
SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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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 WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

These beautiful days of Advent guide along into the joy of Christmas. Anticipation is a beautiful feeling. It is a sign of our hope for better things yet to come. What could be a more hopeful joy than waiting for the birth of Our Savior?

Anticipation also means preparation. The best way we can prepare for the birth of Jesus is to make our hearts ready to receive Him. And the best way to do that is to celebrate the

gift of reconciliation. This beautiful sacrament puts us in touch with that which is beautiful and flawed within us and brings us to the beautiful and flawless love of God. Faithfulness to the Gospel, which is the fount of all hope, brings purposefulness and happiness into our lives that nothing on earth can offer.

This Wednesday, we will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 PM in church. Everyone is invited. We have at least seven priests who will be hearing confessions. Please join us for a beautiful evening of peace and forgiveness.

In other news, I recently received word that for the first time in many years, Saint George surpasses our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal! The most recent figures show us having surpassed our goal of \$56,469 by \$872. (The goal is set by a percentage of our Sunday and Holy Day collections. Anything over that amount comes back to Saint George for our choice of use.) This money will be used towards some badly needed new Mass vestments. To all who made and fulfilled their ACA promises, we thank you!


As we approach Christmas, I urge you to invite people you know to join us for Mass on this very holy day. Christmas is a unique moment when connections can be made, and broken relationships healed. Too many in our own Catholic family have a painful relationship with the Church for a variety of reasons. But the Church has a great deal to offer and the only way some people will hear about it is through you. Your role in spreading the Gospel through simple invitation cannot be overestimated. You may be surprised how much a good word from you can mean. Jesus is anxiously awaiting His People to greet Him. We don't want anyone to miss out!



If you are new to our church or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are delighted to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our parish.

The Saint George Parish Registration Team is happy to announce that registration for new parishioners will take place next Sunday (December 18), 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!



*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

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



Pope Francis Tweet

I wish you all a good Advent journey made up of many small gestures of peace every day: welcoming gestures, gestures of understanding, closeness, forgiveness, and service... Gestures from the heart, like steps towards Bethlehem, towards Jesus, the King of peace.

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.

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.



We recently welcomed the following people into our parish family.

- Vicky Butler
- Kenneth & Cecilia Connelly
- Elizabeth Dirksen
- Dawn Johnson
- Kevin & Sarah O'Connor
& their children, Peyton & Kelly
- Karen Pastore
- Brian Pikul
- Doreen Pudlowski
- Carmen & Emily Sisto
& their son, Ollie



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

- Evelyn Rose Allen,
daughter of Jared Allen &
Lindsay O'Keefe Allen
- Ollie Bruno Sisto,
son of Carmen Sisto &
Emily Krotiak Sisto

Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents!



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



FRIENDS OF SAINT JOSEPH
Saturday, December 17 -
6:30 AM to 8:00 AM
O'Connell Hall at Saint George School

Our fall semester is coming to a close, and what a GREAT semester it's been! Insightful topics, incredible first-class speakers, lively and fruitful discussions; but truly the men who join us each week are what makes this program special! Thanks to all the men who chose to be a part of it!

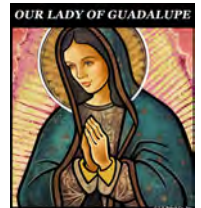
This weekend, Steve Bollman is back to tie it all together before we break for the Christmas holiday season. Our Spring Semester will begin on Saturday, January 21 and run for another 13 weeks until April 22.

Please join us for our final meeting of 2022. Our program begins at 7:00 AM. Invite a friend and join us for a hearty breakfast beginning at 6:30 AM.

DISCIPLES: STUDY AND PRAYER

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. The study books are available in the parish office.

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 or jsoutajr@att.net or call him at 708-574-6093.

SAINT GEORGE & SAINT JULIE YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sacred Journey
Youth Ministry**



Thank you for your support of our Bulls Ticket Raffle to benefit our summer mission trip! We earned \$1,025! Spots are still available for teens to join us! Congratulations to our winner, Debra Kozlowski! Thank you to all who helped us decorate the outdoor nativity at St. Julie and bake Christmas cookies for the soldiers after our teen hosted Mass last Sunday. Save the date for our Encounter night on January 7th, sponsored by the Southwest Suburban Youth Ministry Association. All college/young adults and teens are invited to a night of reflection, which includes adoration and reconciliation. It will be a great way to start the new year!

Check Out Our Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, January 7 - 7:00 pm - Encounter Night at Our Lady of the Woods

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



**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!




**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!**



Cumberland
KENTUCKY
JUNE 5-10, 2023
All High School Teens Welcome



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

**Teen Hosted Mass and
Gingerbread Making Party**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
11:30 AM Mass at SAINT GEORGE
PARTY FOLLOWING UNTIL 2:30 PM



For information on these events, contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org.



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 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.

Saint George Parish will be sharing gifts with:
 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. 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 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.

Thursday, December 15


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

Questions:
part@stgeorgeschool.org



"The Sunday school teacher says this'll be a true test of my acting ability. What does she mean by that?"

SECOND COLLECTION - DECEMBER 10-11

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**Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps communities care for their aging members and reflects thanks for their devoted service. Please give to those who have given a lifetime by donating to this weekend's second collection. retiredreligious.org

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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 more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.

PLANNED GIVING

Legacy Gifts for Our Parish

Please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. A well-coordinated estate plan typically includes: (1) financial power of attorney, (2) will, (3) beneficiary designations, (4) charitable beneficiary designations and (5) health care documents, such as a living will and a health care power of attorney.

Create or update your estate plans today by contacting your estate attorney and financial advisor. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or visit myimpact.archchicago.org/resources. For a free step-by-step guide to reviewing your estate plan, please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.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 26-27, 2022

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 25,040.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 13,943.00
Difference	\$ 11,097.00
School Fund	\$ 1,375.00
Sharing Parish - Lord of Mercy	\$ 170.00
Saint Vincent De Paul	\$ 1,000.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 5.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 10.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,025.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 27.00

Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 303,918.35
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 306,746.00
YTD Difference	\$ (2,827.65)

December 3-4, 2022

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 19,906.44
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 13,943.00
Difference	\$ 5,963.44
Second Collection - Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,044.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,700.00
Sharing Parish - Lord of Mercy	\$ 377.00
Saint Vincent De Paul	\$ 250.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 10.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 281.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00

Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 323,824.79
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 320,689.00
YTD Difference	\$ 3,135.79

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 17 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant:	Father Tom
Deacon:	Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers:	Don Clark - Bread Fran Clark - Bread Jack Yock - Bread
Lectors:	Bob Wyatt - Lector

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 18 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Tom
Deacon:	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers:	Paul Windish - Bread Betsy Windish - Bread
Lectors:	Rita Walker - Lector

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 18 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Bartos - Bread Ann Floyd - Bread Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread
Lectors:	Sheryl O'Sullivan - Lector

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 18 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers:	Diane Wawzenek - Bread Wally Wawzenek - Bread
Lectors:	Youth Minister - Lector

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
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 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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.

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.

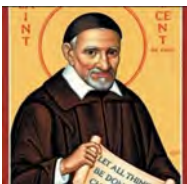
RECONCILIATION

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)**

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SAINT GEORGE CHAPTER



Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask

people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

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 11, 2022

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

6:30 PM Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (MR 3)
7:00 PM Bible Study (MR 1)
7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

10:00 AM Daybreak Shelter
6:00 PM Bible Study (MR 3)
6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
7:00 PM Teen Gathering (Saint Julie Billiard)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

9:00 AM School Mass (Church)
6:00 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4,
BR, QR, SGS)
6:30 PM Parish & CFF Reconciliation Service (Church)
7:00 PM SPRED I (SC, K)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 (Immaculate Conception)

9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1-2)
11:15 AM Preschool Prayer (Church)
12:30 PM SGS Advent Reconciliation - 3rd, 4th & 5th
(Church)
1:30 PM SGS Advent Reconciliation - 6rd, 7th & 8th
(Church)
6:00 PM Church Open for Private Prayer
7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
(Church)
7:00 PM SGS Band Christmas Concert (O'Connell Hall,
MR 1-3)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

6:30 AM That Man is You (O'CH)
3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)
11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
12:30 PM Teen Mass (Church)
1:00 PM Teen Christmas Party (TR, MR 4)
Baptism (Church)

For additional information on Saint George, please visit the parish website - 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:

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Fr. Roy Belocura - Associate Pastor, St. Julie Billiart,
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Fr. Jay Suero - Associate Pastor St. Francis of Assisi,
708-460-0042 jsuero@sfaorland.org or Sylvia Jasmin,
(708) 710-1567, bngjas@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

PEACE IN WOMB CAROLING AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN FLOSSMOOR

Please plan to join the monthly vigil to be held at the Flossmoor Planned Parenthood abortion facility. We will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 19831 S. Governor's Hwy in Flossmoor. This vigil will take place from 10:00 AM to 1:00 AM on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Peace in Womb Christmas caroling will also take place during part of this hour.

Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th St. which goes west from Governors Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). Express your prayers and concerns about an abortion facility located in our own neighborhood.

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 for details or email 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

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.



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 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+

11:30 AM Michael Damico+
Kevin Montelpasse+
Daniel Gast+
Donald Malone+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

8:15 AM Renato Saludar in Thanksgiving
James & Michael Sanfilippo+
Melvin Mazgay+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

8:15 AM Michael J. Gibbons+
Flordelina Marcos+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

8:15 AM Mass for All Souls+
Deceased Members of the Tholl
Family+
Lynette E. Johnson+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

8:15 AM Eugene Budz+
Gerry Palmer (for Health & Well
Being)
Suzanne Schmitt Smiley+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

4:00 PM Helen Rusnak+
Margaret Gayeski+
Linda Anne Meinke+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

7:30 AM Michael J. Kill+
Deceased Members of the Knights of
Columbus+
Carol Vander Sanden

9:30 AM Nancy K. Gatto+
Mass for Parishioners
Judy Graves+

11:30 AM Nancy Panek Gatto+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+
Eileen Carpenter+

+ 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, Carol Manow, Barbara Misialek, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvilas, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Toni Pusateri, Eunice Robey, Becky Schaefer, Mary Scudella, Jerry & Alexa Sebesta, Shirley Smiley, Mary Souta, Burt Steward, 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 Zdon

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...

David J. Hersrud, Brian Rudzki, Patricia Laschober, Gloria Fowler, Tom Dolan

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), Cmdr. Daniel Hollendon (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendon (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



Second graders Benjamin, Elena, Dominic, and Patrick earned iReady awards for having passed the most lessons or spent the most time in reading or math during October and November. Congratulations!

Student Council loaded a van and a pickup truck full of groceries for the Tinley Park Food Pantry. Well done, students of Saint George School. Your generous spirit gleams brightly. May each one of you keep that little light of yours shining!





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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.

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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, or visit 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.

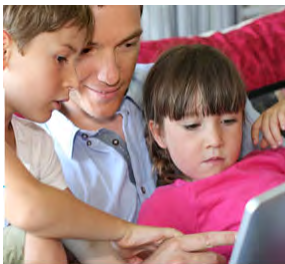
BULLETIN INFORMATION provides updates on parish and Archdiocesan events. Please submit articles or recommendations to bulletin@stgeorge60477.org by Friday at 4:00 PM before publication date. Because of space limitations, articles regarding Saint George activities and information, as well as Archdiocesan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