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# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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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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**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**


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Today's first reading shows us the evil King Ahaz, who desecrated the Temple and brought in foreign altars to make illicit sacrifices. He was the son of a faithful king, Jotham, and his son, Hezekiah, would undo his father's sacrilege. In the reading, the Lord offers Ahaz a sign, to show He is willing to save Israel. Ahaz responds that he would rather not tempt the Lord but rely on his allies, the Assyrians. The prophet Isaiah warns King Ahaz that God wouldn't put up with him for long. But this conflict gives Isaiah an opportunity to extend a promise, a promise of a savior. He says:

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
 the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
 and shall name him Emmanuel.*

There are many such promises throughout the Old Testament. This is the promise made to the Israelites that sustained them for centuries. Often the fulfillment of that promise was an image of a warrior king who would make Israel the foremost world power. God, however, had a different plan.

Next weekend, we will see how God's Plan would unfold. The birth of Our Lord in a manger, a feedbox for animals, in a stable, would alter the old images. The Apostles themselves sometimes fell into the warrior mentality, waiting for Jesus to assert His power. But they expected a political power. Jesus came bearing the power of the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of peace, charity and unity.

I hope these last days leading to Christmas will give you those same gifts. We seek peace for our troubled world. We pray for an end to the violence we see in our streets. We struggle to find a more civil public discourse. We seek an end to the violence inflicted within families.

We pray that charity will become the cornerstone of our lives. We are called to the charity that not only responds to immediate needs of the hungry, homeless and sick. The charity we are called to also desires to change the injustices that drags one people under another, that keeps some people rich at the expense of others.

And during these last days before Christmas, we pray for unity within the Church, the peoples of the world, in our families, and even for a unity within ourselves.

My prayer for you is that you will find peace in prayer, charity for others and unity with God, your family and friends. I hope you will join us for Mass as we welcome the Christ Child. God bless you!





*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

**THAT MAN IS YOU**



**THAT MAN IS YOU!  
IS ON HOLIDAY BREAK**

Our Fall Semester of TMIY concluded on December 17 with the 13th session of our current program year. Our Spring Semester will begin with session #14 on Saturday, January 21 and conclude with session #26 on April 22.

Don't forget to mark your 2023 calendar for January 21 and consider making the New Year's Resolution to join us for breakfast on Saturday mornings. Until then, have a Very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!

**WELCOME**



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 this 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!

**THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Advent Week Four**



**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 (repeat third week's prayer). Light the fourth purple candle.

**Prayer:** Pour forth Your power, O Lord, and come: Assist us by that mighty power, so that by Your grace and merciful kindness we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede: Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

**Alternate/Complementary Prayer:**

O Wisdom, Holy Word of God, You govern all things with Your strong, yet tender care. Come and show Your people the way to salvation.

**Scriptures:** Malachi 3:1-5, Romans 8:18-25, Isaiah 52:7-10. Revelation 21:1-4

**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.

### SAINT GEORGE WOMEN'S GROUP



Our Woman's Group Advent By Candlelight event was quite the success! We had a wonderfully prayerful evening with good music, great food, beautifully decorated tables, and of course an incredible evening with some strong faithful women from our parish and neighboring parishes. Thank you to the team who planned, presented and participated in the prayer service. Thank you to all who came out and we hope to repeat this in the future. Planning for our next event will be January 10 at 6:30 PM. We will have an evening together on February 7, and we are calling it Gal-en-tine Day!



### BINGO



Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Bingo will not take place on Friday, December 23 and Friday, December 30.

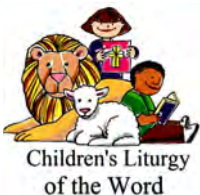
BINGO will resume on Friday, January 6. BINGO is located in O'Connell Hall and the Georgian Room. Doors open at 5:00 PM, and games begin at 7:00 PM

### PARISH OFFICE



The Saint George parish office will be closed on Friday, December 23, Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed on Friday, December 30 and Saturday, December 31 for the New Year's holiday.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break for the holidays on December 25 and January 1. We will resume on January 8 at the 9:30 Mass.

Have a Merry Christmas and happy New Year We hope to see you on January 8.

**SAINT GEORGE & SAINT JULIE YOUTH MINISTRY**



**Sacred Journey Youth Ministry**

Check out our upcoming events. For information on these events, contact Kristen Maxwell at [kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org).

**Sunday, December 18**  
11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**Teen Hosted Mass at Saint George followed by Gingerbread Making Christmas Party**

**Tuesday, December 20**  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Teen Meeting at Saint George**

**Saturday, January 7**  
7:00 PM

**Encounter Night at Our Lady of the Woods sponsored by SSYMA**

*Save the date for our Encounter night on January 7, 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. The guest speaker will be Rob Kazmark (Emmy Award Winner who produced "Zombies Vs. Jesus," "The Girl Inside," and "The Mass." It will be a great way to start the new year!*

**June 5-10, 2022**

**Mission Trip to Cumberland, Kentucky**  
**All High School Teens Welcome!**

*There is still room to join us on our Kentucky Mission Trip - June 5 - June 10*

**Sacred Ministry Apparel**

Saint Julie Advent Merchandise Store has Sacred Journey Saint George – Saint Julie Youth Ministry apparel for sale. A variety of 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. To shop, visit [www.bonfire.com/store/st-julie-billiart-catholic-church/](http://www.bonfire.com/store/st-julie-billiart-catholic-church/)



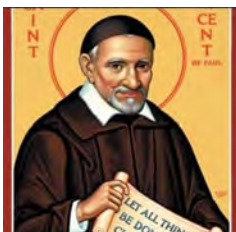
**Are you interested in playing volleyball?**

We are trying to set up a volleyball team to participate in the Southwest Suburban Youth ministry league.



**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - SAINT GEORGE CHAPTER**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us." 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.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
<b>Friday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
<b>Sunday:</b>	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## PLANNED GIVING

### Legacy Gifts for Our Parish

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and [such] we are. (1 John 3:1)

### Please Remember Our Priests

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests' Health and Retirement at 708.449.8026. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit [prmaa.org](http://prmaa.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

Stewardship numbers for December 10-11 not available at time of printing.

## 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).



Did you know you can make your Christmas Offering to Saint George electronically with Give Central.

Just go to the Parish

Website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://www.stgeorge60477.org). Donations can be made by credit card, debit card and electronic payments. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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](http://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.



**Moving Forward in Hope**

Join us for an evening of **Prayer Connection & Hope**  
Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illinois

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection, and hope.

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

Connection is paramount to mental health and well being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held monthly on the fourth Tuesday.

**Moving Forward In Hope**  
**Tuesday, December 27**  
**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Please reach out to  
Deacon Tom Lambert at  
tlambert@ourlmc.org to register  
for this evening.

**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.

**REMEMBER ME**



Saint George is a family of faith. As with any family, we strive to keep in communication with one another.

We have a communication vehicle called "Remember Me". We will e-mail notification of funerals at Saint George to anyone who requests

this service. If you wish to be included in this e-mail group, please send your e-mail address to Kathy Rubino in the parish office at [krubino@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:krubino@stgeorge60477.org). You will be responsible for notifying us of any change in an email address.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy at 708-532-2243 ext. 500.

**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).

**GETTING EVEN: The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.**

**Anonymous**

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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 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)**

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022**

- 7:00 PM** Bible Study (MR 1)
- 7:00 PM** Finance Committee (MR 1)
- 7:30 PM** Al-Anon (O'CH)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022**

- 10:00 AM** Bible Study (MR 3)
- 6:00 PM** Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM** SPRED II (SC, K)
- 7:00 PM** Teen Meeting (TR)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022**

- 9:00 AM** School Mass (Church)
- 10:00 AM** SGS Christmas Nativity (Church)
- 6:00 PM** CFF Grade 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)
- 7:00 PM** SPRED I (SC, K)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022**

- 9:30 AM** CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1-2)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022**

- No Bingo
- No School
- Rectory Office Closed
- 8:00 PM** Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

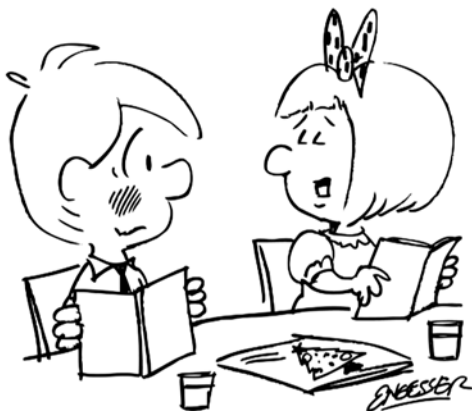
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022**

- Rectory Office Closed
- 3:00 PM** Christmas Eve Mass (Church)
- 5:00 PM** Christmas Eve Mass (Church)
- 10:00 PM** Midnight Mass (Church)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**

- 7:30 AM** Christmas Day Mass (Church)
- 9:30 AM** Christmas Day Mass (Church)
- 11:30 AM** Christmas Day Mass (Church)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



“Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse’ is NOT a Bible verse!”

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





## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2022 - 3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Paul
<b>Deacon:</b>	Jerry Souta
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Jennifer Barrett - Bread Christopher Barrett - Bread Joanne O'Brien - Bread Sue Stanton - Bread Charlene Yock - Bread Ron Yock - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Tim Framke - Lector

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2022 - 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Tom
<b>Deacon:</b>	Greg Bartos
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Don Clark - Bread Fran Clark - Bread Jim Novotney - Bread Cindi Patula - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Fran Fancsali - Lector

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2022 - 10:00 PM CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Ken
<b>Deacon:</b>	Tom Schutzius
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Ruth Strugala - Bread Jack Yock - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Naomi O'Malley - Lector

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25 - 7:30 AM CHRISTMAS DAY

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Tom
<b>Deacon:</b>	Joe Panek
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Alice Graff - Bread Sandi Rogina - Bread Gary Ryczyn - Bread Mary Spengler - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Teri Ryczyn - Lector

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25 - 9:30 AM CHRISTMAS DAY

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Ken
<b>Deacon:</b>	Tom Schutzius
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Catherine Adalakun - Bread Tioluwalase Adalakun - Bread Eva McCulley - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Bob Page - Lector

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25 - 11:30 AM CHRISTMAS DAY

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Paul
<b>Deacon:</b>	Tim Keating
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread Linda Milazzo - Bread Diane Wawzenek - Bread Wally Wawzenek - Bread
<b>Lectors:</b>	Nancy Opyd - Lector

## 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").

## PRAYER FOR EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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+

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

**8:15 AM** Joyce Greska+  
Matthew Moran+  
Theresa Matusik+

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

**8:15 AM** Anthony Ponzrano+  
Roger Seaman+  
Penafrancia Rey Vargas+

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

**8:15 AM** Keith Haddon+

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

**8:15 AM** Healing of Mary Scudella

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

**8:15 AM** Tommy Howe+  
Don Graff, Sr.+  
Theresa Matusik+

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

**3:00 PM** Mass for Parishioners

**5:00 PM** Mass for Parishioners

**10:00 PM** Mass for Parishioners

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

**7:30 AM** Mass for Parishioners

**9:30 AM** Mass for Parishioners

**11:30 AM** Mass for Parishioners

+ Faithful Departed

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN:** It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas..

Charles Dickens

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### Our Sick...

Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Ed Bidrowski, Dennis Bowman, 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, Susan Ohi, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Toni Pusateri, Ann Rangel, 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...

Tom Nolan, Shirley Arvia, Phillip Wachowski

### 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 Hollendonner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendonner (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. Ohi (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.*

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

### PREGNANT, NEED Help?

Depending on the location that would be more convenient, if you learn of a pregnant woman who is considering abortion, suggest that she call The Women's Center at 708-425-0707 (Evergreen Park), Aid for Women at 312-621-1100 (Flossmoor & downtown Chicago), PASS Pregnancy Care Center at 708-614-9777 (Tinley Park and South Holland), or Southside Women's Services at 708-229-0092 (Evergreen Park).

If you (or a person you know) needs to talk to someone to seek reconciliation and healing from an abortion, people are available who are ready to help you. Please call Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or Post-Abortion Hotline at

### SAVE THESE DATES

Mark your calendar to save these dates for coming Pro-Life observances:

- 40 Days for Life (Planned Parenthood, Flossmoor) Feb 22 through April 2
- March for Life Chicago is now Illinois March for Life and their next march will be in Springfield, IL on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 to maximize the exposure of the pro-life message to lawmakers.

More details will be coming soon.

## 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, articles for the January 1 bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday, December 20.



### Pope Francis Tweet

We are all together called to develop a renewed society oriented towards freedom, justice and peace so as to overcome every kind of inequality and discrimination so that no one can make another person a slave.





# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



The 8th graders received their Class of 2023 shirts! This is the first of many exciting events that lead up to "The Big Day!" Many memorable days lie ahead!



National Junior Honor Society members worked hard to promote their Pajama Drive fundraiser- "Good Nights for Better Days!" They raised \$375 to spend on lots of jammies from Kohls! The pajamas collected will be brought to Together We Cope. Scholastic will donate a book for each pair of pajamas collected! We'll done, students, and thank you to all who contributed.



Happy Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Saint George School's third graders!



The fifth grade students did a wonderful job of honoring Mary, our Blessed Mother, at the all school Mass of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8.





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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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