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

4:00 PM	Athletics (G)
4:30 PM	CFF Sacramental Preparation (QR, BR & MR4)
5:30 PM	Jerry Souta (Deacon's Room)
7:30 PM	Al-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

	Daybreak Shelter
8:15 AM	School Mass (Church)
9:00 AM	School Reconciliation (Church)
4:00 PM	Athletics (G)
4:00 PM	Jerry Souta (Deacon's Rm.)
6:00 PM	Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM	SPRED II (SC, K)
7:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg. (MR4)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

1:00 PM	Edenbridge Mass (Offsite)
4:00 PM	Athletics (G)
6:00 PM	CFF GR 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH)
6:00 PM	CFF GR G, K (MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)
6:30 PM	RCIA (Deacon's Room)
6:30 PM	Parish Reconciliation Service (Church)
7:00 PM	SPRED 1 (SC, K)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

9:30 AM	CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 2&3)
11:30 AM	Band Lessons (MR 1-3)
1:00 PM	Band Christmas Concert (Church)
4:00 PM	Athletics (G)
5:30 PM	Band Pictures, Rehearsal & Reception (MR 1,2&3, K)
6:30 PM	RCIA (BR)
6:30 PM	Band Christmas Concert (Church)
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus - (O'CH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

4:00 PM	Athletics (G)
7:00 PM	Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
8:00 PM	Narcotics Annon (MR 3)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

6:30 AM	This Man is You (O'CH)
8:00 AM	Athletics
2:30 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (G)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
10:00 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
10:30 AM	Parish Registration (MR 1)
11:30 AM	Baptism (Church)
1:00 PM	Athletics (G)
6:30 PM	Online CFF Advent Prayer Sessions

All Rooms, Hallways, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K are reserved from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM when school is in session.



Congratulations to our fourth graders who brought in the most canned goods for our food drive. They earned a "Pajama Day!"



Our fifth graders have been doing their part in donating hats, gloves, and mittens for the Student Council drive.



Some of our first graders putting their new donated hats and mittens on the tree. A lesson in giving.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

4:00 PM: Joseph Kiely+
Helen Rusnak+
Richard Connolly+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

7:30 AM: Michael J. Gibbons+
Anthony F. Ponziano+
Mary Ann Stinn+

9:30 AM: Mass for Parishioners
Charles Quinn+
Jack & Genevieve O'Connell+

11:30 AM: Helen & Joseph Gembala+
Alice Ficker+
Laura Gonzalez+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

8:15 AM: Dennis, Estelle & Victoria Surufka+
Michael John Gibbons+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

8:15 AM: Deceased Members of the Tholl
Family
Joyce Greska (for Healing)
James Fox+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

8:15 AM: Eugene Budz+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

8:15 AM: Patt & Chuck Quinn+
Joan L. Stuckly+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

8:15 AM: Robert P. Virginia Woollet+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

4:00 PM: Margaret Gayeski+
Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Nancy K. Gatto+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

7:30 AM: Mass for Parishioners
Anthony Ponziano+
Mary Ann Stinn+

9:30 AM: Barbara Brod+
Deceased Members of the Knights
of Columbus+
Robert C. Aiken+

11:30 AM: Deceased Members of the
Raymond A. & Rose Marie
Lamberty Family+
Michael J. Kill+
Dorothy & Ray Lipinski+

+ Faithful Departed

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Sick...

Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed Bidrowski, Catherine Binner, Donald Budny, David Charleston, Joseph Cicci, Marguerite Concannon, Diane Cosgrave, Louise Cusick, Linda Dorminey, Phil Estrada, Nadine Fraulini, Ruth Galleher, Carmen Gonzalez, Judy Graves, Joyce Greska, Marirose Grosschadl, Guzman Family, Jace Hettinger, Patricia Jank, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, Sister Norma Janssen, Evelyn Knight, Mary Frances Kott, Eric Kronenbitter, Paul Kruzil, Mary Jean McLaughlin, Sue Maher, Carol Manow, Greg Mayhugh, Carolyn Molony, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Francine Niewiedzial, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Stan Piekosz, Toni Pusateri, Margaret Quilty, Eunice Robey, Leroy Schmidt, Mary Scudella, Deacon Jerry Souta, Larry Stasiak, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Eugene Summa, Jay Surufka, Lorraine Szara, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Dennis Torii, Marlene Torii, Carol Vander Sanden, Russell Vasquez, Shannon Wallace, Emily Grace Ward, Bob Whalen, Sandra Wickeham, Shirley Wydra, Tom Wydra, Antoinette Zaro, Richard & Mary Zdun

Our Deceased...

Bradley Bennett, Margie Gallagher, Mary Faul, Lynette Johnson, Sandra Smith

If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put your name on the prayer list. Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless we are notified the person has not recovered.

Our Military...

Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence. Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sgt. Jacob Berry (Army), LCpl. Phillip Bosco (Marines), LCpl. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sgt. Robert Brennan (Army), Capt. Michael Caddigan (Army), SSgt. Brad Clemmer (Air Force), SSgt. Heidi Currie (Air Force), Lt.Col. Kevin Currie (Air Force), Maj. Patrick Currie (Air Force), Pvt. Matthew Daliege (Army), Sgt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sgt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), Spc. Martin McCarthy (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner (Navy), Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell (Army), Alexandra Novak, Lt. Charles W. Novak (Marines), HM3 Elizabeth O'Neill (Navy Corpsman), Capt. Thomas I. Ohl (Marines), Sgt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), L. Cpl. Brian Richard (Marines), PFC James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), SSgt. Alison Smallwood (Air Force), SSgt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Col. Donald Tomich (Marines), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), Sgt. FC Powell Yates (Army), A1C Andrew Yock (Air Force)

If there are parishioners currently serving in the United States military, we would like to know. Please call the parish office and tell us the name of your dear one and he/she will be remembered in the prayers of our community and the name posted in the bulletin. Please indicate branch of service and rank.

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS will take place at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of the month and at the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of the month. The family must be registered. A baptismal preparation program is obligatory in advance; please call the parish office to register and for more information.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

WEDDING arrangements must be made four months in advance of the wedding date. You must be a registered parishioner for six months prior to making arrangements. Please schedule your church date before reserving your hall.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / RECONCILIATION can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office to have a priest celebrate the sacraments with the person who is seriously ill or homebound.

HOSPITAL VISITS can be made by our priests or deacons, if notified by family members or friends. Although sacramental needs of patients are administered by the hospital chaplain or by a local priest, in an emergency, Saint George clergy will respond to sacramental needs.

MINISTRY OF CARE: Mandated Agape Ministers of Care are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the parish office when this service is needed.

REGISTRATION: We welcome new members with open arms. Please call the parish office for more information.

STEWARDSHIP involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the parish office for assistance in getting started in any of the Parish's ministries and organizations. Please remember Saint George Parish when planning your estate or preparing your will.

MASS: Each week, we will celebrate a Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM, and three Masses on Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM, as well as a weekday Mass Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM.

RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

ADORATION AND PRIVATE PRAYER: In church every Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. 11:00 AM to Midnight Monday through Friday in the Adoration Chapel. You may come and go as is convenient for you during this time.

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: To make arrangements, please call the parish office at 708-532-2243.

BULLETIN INFORMATION provides updates on parish and Archdiocesan events. Please submit articles or recommendations to bulletin@stgeorge60477.org by Friday at 4:00 PM before publication date. Because of space limitations, articles regarding Saint George activities and information, as well as Archdiocesan events and news will take priority. All articles are subject to editing and will be published at the discretion of the Pastor. No guarantees can be made as to size or placement of the articles.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues. We still advise that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions stay at home and participate through livestreamed and televised Masses.

We will continue to serve those who cannot attend Mass in person by livestreaming Mass on our Facebook page and posting to our webpage and YouTube.

The Archdiocese is allowing parishes to open at 100% capacity. Physical distancing is not required for vaccinated persons. Physical distancing is recommended by public health authorities, when possible for unvaccinated persons. Masks are not required for vaccinated persons. Masks are strongly recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons in all indoor public space.



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