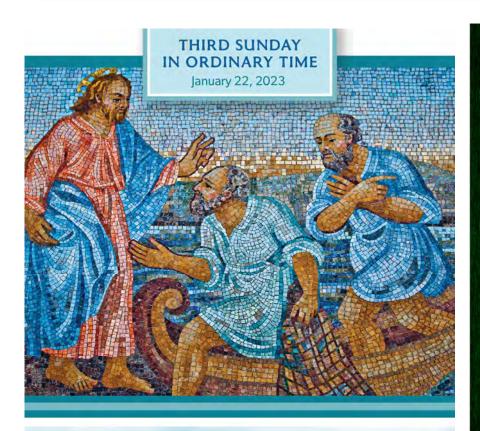
## SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## "COME AFTER ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

Matthew 4:19

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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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6707 West 175th Street Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

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#### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



One of the urgent concerns in the Church today is vocations. As we have all seen and experienced, the number of priests, sisters, and brothers has declined. Last year in the entire Archdiocese of Chicago, only two men were ordained to the priesthood. In an archdiocese of our size, it certainly does not bode well for the future. In a sense, we at Saint George have been insulated from this

crisis. We have two assigned priests, a retired pastor in Father Ken who assists so generously, plus five good and faithful deacons. Trust me when I tell you, this is definitely an extreme wealth!

In the Gospel today, we hear about the calling of Andrew, Peter, James and John. It is an extraordinary moment. Jesus calls them to follow Him. Why doesn't that happen now? Well, of course it is! The Holy Spirit continues to prompt people to dedicate their lives to God and His People. So where are they?

That is the key question. If the call is going out, what is preventing people from responding to it? There are many reasons, most of which we all know. First, there's the celibacy thing. It's important to recall that celibacy was not a directive of Jesus, and we know at least some of the Apostles were married. Then there's the requirement of an all-male priesthood. This has always baffled me. It seems "tradition" is a weak reason. No doubt the sexual abuse scandal has rocked the Church and turned people away not only from vocations, but from religion completely. And there's the world. That's been a constant distraction to vocations from the start. The desire for wealth, comfort, success and family are not bad things. We all want to be loved and have a secure life.

The problem comes when any of us --- anyone! --- puts all these things first and they become a distraction to our relationship with God. All of us have a vocation of some sort, whether that be marriage, parenthood, or the single life. Some find their vocation in their work, such as doctors, nurses, and all the helping professions. But it seems clear that God's call to a life completely dedicated to Him is being ignored and sometimes even discouraged.

How many parents have conversation with their children about their future and "what they want to do when they grow up"? And how many ignore the possibility their child may have a religious vocation? Not including that opportunity might be selling the child --- and God --- short.

For me, I find the priesthood exciting, fulfilling and joyous, as well as burdensome, hard work and challenging. Doesn't that sound a lot like your own? I am certain that the only reason I know the people I know, have the dear friends I have and have an unrelenting sense of hope is because of the priesthood I share with you in Christ.

Every parent wants their child to have a happy, fulfilling life. A religious vocation can offer that. Maybe a good conversation with a child or grandchild might be just the spark needed to light that fire!

Sr. Paul

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#### SAINT GEORGE WOMEN'S GROUP

#### Gal-en-tines Ladies Night Out Thursday, February 9 - 6:30 PM

The ladies of Saint George Parish are planning again! We are hosting a Bunco Night for all of our professional and less than amateur Bunco players. This evening has the makings of a



wonderful night of fun, food, conversation and dice! How can you miss it? Invite your friends, your neighbors and anyone who would be open to having a wonderful evening. If you wish, you can bring a snack or your favorite beverage to share as this is a low key / high fun / no pressure event.

We do need to know how many potential players will be attending so we will have enough dice and tables. Please respond to Nancy Opyd via email at nancyp5027@comcast.net, or call or text her at 708-439-0261 by Sunday, February 5.

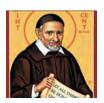
I am looking forward to learning to play a new game and getting to know many of you better. If you don't think your ready to throw dice around, come for the simple chance of getting to know someone new.



We will be planning some Lenten opportunities for us in the near future. We are a group who likes to pray and play together.

Jeanne Lassandrello
Director of Life-Long Faith Formation

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



#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Your gifts to the Society of Saint 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.

#### **BREAD AND WORD**

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Meeting Room 4. Bread and Word is open to all ages from middle school students to grandparents and beyond. We open with a prayer, and then read aloud and discuss the Scripture readings of that Sunday. The discussions are fluid, and you are welcome to stop in at any point during the morning.

For more information, contact Fran at 708-828-1837 or ffatpts@ameritech.net. Hope you will give us a try!

#### THAT MAN IS YOU



#### THE STRENGTH TO SERVE! SATURDAY, JANUARY 28; 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

God's will may not be easy, but it is straightforward. In the words of Saint Paul, His will is for you to become sanctified. His will is for you to become holy.

This week's presenter, Jason Evert, the founder of "The Chastity Project" (Google it!) will help us understand the wisdom of God's design for humanity as male and female. Our discussions will examine the myth of a gender-neutral world.

Hot coffee and a hearty breakfast will be available beginning at 6:30 AM. Our video program will begin at 7:00 AM, followed by group discussions, and we will adjourn at 8:00 AM. Don't worry if you missed our earlier sessions. Each week is a separate program, and all men are encouraged to attend whenever their schedules permit.

Please join us! Invite a friend and discover a great way to start your weekend!

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



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

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### **SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL**



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## Saint George School Winter Wonderland

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF Saint George School, a PreK 3-8th grade school.

Visit our Open House on Sunday, January 29 and see what makes our school a great choice for a faith filled education.

Mass begins at 9:30 AM followed by an open house until 12:00 PM. Please enter through the Cahill Center doors (gym doors). Book Fair Sunday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Saint George PreK made their own "snow fun," even if there was no snow outside!

















What Makes Catholic Schools Special...

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Saint George Catholic School, educating today's children for tomorrow's world.

SPIRIT— GRACE—SUCCESS



We offer a safe, full-time, learning experience for students in PreK-3 through 8th grade.

We are very proud of our rich traditions and our Catholic values, which are infused into our school culture and academic curriculum.

- Students experience a 21st Century education with a one to one educational approach
- Weekly Masses and a faith based curriculum
- Smaller class sizes
- Excellent committed faculty
- AM / PM extended day programs
- Athletic programs
- Extra curricular activities

To learn more about our school and why Saint George would be the best fit for your family, visit us at www.stgeorgeschool.org or follow us on Facebook@stgeorgeschool. Call for a tour at 708-532-2626.



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#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 28 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:Father PaulDeacon:Tom SchutziusEucharisticTim Framke - BreadMinisters:Jeanine Patrick - Bread

Ruth Strugala - Bread

Lectors: Joe Schulte - Lector

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 29 - 7:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father Tom **Deacon:** Jerry Souta

EucharisticPat Kukula - BreadMinisters:Sandi Rogina - BreadLectors:Betsy Windish - Lector

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 29 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:Father PaulDeacon:Greg Bartos

Eucharistic Nancy Opyd - Bread Ventura Quatrini - Bread Pina Quatrini - Bread

Thomas Kavanaugh - Lector

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 29 - 11:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father Paul **Deacon:** Joe Panek

Lectors

Eucharistic Mary Cermak Vis - Bread Fran Fancsali - Bread Lectors: Tim Doyle - Lector

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

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;

s 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;

Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;

Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;

Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

#### THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

Second Collection - Church in Latin

America

**9:30 AM** Bread & Word (MR 4)

**11:30 AM** Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)

1:00 PM Teen Mass (Church)
1:15 PM Teen Bowling (Offsite)
Catechetical Resource Day

(St. Julie Billiart)

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023**

**6:30 PM** Society of St. Vincent De Paul (MR 3)

**7:00 PM** Bible Study (MR 1)

**7:00 PM** Finance Committee Mtg. (MR 2)

**7:30 PM** Al-Anon (O'CH)

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023**

10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)
6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
SPRED II (SC, K)

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

9:00 AM School Mass

6:00 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K,

MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)

**7:00 PM** RCIA (MR 1) **7:00 PM** SPRED I (SC, K)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

Book Fair (MR 1-3) - All Day

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

**7:00 PM** Marian Fellowship (MR 3)

7:00 PM SW Suburban Youth Min. Volleyball (G)

**7:30 PM** Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

Book Fair (MR 1-3) - All Day

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

Book Fair (MR 1-3) - All Day

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

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

8:00 AM Catholic Schools Week Open House

(School)

**9:30 AM** Bread & Word (MR 4)

**9:30 AM** Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)

**9:30 AM** School Mass (Church)

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

4:00 PM

Joseph Kiely+ George Clancy+ John & Rita Jones+

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

7:30 AM Gerald "Jerry" O'Brien+

Intentions of Regina Berzyak &

Family

Tom Nolan+

9:30 AM Robert Paskinski, Sr.+

Mary Michelon+

Mass for Parishioners

11:30 AM Joseph Gembala+

Vicente Macapili Francisco+

Lido & Mary Slaviero+

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023** 

8:15 AM Mass for All Souls

Nancy K. Gatto+

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023** 

8:15 AM Theresa & Stanley Cetera+

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

8:15 AM Mary Scudella (for healing)

Shirley Jenkins+

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

8:15 AM Pat & Jack McGeehan+

> Frank Chico+ Margaret Quitter+

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

8:15 AM Carol Vander Sanden+

Joseph Kozlowski+

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

4:00 PM Stephen Rusnak+

Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+

Patricia De Lisa+

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

7:30 AM Thomas Nolan+

Mass for Parishioners

9:30 AM Patrick Gunnell+

Barbara Peplansky+

Ted & Marylin Knuckey+

11:30 AM Ann Dujmovich+

> Thomas Hernon+ John Bones+

+ Faithful Departed

#### **EFFORTLESS**

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age. —Anonymous

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Our Sick...

Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Ed Bidrowski, Bernadette Bosco, Dennis Bowman, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, Mary Deskovich, Linda Dorminev. Baby Lucy Dovin, Baby Easley, Beth Edwards, Phil Estrada, Darlene Everson, Ruth Galleher, Marirose Grosschadl, Holly Hesselschwardt, Jace Hettinger, Paul Hosso, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, Evelyn Knight, Zach Lomax, Lynn Kot, Anthony Kovacevich, William Krystyniak, Pat Kukula, Donald Lavey, Carol Manow, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvilas, Susan Ohl, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Toni Pusateri, Eunice Robey, Ben Schaefer, Mary Scudella, Jerry & Alexa Sebesta, Shirley Smiley, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Jay Surufka, Lorraine Szara, Roger Tagtmeier, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Mary Theriault, Tammy Thomas, Andrew Tihlarik, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, Leslie Vaicik, Lisa Vari, William Vis, James Walker, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Pat Woolet, Shirley Wydra, Antoinette Zaro, Richard & 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...

Diane Bovee, Ann Rangel, Ruth Cain, Shirley Jenkins

#### Our Military...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sgt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSgt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sqt. 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 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), SSqt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), Sqt. 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.

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#### 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.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

#### January 14-15, 2023

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 14,373.21
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 13,943.00
Difference	\$ 430.21
School Fund	\$ 196.00
Sharing Parish – Our Lord of Mercy	\$ 200.00
Christmas	\$ 1,050.00
Initial Offering	\$ 171.25
Church in Latin America	\$ 60.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 10.00
Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date	
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 399,737.27
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 390,404.00
YTD Difference	\$ 9,333.27

#### **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.

#### OFFERTORY DONATIONS



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.

## YEAR END TAX STATEMENT FOR 2022



2022 contribution statements are available and will be provided upon request. Please contact the parish office at 708-532-2243 or email

Kathy Rubino at krubino@stgeorge60477.org to request your statement. Please put 2022 Tax Letter in the subject line.

#### **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.



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#### 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 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.

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

Weekdays Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

#### SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 21-22



#### PLANNED GIVING

#### A Simple Plan Provides Peace

There is no better time to think about your future than now. As you do, reflect on all you have done with your life. If you do not have a will or estate plan, now is the time to create yours. When you do, you will:

- Leave more for your family and the causes you support.
- Create income for you, your spouse and your family.
- Ensure you leave the legacy you want.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For sample bequest language, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Planned Giving Team at 312-534-7959 or plannedgiving@archchicago.org.

#### DAILY ROSARY

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



#### **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.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Rooms 1 and 2. Everyone is welcome. If anyone is in

need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact: Pina Quatrini at 708-532-5731 or Marybeth Kelly at 708-429-5740. Page 10 January 22, 2023

#### SAINT GEORGE SAINT JULIE YOUTH MINISTRY



#### **Sacred Journey Youth Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Junior High Hangout on Thursday at Saint Julie! Please join us for 11:30 AM Mass this Sunday, January 22 and bowling at Oak Forest Bowl from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

I am looking for adult volunteers to assist with our growing youth ministry program. If you are interested, please contact me.

With the start of the new year, eighth graders are invited to fully participate in all youth ministry activities! Please encourage any eighth graders you know to join us!

There is still room to join us on our Kentucky mission trip June 5 - 10. Initial deposits of \$100 and permission slips are due on Wednesday, January 25 so please sign up as soon as possible. Scholarships are available!

We are excited to be having a Living Stations prayer performed at Saint Julie and Saint George this Lenten season. We will be at Saint Julie on Palm Sunday and Saint George on Good Friday. I'm looking for adults and teens (seventh grade and older) to help. Please let me know if you are interested.

I'm also trying to bring the Kairos retreat program for juniors and seniors to our area. Kairos means "God's time." It is centered on witness talks and spiritual exercises presented by peers. It is three days away to reflect on self and relationships with God, family, and friends. A Kairos retreat is scheduled on February 23-26 at Saint Mary's Retreat Center in Lemont. The February 1 registration deadline is approaching. My hope is to send teens on this retreat and then have them lead our first retreat later this year.

Save the date for our teen retreat on February 18th! We will have games, teen speakers, and discussion. See details below.

Please contact me at kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org with any questions.

Kristen Maxwell. Youth Minister

#### **Check Out Our Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, January 31 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Service at the Bridge Thrift Store in Orland Park
 Sunday, February 5 - 6:00 PM - Teen Hosted Mass at Saint Julie;
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Meeting and Game Night at Saint Julie Youth Center









**ATTENTION JUNIORS!** We are looking to bring Kairos to our local high school students. Once you attend a retreat, you can be a leader at ours in the fall! A retreat is scheduled on February 23-26, 2023 at Saint Mary's Retreat Center, Lemont, Illinois. The registration deadline is February 1.

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#### RESPECT LIFE



## Respect Life Prayer For 2023

This new year presents many needs to pray for, especially in the protection of human life

from conception to natural death. You, Lord, are very aware of the dangers to human life, and you seek your people who would pray and sacrifice for your human creation. We pray then for all the decisions our national and state governments will make this year about safeguarding human life. We pray that your will for the good of all be implemented through court decisions, lawmakers' proposals and regulations.

We pray for the life affirming Pregnancy Care Centers in our area. We pray for the workers who reach out to mothers who come to them seeking support. We pray for the fathers of those babies, that they may step up and assume the protective role they ought to adopt.

We pray for those who bear witness to the truth in the streets and the media. We pray for the other life affirming efforts needed for the poor, the handicapped, the aged and especially the gravely ill. We pray for those seeking to support the seriously ill and dying so their needs for care and spiritual guidance are fulfilled according to your plan. We pray for these intentions through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

#### **Save These Dates**

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

40 Days for Life (Planned Parenthood, Flossmoor) February 22 through April 2

Speak Out Illinois -- Saturday, February 25, 10 AM - 2 PM -- Drury Lane Oak Brook

March for Life Chicago is now Illinois March for Life and the next march will be in Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, March 21, to maximize the exposure of the pro-life message to lawmakers.

More details will be coming soon.



#### **Pope Francis Tweet**

Just as the earth bears abundant fruit when it is well cultivated and cared for, so it is with us. When we cultivate our spiritual health,

when we have a well cultivated relationship with the Lord, we begin to bear very good fruit.

#### HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

## MAKE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

You have thought about visiting Holy Family Chapel, but somehow it has not yet happened. Make a New Year's resolution to take the opportunity to spend 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: 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM; Tuesday: 1:00 PM, 5;00 PM; Wednesday; Noon, 1:00 PM; Thursday: 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM; Friday: 1;00 PM, 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 9:00 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").

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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Suicide Prevention	1-800-273-8255
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Unplanned Pregnancy Option	1-800-712-4357

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Join the Immigration Ministry of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity as we pray, learn and discuss issues of migration in a respectful, virtual environment. As missionary-disciples, we explore how we can respond to Christ's call to give welcome.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." — Matthew 25:35

Each session includes prayer, a film screening and moderated group discussion. To register for these screenings visit tinyurl.com/2p87r2ju or scan the QR code below. For more information, contact Mary Lou Matheke at mmatheke@archchicago.org.

## Chinese Couples | Tuesday, January 24 — 7 PM CST

This film spans two centuries, three countries and four generations of women in this intimate story that reveals the impact of America's Chinese Exclusion Act on filmmaker Felicia Lowe's family.



## **Attention Singles!**





Mid-life singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on

March 3-5, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call 630-222-8303 for details.



#### **Moving Forward In Hope**

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

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, January 24 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

## THE "BIG GAME" VIEWING PARTY & CHILI COOKOFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 ST. STEPHEN, 1700 84TH AVENUE, TINLEY PARK

Chili Cookoff - Cash Prizes

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Split the Pot & Other Fundraising Games

We will watch the game in the Parish Life Center on 2 New 75" TV's donated by our Seniors Young at Heart Club.



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#### HELP BUILD HOPE



Here We Go Again, Helping to Build Hope! Let us build a house where love can dwell.

## Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Crossroads Missions/Habitat for Humanity House Build

June 23, 24, 25, 2023 at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish.

Registration information will be coming soon.

For information, please contact: Naomi O'Malley, 708-305-0529 or Angie Brady, 708-341-3644.

#### HOPE EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY



#### Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Ministry

Are you looking to start 2023 by pursuing a career move or new employment opportunity? Start your job search process with a well written resume!

In our next meeting, Professional Resume Writer, Jim Sungaila, will provide a presentation on "Tips to Get Your Resume Noticed".

Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 PM

Saint Elizabeth Seton Church Orland Hills, Illinois O'Mara Hall (Located on the south side of the church, at ground level.)

Please bring a copy of your most current resume!

All are welcome. Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to askibinski@steseton.com.

#### **TINLEY PARK FOOD PANTRY**

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

The next collection will take place on February 18-19. Please note: We cannot accept food items that are past the expiration date or partially opened. Thank you for your generosity!

## Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary. What will you do?



Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you and grow closer to Jesus.

Join Saint Stephen Deacon & Martyr, 17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park on a 5 week pilgrimage called "No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. Registration begins January 7 with sessions starting In February. Email mmwendt@comcast.net for more information.



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#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Saturday, February 4: 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM Sunday, February 5 - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

#### **EXHIBIT**

Saturday, 10:00 AM - Noon, & 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Browse Free Vatican Exhibit
Highlighting 1,800 years of Miracles
created by Blessed Carlo Acutis - as seen on EWTN

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#### **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.



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