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# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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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 & 11:30 AM  
Monday - Friday: 8:15 AM

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

## ADORATION / PRIVATE PRAYER

Tuesday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in  
Church with Benediction  
Monday through Friday: 11:00 AM to  
Midnight in Holy Family Chapel

## 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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**A DIFFERENT WORD FROM THE STAFF**


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Happy Advent!

We celebrate the season of waiting in anticipation before the Season of Christmas. This First Day of Advent is filled with hope. At least that is how most of us feel, or are expected to feel. In our present world of confusion and fear we know that Jesus is with us, and we are reminded that He will come again. But don't we see Jesus each time we come to receive Eucharist. Why do we have to wait... again?

Our scripture this week affirms that waiting brings hope, joy and peace. But it doesn't tell us it will be an easy

wait. Isaiah, the vigilant optimist, is ready to destroy weapons and rebuild them into farming tools to grow a sustainable future of promise and hope. Paul is very clear about telling us what we can do and what we shouldn't do, straightforward "conduct yourself properly." If we really looked into the message Paul has for us, we know what he means by that statement. Paul doesn't sugar coat anything with us today. What the Prophet Isaiah and Saint Paul have in common for us is that it is not easy being people of faith. When life throws us those unexpected curve balls, we duck, or we get hit square on and it takes us out. Paul and Isaiah are both giving us the tools we need to be prepared and have hope. We can survive life's challenges, because we look forward to Christ's coming.

As we begin the Season of Advent in the year of Matthew, Jesus is quite clear that we must stay awake, and be prepared for the time when the Son of Man will come. In Matthews Gospel, we will often see some sort of reference that Jesus makes to the Old Testament. Here He uses the story of Noah and the Ark. While Noah prepared for the flood, the others were unprepared or unwilling to prepare, and as a result, they were carried away by the waters. The message to stay awake is often repeated to the apostles whom we know tried, but often gave into sleep. Advent shows us the way to look at our own lives, at our own faith journey. Jesus coming as a child reminds us that we have an opportunity to be renewed, to look toward the future. With the message to stay awake and be ready, we know that we cannot live without hope. It is the hope in Christ that gives our faith journey purpose.

This past week we hope for new events on the horizon. Women of the parish came together and shared hopes and ideas on what could be possible for the future of creating a new Women's Group here at Saint George. We are looking with anticipation for the upcoming "Advent By Candlelight" event where we will pray together, share our faith together and have a pleasant evening with good people. Our young disciples preparing for Confirmation pitched in and helped create the gift tags for our Giving Trees, decorated the trees and had an unexpected lesson as they learned the details on what it takes to be a Minister of the Eucharist. Our hope is that one day they too will be serving in this beautiful ministry. On Wednesday, our 5th Grade Children's Faith Formation students led their community in prayer honoring the saints, with the hope that we will work to become saints with a capital "S". We live in anticipation that our future and the birth of Jesus brings a renewed spirit of hope.

Yes Happy Advent!



**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**



Calling all ladies of the parish. ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM.

This is an evening for us to come together, to pray together, to celebrate the anticipated birth of Jesus. It is also a nice evening to come and give yourself a break from all the busy work in preparation for the holiday season. You may have a group of friends to create your own table, or come as a single or double or triple to join another table. Bring an hors'doeuvre or dessert to share with your group and whatever libation you wish to drink. It's like creating your own fancy table for your friends. So call your friends, dust off your best China or shop at your favorite party store and come out to join us. We will include a bit of fun too!! We need reservations in advance by December 3. Call Kay Keating at 708-651-0089 or email her [mrsdcntim@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsdcntim@yahoo.com).



**FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY**



**DECEMBER 4 - CELEBRATE ADVENT AT FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY!**

Sunday, December 4, Saint George parishioners will gather to celebrate the season of Advent at Family First Sunday. While we are awaiting the celebration of Jesus's birth, let us share the good cheer of the season with the wonderful spices and flavors of the

season. Bring all your best Christmas treats of ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and maybe even some peppermint, as well as your smiles and your appetites, to our buffet table! As always, the Parish Life Center doors will open by 7:15 AM for early birds wishing to drop off contributions on their way to 7:30 AM Mass. A free will basket will be available for those who prefer to help defray costs of the non-donated items. We hope you will be able to join us for a few minutes of Advent joy and fellowship that morning!

**FAIR TRADE**

**Celebrate Christmas with Fair Trade goodies!**

Fair Trade Sale next week!  
 Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 after the Weekend Masses.  
 Choose tasty Fair Trade goodies for your family and friends!  
 When you give Fair Trade gifts, You give a gift twice.



**DISCIPLES: STUDY AND PRAYER**



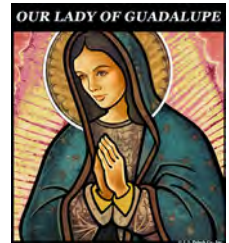
**Learn & Grow**

In the early church, disciples met daily for Bible study and Prayer. Each week, Saint George disciples meet for bible study and prayer on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM. Currently, we are finishing our study on Genesis. On December 5 in Cahill #1 and December 6 in Cahill #3, a study will begin on the Gospel of Matthew. The study books are available in the parish office.

On Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM, the Marian Fellowship group meets for study and prayer in Cahill #3. In conjunction with the Bishops three-year

Eucharistic Revival, the focus of the current study is the presence of the Eucharist in our lives.

On Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM, the Marian Fellowship Group will host a prayer service to our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church.



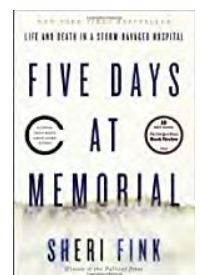
An open invitation is extended to all Saint George disciples to join us for study, prayer, and worship.

Questions: please contact Deacon Jerry at: [jsouta@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:jsouta@stgeorge60477.org) or [jsoutajr@att.net](mailto:jsoutajr@att.net). or call him at 708-574-6093.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Five Days at Memorial**

Book discussion this Friday  
 December 2, 2022  
 At 7:00 PM  
 Don't miss it!  
 Pizza will be served.  
 Parish Life Center  
 Second Floor, Room 4  
 Elevator available.



## SAINT GEORGE & SAINT JULIE YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to all who joined us for our Teen Hosted Mass at Saint George, and Bears tailgate party last Sunday! We are continuing to recruit teens for our Mission Trip to Cumberland, Kentucky from June 5 to June 10. More information (including a promo video, slideshow, and permission slip) is located on our website and social media pages.

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets after Masses last weekend for the Cavaliers vs. Bulls game on December 31. We will continue to sell \$5 raffle tickets for the pair, and all proceeds will benefit our Kentucky mission trip. They will be sold in the parish and school offices until December 2. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Monday, December 5.

December 4 is a fun day for us! I'm looking for teen helpers to decorate Saint Julie for Christmas at 3:30 PM. After our 6:00 PM Teen Hosted Mass, stay for our meeting until 9:00 PM. We will be baking Christmas cookies to send to our soldiers overseas!

Saint Julie is having a pop-up advent store, and Saint George/Saint Julie Sacred Journey Youth Ministry shirts and sweatshirts will be on sale starting on November 27. Please see below for details. Contact Mrs. Kristen Maxwell to learn more.

### Check Out Our Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, November 29** - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Teen Meeting at Saint George

**Sunday, December 4** - 3:30 PM - Nativity Creche Decorating at Saint Julie;  
6:00 PM Teen Hosted Mass at Saint Julie, followed by Teen Meeting from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Thursday, December 8** - 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Junior High Hangout at Saint George Gym and Teen Room

Teens Wanted:  
Help Decorate Outdoor  
Nativity Creche for St. Julie!  
Sunday, December 4th  
3:30pm

Contact kristen@stjulie.org or kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org

St. Julie Advent Merchandise Store has Sacred Journey St. George / St. Julie Youth Ministry apparel for sale!

A variety of colors and styles are available!

The store will only be open for a limited amount of time, so buy your Christmas gifts now while you still can!

Sun. Dec. 4th  
*Teens Hosted Mass*  
6pm St. Julie  
*Meeting*  
following from 7-9pm  
Help us bake Christmas cookies to send to our soldiers

CATHOLIC MISSION TRIPS INC.  
Cumberland, KENTUCKY  
June 5-10, 2023  
All High School Teens Welcome

For permission slip and more information, please contact  
Kristen@stjulie.org or  
kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org.

### AMAZON SMILE



When you order from Amazon.com, you may designate (at no additional charge to you) that a contribution of 0.5% of your total Amazon.com order will be donated to Saint George. To do this, please go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2258526>, or to the parish website. This will take you to your Amazon log in screen, log in, place your order and a donation will automatically be made to Saint George.

Please consider doing this every time you place an order with Amazon.com. You will need to log in at smile.Amazon.com each time to place an order through your Amazon.com account in order for Saint George to receive a donation. Again, it is free to you, and it is a wonderful way to benefit our school.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 3 and 4, we will have a second collection for Christmas flowers. Thank you for helping to make the church beautiful for the Christmas season. Envelopes can be found in your bi-monthly packets.







## SAINT GEORGE GIVING TREE

Each year the Christmas Giving Trees provide Saint George Parish with a unique opportunity to work with the entire community by

coordinating resources to meet the needs of families who may not have the ability to share in the spirit of the holiday season.

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.

You are invited to take a gift tag from one of the trees that has information about the recipient of the gifts. You can also pick up a tag during the week by coming to the Parish Office (Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM, or Tuesday and Thursday between 8:45 AM and 6:00 PM). Please check your tag as the dates to be returned are different for each group. Don't forget to attach the gift tag to the gifts.

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 and women are unisex hats, gloves, scarves, art supplies and extra long twin sheets. Gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 11. Wrapping is unnecessary.



### **Lord of Mercy (formerly Saint Gerard Majella)**

The Purple Angel shaped gift tag will help children from our sharing parish. The suggested gift amount is \$25. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 11.



### **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 help a family in need 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 for each tag. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 11.



### **The Women's Center**

The Pink and Blue gift tags will help The Women's Center who has saved children from abortion. The suggested gift amount is \$15 to \$25. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 4. Please put gift in box or bag. Wrapping is not necessary.

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

## THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath is a tradition related to Advent, the Church season immediately preceding Christmas. The Advent Wreath is a popular tradition among many Christians, Catholic and

Protestant. It is often used in homes, churches, and schools.

The Advent wreath, first used as a Christian devotion in the Middle Ages, gets its design from the customs of pre-Christian Germanic and Scandinavian cultures, who used candles and greenery as symbols of light and life during winter. The Advent Wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four or five candles, three purple, one rose, and (if you use the five-candle model), one white one for Christmas Day placed in the center. Some Christians use blue candles instead of purple.

The candles symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world. The evergreen symbolizes renewal, and the circular shape symbolizes the completeness of God. The candle colors are derived from the traditional liturgical colors of Advent (purple and rose) and Christmas (white). Each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent, and then the candles may be lit each day as a part of the individual or family's daily prayers.

Certain candles have been given various names and designations:

- Candle 1. Hope and/or Patriarchs (purple)
- Candle 2. Peace and/or Prophets (purple)
- Candle 3. Joy and/or John the Baptist (rose)
- Candle 4. Love or The Virgin Mary (purple)
- Candle 5. Christ The Light of the World (white)

### **Advent Week One**

**Directions:** Light the first purple candle.

**Prayer:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Alternate/Complementary Prayer:**

O Emmanuel, King and Lawgiver, Desire of the nations, Savior of all people, Come and set us free, Lord, our God.

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke: 1:26-38, Isaiah 7:10-14, Matthew 1:18-24

## GIFT TAG PROJECT



Our First and Second Year Confirmation students came together to create the gift tags for our Giving Tree this year. Thank you to these young disciples. It was a pleasure getting to know them a bit better! And thank you to Deacon Tom for our lesson on being a Minister of the Eucharist. Something they might consider in the future.



## THAT MAN IS YOU



### THE BOOK OF SIGNS

**Saturday, December 3 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM**

This week we continue our examination of the Word of God, but transition from Mark's gospel to the Gospel of John. Often referred to as the most beloved Apostle, John provides us with possibly the most contemplative account of Christ's life.

Dr. John Cavadini returns as this week's presenter and will hopefully guide us toward a better and more complete understanding of John's message.

Invite a friend and join us for a hearty breakfast beginning at 6:30 AM. Our program begins at 7:00 AM.

**That Man Is You!** meets on Saturday mornings, September through April, for breakfast in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. All adult 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.



## The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Archdiocese of Chicago

### #GivingTuesday with The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Chicago

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Chicago has been helping our friends in need for over 169 years, and 2022 is no exception. SVdP Chicago is partnering with the #GivingTuesday movement to make a significant impact on the homeless population in Cook and Lake counties and we need your help. Our goal is to reach \$35,000 to help feed our homeless friends in need, provide winter clothing essentials, and provide short term rental assistance along with any miscellaneous requests.

### Want to Donate and Help the Homeless in Cook and Lake Counties?

Simply scan the QR code by using your phone's camera.



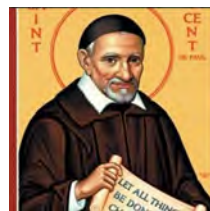
**If you prefer to mail in a donation, please make your check payable and send to:**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago - PO Box 233 // Blue Island, IL 60406

Attention: Harry Ohde // Please note in the "Note" section of your check, "#GivingTuesday"

For more information, please visit [www.svdpchicago.org](http://www.svdpchicago.org).

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SAINT GEORGE CHAPTER



### First Sunday of Advent

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

If your family or someone close to you is in need, please contact us at 708-532-2243 x515. A representative will return your call as soon as possible to arrange a confidential conversation. Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our ministry.

**FULFILL TODAY: If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today. —Anonymous**



## SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL P.A.R.T.

**What is PART?** - PART is a program where you can purchase gift cards at their face value, and you and the school can both earn money back on that purchase.

**What can you buy?** – Hundreds of gift cards are available. You can view them at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). We also have some local venues available, such as Ed n Joe's, Oberweis, and Gatto's. Purchasing Kohl's cards to pay off your Kohl's credit card is a great way to earn credits.

**How can I buy them?** – Each Friday by 9:00 AM, you can submit a paper order to the parish office or order online. Pick up will be the following week.

Interested in setting up an account? – Email [part@stgeorgeschool.org](mailto:part@stgeorgeschool.org) or Call Jean Peterson at 708-642-0949.

## SAINT GEORGE P.A.R.T. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Weekly Orders Due**  
**Physical Card Orders -**  
**Due by 9:00 AM on the dates listed below.**

**\*\*Monday, November 28**  
**Friday, December 2**  
**Friday, December 9**  
**Friday, December 16**

**\*\*Due date not a Friday.**

No PART orders on December 23 or December 30.  
 Regular weekly orders resume Friday, January 6.

Questions: [part@stgeorgeschool.org](mailto:part@stgeorgeschool.org)

## SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS



Order your Bundt Cakes to have for Christmas! Saint George has partnered with Nothing Bundt Cakes of Orland Park.

Bundt Cakes can be purchased for the same price as the store without tax added. The school will receive 15% of all orders placed - 20% if \$5,000 or more in sales is generated. The orders can be picked up on Wednesday, December 21 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Parish Life Center Meeting Rooms.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 30. Please send only one order form with totals and one check made out to Saint George PTL or cash.

Forms are available at the church entrances. Please email questions to [ptlstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:ptlstgeorge@gmail.com).



Reminder: Fannie May orders can be picked up on Friday, December 2 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

## FALL SUPER BINGO

Fall Super Bingo was a super success and a lot of fun for all who attended. So many lucky winners! Thank you to all for your continued support of our school.



## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 3 - 4:00 PM

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| <b>Celebrant:</b>             | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>                                   |
| <b>Deacon:</b>                | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>                                   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Mary Kubick-Martino - Bread<br>Cindi Patula - Bread<br>Sue Stanton - Bread |
| <b>Lectors:</b>               | Tim McCabe - Lector  |

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4 - 7:30 AM

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| <b>Celebrant:</b>             | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>        |
| <b>Deacon:</b>                | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>        |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Jennifer Barrett - Bread<br>Ray Schulze - Bread |
| <b>Lectors:</b>               | David Whitaker - Lector                         |

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4 - 9:30 AM

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| <b>Celebrant:</b>             | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>                          |
| <b>Deacon:</b>                | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>                          |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Karen Kiner - Bread<br>Nicole Olson - Bread<br>Nancy Opyd - Bread |
| <b>Lectors:</b>               | Bob Schuld - Lector   |

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4 - 11:30 AM

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| <b>Celebrant:</b>             | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>       |
| <b>Deacon:</b>                | <i>Not Available at Time of Printing</i>       |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread<br>Martha Pena - Bread |
| <b>Lectors:</b>               | Jeanine Patrick - Lector                       |

*Schedule is also available online at [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://www.stgeorge60477.org) and is subject to change.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11                              |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24           |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22                          |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27      |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31                   |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8      |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 |

## HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OFFERS TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Don't miss the opportunity to give thanks for your blessings by spending some quality time with Jesus in Holy Family Chapel. You will receive the grace and love radiating from Jesus present in the Sacred Host. It will not take long before you feel peace and love while in front of Jesus in the Eucharist. Even if you are not certain how to pray, just know that you are before Jesus who knows you inside-out. You might even decide to join fellow parishioners as a frequent visitor, or by taking a regular hour each week. Find an hour where you can get away from the fast pace of life to seek insight from Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

While there are many hours to consider that might fit your schedule, if possible, see if one of the following hours might work as your regular hour: Monday: 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM; Tuesday: 1:00 PM; Wednesday: 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM; Thursday: 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM; Friday: 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM. 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").

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saint George Parish Advent Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday evening, December 14 at 6:30 PM.

We encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis, but particularly in the seasons of Advent and Lent

## AL-ANON



### **"Are You Bothered By A Loved One's Drinking?"**

Please join us at Al-Anon Family Groups - a fellowship of relatives and friends who share their experiences, strength and hope. It is a program of understanding. You have choices and Al-Anon can help. Al-Anon meets at Saint George on Mondays at 7:30 PM in O'Connell Hall.



## 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 are 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 - 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesdays - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Church)**  
**Monday through Friday - 11:00 AM to Midnight (Holy Family Chapel)**

## STEWARDSHIP



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## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

*November 26-27 - Not available at time of printing.*

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**9:30 AM** Bread & Word (MR 4)  
**9:30 AM** Children’s Liturgy of the Word (RMR)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

**9:00 AM** Spiritual Direction (QR)  
**6:30 PM** Society of St. Vincent Paul Meeting (MR 3)  
**7:30 PM** Al-Anon (O’CH)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

**6:00 PM** Adoration (Church)  
**6:00 PM** SPRED II (SC, K)  
**7:00 PM** Teen Gathering (TR)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

**9:00 AM** School Mass  
**6:00 PM** CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O’CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)  
**7:00 PM** SPRED I (SC, K)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

**9:30 AM** CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1-2)  
**6:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Christmas Mass (Church)  
**7:00 PM** Marian Fellowship (MR 3)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

**7:00 PM** AOF Book Discussion (MR 4)  
**7:00 PM** Bingo (O’CH, GR, K)  
**8:00 PM** Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

Christmas Flower Collection  
 Fair Trade Before & After Masses  
**6:30 AM** That Man is You (O’CH)  
**3:00 PM** Reconciliation (Church)  
**7:00 PM** Adult Volleyball (G)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

Christmas Flower Collection  
 Fair Trade Before & After Masses  
**7:00 AM** Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)  
**9:30 AM** Bread & Word (MR 4)  
**9:30 AM** Children’s Liturgy of the Word (RMR)  
**9:30 AM** Family Mass (Church)  
**1:00 PM** Baptism (Church)  
**3:30 PM** Teen Nativity Decoration (SJB)  
**6:00 PM** Teen Mass (SJB)  
**7:00 PM** Teen Meeting (SJB)

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Give Central is an option more people are choosing. You can go to our website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://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](http://www.archchicago/support). For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at [rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

**4:00 PM** Patt & Chuck Quinn+  
Nancy A. Gayeski+  
Joseph & John Perlikiewicz

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**7:30 AM** Anthony F. Ponziano+  
Sam & Helen Baumann+  
Mass for Parishioners

**9:30 AM** Joseph Pisano+  
Lawrence Kelly+  
Darlene Brennan+

**11:30 AM** Deceased Members of the Raymond  
& Rose Marie Lamberty Family+  
Mary Jean McLaughlin+  
Intentions of Helen Menos+

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

**8:15 AM** Bernadine Penkso+  
John Glasner+  
Dorothy Schmitt+

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

**8:15 AM** Ludwig & Anna Lacijan+  
Roger Seaman+

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

**8:15 AM** Helen Priestley+  
Mary Ortigara+

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

**8:15 AM** Pat & Jack McGeehan+  
Mary Jane Bloethner+

**6:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Christmas Mass  
(Church)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

**8:15 AM** Thomas F. Bell+

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

**4:00 PM** Jane & Leo Davis+  
Stanley & Mary Mikos+  
Joseph Labuda+

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

**7:30 AM** Irene Baske+  
Carol Vander Sanden+  
Patricia DeLisa+

**9:30 AM** Florence Urbanek+  
David McCulley+  
Bernie Knowski+

**11:30 AM** Deceased Members of the Knights of  
Columbus+  
Margaret Leja+  
Mass for Parishioners

+ Faithful Departed

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### Our Sick...

Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Ed Bidrowski, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, Diane Cosgrave, JoAnne Coughlin, Mary Deskovich, Linda Dorminey, Baby Lucy Dovin, Ken Dunn, Baby Easley, Phil Estrada, Darlene Everson, Michelle Fiedler, Ruth Galleher, Robert Gardner, Marirose Grosschadl, Holly Hesselschwardt, Jace Hettlinger, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, Evelyn Knight, Zach Lomax, Lynn Kot, Pat Kukula, Donald Lavey, Sue Maher, Carol Manow, Barbara Misialek, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Thomas Nolan, Gwen Norvilas, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Joann Pisarski, Toni Pusateri, Eunice Robey, Brian Rudzki, Becky Schaefer, Leroy Schmidt, Mary Scudella, Jerry & Alexa Sebesta, Shirley Smiley, Mary Souta, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Jay Surufka, Lorraine Szara, Roger Tagtmeier, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Jerry Tecjak, Mary Theriault, Dennis Torii, Marlene Torii, Leslie Vaicik, Lisa Vari, William Vis, James Walker, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Scott Witten, Pat Woolet, Shirley Wydra, Antoinette Zaro, Richard and Mary Zdun

*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 Faithful Departed...

Ramon Vasquez, Edna Dettmann

### Our Military...

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), SSgt. 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), Sgt. Matthew Daliege (Army), Sgt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sgt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cdr. Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (AirSybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), AOAA Zachary Kovalcik (Navy) 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 (E6 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), 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.*



**RESPECT LIFE**

**BUS TRIPS TO MARCH FOR LIFE**

If you are considering attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C., you have travel options as follows: Illiana Right to Life bus trip to the March for Life will take place from January 19-22, 2023. The cost per person, double occupancy, will be \$225 for adults and \$175 for children and/or high school students. Reservations must be made by December 15, 2022, to ensure adequate hotel space. The cost of the trip includes coach transportation, lodging, and two breakfasts at the hotel. See [illianarighttolife.weebly.com/bus-trip-info.html](http://illianarighttolife.weebly.com/bus-trip-info.html) for details or email [IllianaRighttoLife@gmail.com](mailto:IllianaRighttoLife@gmail.com). Please call Jan Vander Zee at 219-488-6784 to reserve your place. The Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity of the Archdiocese of Chicago will not be sponsoring a bus trip this January, but you can ask them about other area bus trips they know of by calling 312-534-5335.

**HOW DO WE CHANGE OUR CULTURE OF DEATH?**

Pope John Paul II noted that the structure of man’s sin is characterized or manifest on a universal scale in our Culture of Death. He pointed out that the powerful are easily able to manhandle the weak (e.g. abortion and euthanasia). Therefore, first and foremost, we must first recognize God’s saving action and saving mission, and then participate in it. This has always been, and will always be the Church’s role. We love because He loved us first (1 Jn. 4:19), and we spread that love through our testimony to the nations (Acts 1:8).

We must try to influence our culture with our words and deeds, realizing that the purpose of evangelization is always to introduce man to the Person of Christ, and the Person of Christ to man, that man might enter into His mystical body, the Church. Thus, through grace attained by turning to Him, the culture of death can indeed be transformed, simply because the Gospel always has the power to transform the hearts of men...even when the culture seems most evil, hopeless and perverse.

**Pastor Al**



“... the family lights them, and their kid makes a wish and blows them out. I suggest better CCD attendance.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



**Did You Know?**

- Domestic violence happens to people of every educational and socio-economic level.
- Domestic violence occurs in all races, religions, and age groups.
- It happens behind closed doors on the street where you live.
- It happens to someone who sits near you in church each week.

**The Saint George Domestic Violence Outreach** aims to: Build awareness; Connect victims to services; Conduct and support prevention activities and initiatives.

We are a small group with great hopes of helping families out of the bondage of domestic violence. But we need the help of caring and compassionate people like you. Our work is neither difficult nor time-consuming, but the rewards are infinite.

**Myths and Facts About Domestic Violence**

**Myth:** Since domestic violence is a problem in the relationship, marriage or couple-focused pastoral counseling is key to restoring tranquility in the family or relationship.

**Fact:** This type of counseling often increases the risk of violence to the victim. Faith and religious community representatives can promote safety and restore personal integrity and self-esteem to the victim, and can suggest batterer intervention services for the abuser, but should not engage in couples counseling unless the long-term safety of the survivor, and of staff, can be assured.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Need help? Food, shelter, housing, employment, job training, counseling, addictions, utilities, physical or mental health services, legal and financial, immigration, naturalization and refugee and senior services are provided by **Catholic Charities**. Call 312-655-7700 or [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net).

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| Alcohol and Drug Abuse      | 1-800-821-4357 |
| Child Abuse                 | 1-800-252-2873 |
| National Domestic Violence  | 1-800-799-SAFE |
| National Sexual Assault     | 1-800-656-4673 |
| Compulsive Gambling Hotline | 1-410-332-0402 |
| Poison Control              | 1-800-222-1222 |
| Suicide Prevention          | 1-800-273-8255 |
| Elder Abuse                 | 1-800-252-8966 |





# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students recently travelled to Springfield. They learned all about our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, and had an awesome tour of the state Capitol building where our government leaders meet to make important decisions. It was an informative and fun trip, following which the students were given assignments to complete on what they learned from their visit.



Our third, fourth, and fifth graders took a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry to see the Lego exhibit. What an awesome experience it was!







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## INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The **Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship** Program helps children from low-income homes receive scholarships that cover up to 100% of a Catholic school's tuition. Thanks to this program, thousands of students are gaining knowledge in a faith-filled environment in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. Your support helps educate the next generation of Catholic student leaders and builds on a brighter future for all.

### What is a Tax Credit Scholarship?

Tax Credit Scholarships cover tuition and fees for the 2023/24 school year. Children from low-income households may qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than \$79,500 per year (based on a family of four). Of the nearly 8,000 students who qualified last year, more than half remained on a waitlist for tuition assistance.

### Cut tax liability

You can receive a credit for your state taxes equal to 75% of your Tax Credit Scholarship donation.

## HOW IT WORKS

We use \$10K in this example, but any amount is needed.

### DONATE \$10,000

After following the step-by-step guide, a taxpayer can donate \$10,000 to Empower Illinois, the Scholarship Granting Organization working with the archdiocese.

Designate the archdiocese's Catholic schools as the beneficiary.

### TAX REWARD CAN EQUAL \$7,500

You are eligible to claim to \$7,500 tax credit on your state taxes—75 percent of your gift! This will reduce your 2022 tax liability (2023 if donation is made after December 31).

### CORPORATE MATCHING

Please confirm with your employer's matching gift office to see if your donation is eligible for corporate matching. Empower Illinois will provide the corporate matching gift funds to the designated school.

For more information, please contact the TCS hotline at 312-534-2617 or [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org), or visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs).

## 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](mailto: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 optional in all indoor public spaces.



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