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# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF



# Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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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  
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Monday through Friday  
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6707 West 175th Street  
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**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**


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Getting back in the saddle is a bit of a challenge but it is a pleasure to be back home. By the time you see this, I will have been back for a week and a half but as I write it, it is only two days. The experience I had in Italy was amazing. The beauty of the country, art, architecture, food and people all came through. Though I was there for a month, the pace was dizzying. The program was dense with classes, tours, and conversation. I have to admit there were days when I wasn't sure I could look at another church! I think in large part, that had to do with so much to see in each and every church we visited. And by the time I joined the group, Saint Peter's wasn't even on the list! That was one I went to on my own.

To really grasp the grandeur of these places, a person simply has to be there in person. Photographs just don't express the immensity and artistry of what the eye beholds. Plus, the very construction of these magnificence places is incomprehensible. So often, after the initial awe has worn off, the next question is, "How did they do that???" Considering how primitive the tools were and how little technology they had, only adds to the overwhelming sense of majesty. One thing that came clear over and over again was the deep faith many of these artists carried with them and motivated them. They did it to give honor and glory to God. And now, through the ages, we are still invited to share their wonder.

Aside from Rome, we visited Venice. We were very happy it wasn't flooded and not too crowded. Saint Mark's Church is probably the most awe-inspiring church I have experienced, even more than Saint Peter's in Rome. All the artwork is done in mosaic ---- millions of tiny pieces covering ceiling, walls and floors. All of it, magnificent art. The canals are everything you've heard (but they didn't smell bad at all!). There are no cars or bikes allowed in Venice. I even saw a DHL delivery being made --- from a boat!

I was fortunate enough to make side trips to Amsterdam and Barcelona. In Amsterdam I came to a new appreciation of Van Gogh and learned about the Catholic Church having to go underground after the Protestants took over. One regret was I was not able to get into the Anne Frank home. Next time! In Barcelona, I saw the Gaudi Sagrada Familia Church. On first glance, it can look like a seaside sandcastle. But when you really look into it, it reveals amazing stories. Construction started in the 1880s and continues to this day --- and probably will continue into our grandchildren's lifetime!

If you're interested in seeing a bit of the trip, go to my Facebook page (FrPaul Seaman --- yes, that is how it is displayed) and see some photos and descriptions I wrote. Maybe it will inspire you to consider a trip to see some of the world's great art, created to give God glory!

Finally, I want to thank Fr. Tom, the deacons and the whole staff who worked so hard while I was gone. It is a gift to be able to leave the parish and know it is in good hands. Thanks to all who made it possible!



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This feast was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX. He affirmed that the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a truth revealed by God to the Church. The meaning of this dogma is that, by God's grace, Mary was preserved free from original sin from the first moment of her existence, her conception. She remained free of all sin throughout her life, cooperating freely in the work of salvation through faith and obedience. In this way God prepared her to be the mother of His Son, our Savior. We praise God for choosing Mary to be the mother of Jesus Christ. As the patron of the United States, we turn to the Blessed Virgin seeking intercession for our nation. (from USCCB)



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 8.

## 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

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

December 10 - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

December 17 - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

## 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 at [mrsdcntim@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsdcntim@yahoo.com).



## THE ADVENT WREATH



### Advent Week Two

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

**Prayer:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the paths of your Only-begotten Son: that we may worthily serve you with hearts purified by His coming: 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 King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

**Scriptures:** Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11, Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 3:1-6

## DISCIPLES: STUDY AND PRAYER

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.



*CHRISTMAS WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE*

**Mass Schedule**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
3:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 10:00 PM  
Christmas Carols begin at 9:45 PM

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

**The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**

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

**Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day**  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

## PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at the home of Darlene Everson at 6307 Honey Lane, Tinley Park from Saturday, December 10 through Saturday, December 17. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00 PM on Saturday, December 10, and at 7:00 PM from December 11 through December 17.



All are invited to come and participate during this Christmas season. Following the Rosary on December 10, we will have our annual party - games, food and fun. For additional information, please call 708-532-1315. If you haven't come for the rosary in the past, please consider coming this year to honor Jesus and Mary, His mother.

Due to COVID, the statue hasn't been here since 2019.



The Southwest Symphony Orchestra together with the Saint Stephen, Saint George and Saint Julie Choirs will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 PM in Saint Stephen's church. Tickets are on sale at Saint Stephen Church and can be purchased during office hours. Tickets are \$22 for seniors and adults, \$7 for students. Children under 10 are free. This is an event for the entire family which will include an audience sing-a-long, sacred and secular Christmas favorites, and an appearance by a Polish soloist and Polish youth choir. It is a musical program that will be sure to enhance your Christmas spirit, so please join us!"

## THAT MAN IS YOU

### THE BOOK OF GLORY

**Saturday, December 10 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM**

So many men pass through this world seeking fame, fortune, and glory. We seek to perform mighty works, accomplish incredible feats, make a name for ourselves, and build a legacy. Even our modern social media and Facebook accounts seek to glorify specific moments in our daily lives. And so, we ask the question, "When was Jesus Christ's ultimate moment of glory?"

Was it during one of His countless miracles? Was it due to His earth-shattering preaching and teaching? Was it His charisma, leadership, and ability to influence men and women to follow Him? Or was it when seemingly everyone had abandoned Him?

"...and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." - John 12:32

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

**Hoping to see YOU there!**

**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.

## 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.

**SAINT GEORGE & SAINT JULIE YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Sacred Journey  
Youth Ministry**



**Check Out Our Upcoming Events**

**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

**Tuesday, December 13** - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Teen Meeting at Saint Julie

**Sunday, December 18** - 11:30 AM - Teen Hosted Mass at Saint George, followed by Christmas Party until 2:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 20** - 7:00 to 9:00 PM - Teen Meeting at Saint George

**\$5 RAFFLE FOR 2 BULLS TICKETS**

**BULLS PLAY THE ACAVALIERS - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses December 3-4. Drawing is December 5.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY'S SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO



**Teens Wanted:**

**Help Decorate Outdoor Nativity Creche for Saint Julie!**

**Sunday, December 4  
3:30 PM**



**Saint Julie Advent Merchandise Store has Sacred Journey Saint George / Saint 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!



**Sunday, December 4**

**TEEN HOSTED MASS  
6:00 PM at Saint Julie**

MEETING following from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Help us bake Christmas cookies to send to our soldiers.



**ENCOUNTER NIGHT**

AT Our Lady of the Woods  
Sponsored by SSYMA



**JANUARY 7  
AT 7:00 PM**

Encounter Christ in Your Life!

Prayer Time and Reconciliation will be offered along with our guest speaker.

With Special Guest Special Speaker  
Rob Kaczmark



Cumberland

**KENTUCKY**

**JUNE 5-10, 2023  
All High School Teens Welcome**



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

**SOUTHWEST  
SUBURBAN  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
VOLLEYBALL**



Are you interested in playing?

**JANUARY 12 - MARCH 16  
THURSDAYS - 7 PM - 9 PM**

**WE ARE CREATING A  
TEAM AND LOOKING FOR  
A COACH!**





## 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!

## 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.

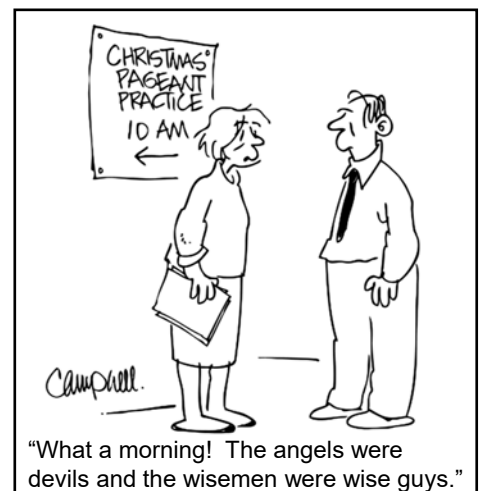
### SAINT GEORGE P.A.R.T. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Friday, December 9  
Friday, December 16

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

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



**SECOND COLLECTION - DECEMBER 10-11**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Third Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure - both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. "Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age" (Ps 92:14-15). As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious - past and present - I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our Archdiocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 10-11. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

Wishing you every blessing during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

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).

**STEWARDSHIP**



"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 office.

Saint George Church does not "pass the basket" at the offertory. Instead, please drop your contributions in the collection boxes located near the pews in church.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**November 19-20, 2022**

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 12,013.61
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 13,943.00
Difference	\$ (1,929.39)
Second Collection - Campaign for Human Development	\$ 1,667.00
School Fund	\$ 115.00
Sharing Parish - Lord of Mercy	\$ 83.00
Saint Vincent De Paul	\$ 165.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 15.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00

**Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date**

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 278,878.35
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 292,803.00
YTD Difference	\$ 13,924.65

**PLANNED GIVING**

**Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays you Back**

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a great way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life—benefitting you today and our parish in the future. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at [rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org) or visit [giving.archchicago.org/cga](http://giving.archchicago.org/cga). To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-5404 or [kcampbell@archchicago.org](mailto:kcampbell@archchicago.org).

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 10 - 4:00 PM

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Tom
<b>Deacon:</b>	Jerry Souta
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Debbie Olejarz - Bread Ruth Strugala - Bread Eileen Weglarz - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Tim Framke - Lector

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11 - 7:30 AM

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Tom
<b>Deacon:</b>	Jerry Souta
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Alice Graff - Bread Jim Walker - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Kay Keating - Lector

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11 - 9:30 AM

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Paul
<b>Deacon:</b>	Tim Keating
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread Tim McCabe - Bread Eva McCulley - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Bob Page - Lector

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

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Ken
<b>Deacon:</b>	Greg Bartos
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Jean Gaytan - Bread Linda Milazzo - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Kathy Oboikovitz - Lector

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OFFERS TIME TO PREPARE

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas 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").

## 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.

## 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).

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 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.*

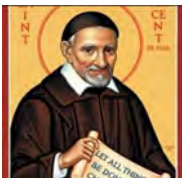
**RECONCILIATION**

**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)**

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real

meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE**

**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)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**

- 9:00 AM Spiritual Direction (Deacon's Room)
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022**

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 6:30 PM Advent by Candlelight (MR 1-3)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

- 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 8, 2022 (Immaculate Conception)**

- 8:15 AM Secret Santa Shop All Day (MR 1-3)
- 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)
- 9:00 AM School Mass (Church)
- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1-2)
- 3:00 PM Junior High Hangout (TR, G)
- 7:00 PM Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022**

- Secret Santa Shop—All Day (MR 1-3)
- 7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
- 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

- Retirement Fund For Religious Collection
- 6:30 AM That Man is You (O'CH)
- 8:30 AM Missionary & Prayer Meeting (MR 1)
- 9:00 AM Lay Carmelites (MR 4)
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**

- Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 1:00 PM Baptism Prep. (MR 3)

For additional information on Saint George, please visit the parish website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://www.stgeorge60477.org)



## 2022 SOUTHWEST SIMBANG GABI

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!

The following parishes invite you to celebrate the annual pre-Christmas novena of Simbang Gabi. Come celebrate the gift of faith.

Thursday December 15 7:00 PM	St. Albert the Great Fr. Manusz Nawalaniec	8000 Linder Ave. Burbank, IL 708-423-0321
Friday December 16 7:00 PM	Our Lady of St. Germaine Cardinal Cupich	9711 S. Kolin Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 708-636-3060
Saturday December 17 7:00 PM	St. Francis of Assisi Fr. Jay Suero	15050 Wolf Rd. Orland Park, IL 708-460-0042
Sunday December 18 7:00 PM	St. Damian Fr. Joe Noonan	5300 155th St. Oak Forest, IL 708-687-1370
Monday December 19 7:00 PM	Our Lady of the Woods Fr. Michael Foley	10731 W. 131st St. Orland Park, IL 708-361-4754
Tuesday December 20 7:00 PM	St. Elizabeth Seton Fr. Bill Corcoran	9300 W. 167th St. Orland Hills, IL 708-403-0101
Wednesday December 21 7:00 PM	St. Julie Billiart Fr. Roy Belocura	7399 W. 159th St. Tinley Park, IL 708-429-6767
Thursday December 22 7:00 PM	St. Michael Fr. Frank Kurucz	14327 Highland Ave. Orland Park, IL 708-349-0903
Friday December 23 7:00 PM	St. Fabian Fr. Greg Warmuz	7450 W. 83rd St. Bridgeview, IL 708-599-1110

For more information please contact:

Fr. Tirso Villaverde - Pastor St. Julie Billiart 708-429-6767, [frtirso@stjulie.org](mailto:frtirso@stjulie.org)

Fr. Roy Belocura - Associate Pastor, St. Julie Billiart, 708-429-6767, [frroy@stjulie.org](mailto:frroy@stjulie.org)

Fr. Jay Suero - Associate Pastor St. Francis of Assisi, 708-460-0042 [jsuero@sfaorland.org](mailto:jsuero@sfaorland.org) or Sylvia Jasmin, (708) 710-1567, [bngias@comcast.net](mailto:bngias@comcast.net)

## DAILY ROSARY

Please join us to pray the rosary before the morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM.



## RESPECT LIFE

### PRAYER VIGIL IN ORLAND PARK

Please plan to join a prayer vigil to be held at Orland Park Planned Parenthood. We will gather along the public sidewalk extending from 14470 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. This vigil will take place from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, December 5, 2022. Parking is available in the Orland Chateau lot (14500 S. LaGrange Road), but please park in the back.

Even if you can only stop by for a short time, please join us. Show your concern to protect our teenagers from Planned Parenthood. Pray for the conversion of Planned Parenthood's staff. Contrary to their claims, Planned Parenthood's birth control and sex education programs always lead to more unplanned pregnancies and more abortions, not less.

### 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.

## SAINT GEORGE SUNDAY BULLETIN

Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, nine days before it reaches the parishioner's hands. Please send articles to [bulletin@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:bulletin@stgeorge60477.org).



Due to the upcoming holidays, we have several early bulletin deadlines.

- Articles for the December 25 bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday, December 13.
- Articles for the January 1 bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday, December 20.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

**8:15 AM** Sam & Helen Baumann+  
Buczyna & Butz Families+  
Mary Faul+

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

**8:15 AM** Stella Wieneck+  
Helen M. Williams+

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

**8:15 AM** Mass for Mothers  
Concepcion Agling+

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 (Immaculate Conception)

**8:15 AM** Nancy K. Gatto+  
Pauline Goodman+  
Nancy Connolly+

**7:00 PM** Mass for Parishioners

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

**8:15 AM** Mary Ann & Arthur Daliege+

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

**4:00 PM** Joseph Kiely+  
Teresa Kelly+  
John Patrick Daley (for healing)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

**7:30 AM** Anthony F. Ponziano+  
Mass for Parishioners  
Carol Vander Sanden+

**9:30 AM** Patricia DeLisa+  
Irene Graff+  
Michael Damico+

**11:30 AM** Kevin Montelpasse+  
Daniel Gast+  
Donald Malone+

+ 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 Hettinger, 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, Burt Stewart, 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 Woollet, 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), Capt. 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 (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.*





# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



We are very proud to announce that these three students won first place in each of their grade levels from all the schools in Tinley Park in the Fire Department's Poster Contest.



Rosalee -1st place from all sixth graders



Erin - first place from all seventh graders



Abigail - first place from all eighth graders

Pajama Day! Students brought in monetary donations or a pair of new pajamas for those less fortunate. Scholastic Book Club will donate a book for every pair of pajamas collected.

How wonderful! Giving is caring.





# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



## Discover Catholic Schools!

It's time to discover what a Catholic school can offer your child. Saint George School has been voted #1 for two years in a row, both for preschool and elementary school.



Call 708-532-2626 to schedule a tour and information session. We love to talk about our school!

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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.

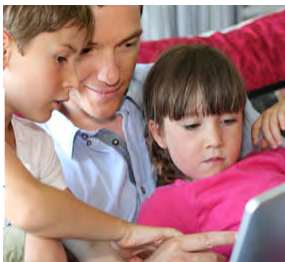
**BULLETIN INFORMATION** provides updates on parish and Archdiocesan events. Please submit articles or recommendations to [bulletin@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:bulletin@stgeorge60477.org) by Friday at 4:00 PM before publication date. Because of space limitations, articles regarding Saint George activities 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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