

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:45 AM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday:
8:45 AM to 6:00 PM

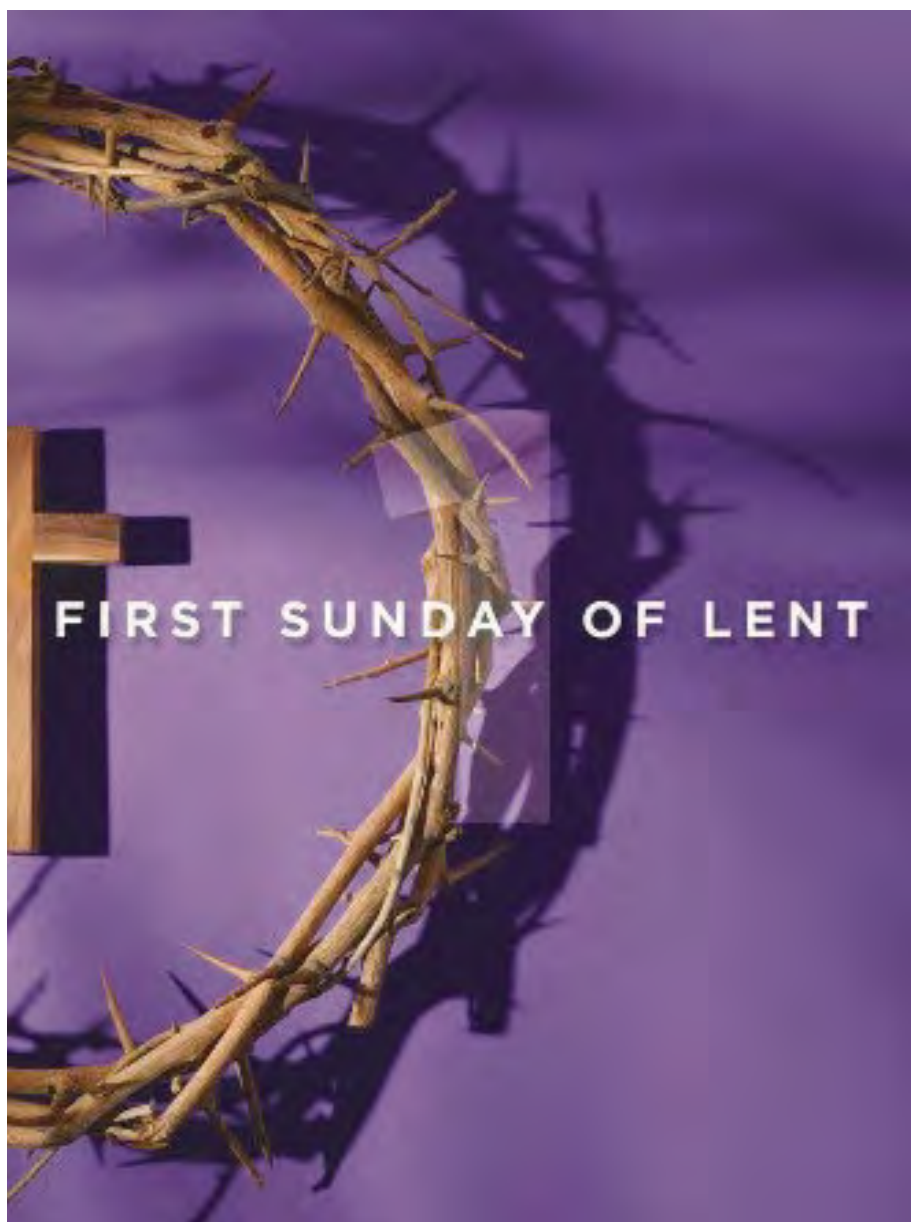
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Monday through Friday

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OUR MISSION

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.

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

We have begun the holy season of Lent. As you heard on Ash Wednesday, the three cornerstones of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these can help instill a greater sense of God in our lives, even as they call on us to give something of ourselves.

Prayer is simply speaking to --- and listening to --- God. As Catholics, we have a wealth of meaningful prayers that have been handed down through the years. Whether it be the rosary, chaplet, novenas, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration or any number of other prayers, there is one to fit the bill for you. But remember, all these prayers constitute a menu to choose from, not a check off list of things that "need to be done." Our prayer can also be simple, words from our heart. I especially invite you to authentic prayer. By that I mean allow yourself the room to truly tell God what you need to say. You don't have to be formal. But we do have to be real. God wants to know what lays on your heart --- joy, sorrow, fulfillment, resentment, anger, contrition, praise, our desires --- all of these are worthy prayers, if they are authentic.

Fasting can be a tough one! Each Friday we are called to abstain from meat. For many of us, that's not much of a sacrifice. Sometimes a nice fish dinner is more than enjoyable. I am not a big fish eater. So on those Fridays, abstaining from meat reminds me, at least three times a day, I am Catholic. It reminds me that we are meant to live our lives differently from everyone else. Setting aside a usual meal or routine can create a spiritual space in which God can make a home. Those hunger pangs or unfulfilled desires can put us in touch with our brothers and sisters all around us who felt the same thing, but not of their own choice.

Almsgiving is a generous response to God's many gifts to us. Sharing a part of what we have been given is a beautiful act of gratitude to God that at the same time, offers assistance to those in need. Our giving can take on many forms, such as money, material goods like food or clothing, the gift of time shared with another, especially the lonely.

Lent is an opportunity to truly prepare ourselves for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. In these saving acts our sins are forgiven, our souls are healed. A wonderful way of doing that is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God's grace is there if we open our hearts.

Another way of preparing for Passiontide is to attend our parish mission in March. Father Brian Walker, a Chicagoan, has preached many missions all across the country and beyond. Please plan on joining us for these wonderful days!

SAINT GEORGE PARISH MISSION

To Praise, To Bless, To Preach

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - March 12, 13 and 14
7:00 PM Each Night - Saint George Church

All are invited to the Saint George Parish Mission. Please take advantage of this opportunity to pray with us together in community. Let us prepare for the Solemnity of Easter.

Father Brian Guadalupe Walker, OP
Mission Preacher



Being a member of the Order of Preachers, popularly known as the Dominicans, Father Walker spends extensive time preaching on how we can better our lives and develop our relationships with all of God's people. We are called to be sisters and brothers to one another. We have to break down the walls that divide us and keep us from our goal. Father Walker is currently assigned to Saint Pius V Priory in the heart of the Mexican-American community in Chicago.

May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the Spirit of grace... And may the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all!

St. Arnold Janssen, SVD

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be performed at 7:00 PM on Friday nights during Lent.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays, February 28, March 7, 21, 28 and April 4 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Note: Holy Family Chapel will be closed during the Triduum (April 6, 7 and 8).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 PM.

Private reconciliation is scheduled on Saturdays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM during Lent. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

SOUP AND THEOLOGY



Soup and Theology will be offered Monday evenings during Lent, beginning at 6:30 PM. This year, we will be using Bishop Barron's series titled "Conversion". We will share some delicious soup, and hopefully, have great conversations about a few characters in the bible who had a particular experience of hearing God's words. Bishop Barron takes each story of conversion as he sees it apply to our own experiences.

Soup will be available at 6:30 PM with fellowship. We will open the session with

prayer, followed by a 10-15 minute video presented by Bishop Barron. With that we will share stories and insight in small groups connecting what we heard, what we read and how it all speaks to us on our Faith-journeys. Each evening's session is independent and is not contingent on attending the previous week.

Stories from Scripture that we will be covering if you care to read ahead are:

- February 27 - Intro and the story of Bartimaeus ~ Mark 10:32-52
- March 6 - The Rich Young Man ~ Mark 10:17-31
- March 13 - PARISH MISSION with Rev Brian Walter (no soup)
- March 20 - Jonah ~ The Book of Jonah (Old Testament)
- March 27 - The Woman at the Well ~ John 4:1-42
- April 3 - Journey of the Magi ~ Luke 2
- April 10 - Matthew ~ 9:1-13

I am looking forward to gathering with you as we break open the message that God has for each of us through some very familiar Gospel stories and one Old Testament story. If you have questions, please contact me via email at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or call my office 708-532-8211, or to register call the Parish Office at 708-532-2243.

Conversion is not a one-time event. It is a lifelong turning away from sin and toward Jesus Christ. Again and again and again ...

Jeanne Lassandrello
Director of Life Long Formation

A LENTEN RETREAT HOSTED BY THE MARIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Marian Fellowship Group is hosting a Lenten Retreat: The Eucharist and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Our presenter will be Deacon Jerry.

The Good Samaritan parable defines "neighbor love" as the practice of mercy. In response to the question "Who is my neighbor" one might answer "the man lying wounded along the road." But it is not.

The answer is the Samaritan. The neighbor is the one who shows mercy. In The Face of Mercy, Pope Francis's first words identify Jesus Christ as the face of mercy. This Jesus comes to us in a special way, in a real way, every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. So, mercy is extended to us in and through the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of Mass, one of the options for the words of dismissal is, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Through this retreat, we will learn to live what we believe. We are to become another Christ, the Face of Christ, the Face of Mercy, to every person we encounter, the familiar and the unfamiliar, the lovable and the unlovable.

The retreat will take place on Saturday, March 18. Check-in for the retreat is at 8:00 AM (coffee and donuts) and will begin with morning prayer in the Sanctuary at 8:30 AM. The retreat will be from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served. PLEASE RSVP FOR LUNCH BY FEBRUARY 26 at: MarianFellowshipGroup@stgeorge60477.org.



THE PILLARS OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.



Our Father,
As we begin Lent, let our hearts be filled with your Spirit so that we may Grow deeper in your love. May our prayer lead us to a sincere desire to be close to you. May fasting help us rely on you and transform us into better people. May our almsgiving be a chance to serve our one human family around the world.
Amen.

FAIR TRADE SALE

**Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, at the
Front and South Entrances of Church
After the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass
and Sunday 7:30 AM,
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses**

Stop by the Fair Trade table after Mass to stock up on your favorite Fair Trade coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix and Deeeelicious Diving Chocolate!

And... You might also stock up on the wonderful Colorado Women's Bean Project Bean Soup Mixes.

FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY



March 5 is your lucky day!

Whether your family celebrates March with shamrocks and soda bread, or with cannoli and pizzelles or with kolacky and perogies, you are invited to start the month by joining us after one of the morning Masses on Sunday, March 5.

Feel free to wear your best green attire and carry your shillelagh, or your best shades of red and white, and stop by for a wee bit of breakfast before you set out on your Sunday journey.

As always, contributions to our breakfast buffet are encouraged and appreciated. The Cahill Center will open at 7:15 AM for anyone who would like to drop off their soda bread and more before heading to Mass.

Hope to see all ye lads and lassies there.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS



All Women of the Parish are invited to a special version of the Stations on **Friday, March 3 at 7:00 PM.** This special Stations is Mary's version of watching her Son walk His steps to His death.

If you would like to be a part of this special evening please contact Leslie Vaicik at

708-502-0243 or lesliev1019@yahoo.com.

If you have ever thought about becoming a lector this might be a chance for you to "test the waters" and see if you would like to join the lectors group.



It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31.** Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



THAT MAN IS YOU

TO BE RICH IN MERCY

Saturday, March 4 – 6:30 PM to 8:00 AM

Last week, we touched on the First Man and his relationship to Christ Jesus. This week, we jump into the topic of Mercy and examine how and why this Mercy is poured out from God the Father.

Through Christ's wounded heart, the blood and water flowing, the Church was washed clean. God used Christ's heart to transform the Church. Therefore, God similarly wants to use us and our hearts to transform those around us and, ultimately, our society. So, why is practicing mercy so hard? Let's talk about it! Join us on this journey as we walk together in brotherhood toward sanctification!

Don't forget to invite a friend, or come early and make some new ones!

Hoping to see YOU there!

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



We recently welcomed the following people into our parish family.

Steven & Susan Amann & their children, Matthew, Christopher, Sarah, Anne & Grace

Rob & Kim Bergmann & their children, London & Emmett

Brian & Theresa Considine & their son, Ryan

Barbara Czapla

Stanley & Kirsten Grant, & their children, Savannah & Savoy

Thomas & Mary Justin

Robert & Cynthia Karnia

Marlene Mehmel

Dan Mehmel

Mary Ryder

Joshua & Lia Schultz & their daughter, Lillie

Daniel & Barbara Simmons

Aura Smith



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

Emma Kathleen Barnas

Daughter of Scott &

Meghan (Schmidt) Barnas

Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



This year we have walked with three individuals from our parish community through the RCIA Process. They have been meeting together with others from Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish on Wednesday evenings.

Grace, Tim, and Kevin will complete the initiation process by receiving the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. They will also be joining us at the Table of Our Lord beginning at the Easter Vigil. You may have seen them at some of the conversion rituals throughout the year.

Please pray for them as they enter into the final stages of their personal conversion process. On February 26, they will be presented to the Bishop at Holy Name Cathedral.

On the last three Sundays of Lent, they will break open the three gospel stories that we will all read on the perspective Sundays. More information about our catechumens and candidates will be posted in our upcoming bulletins. If you see them please welcome them, and let them know that you will continue to pray for them.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Archdiocese of Chicago is once again offering adult sessions for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults via Zoom. This is the final step in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. "For by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ. And to defend the faith by word and deed." (LG 11; cf. Rite of Confirmation, Introduction 2)

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and have completed the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Sessions will start March 7. The program meets for 8 weeks via Zoom, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Candidates should be attending Mass regularly, and belong to a Catholic parish. There is a required in-person service and prayer event on April 1, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Our Lady of the Angels Mission in Chicago. The Confirmation Mass is on May 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Saint Hyacinth Basilica with Bishop Lombardo. The fee is \$60.

Below is the direct link to register through the Archdiocese, or you can search Archdiocese of Chicago Adult Confirmation.

https://pvm.archchicago.org/documents/87254/254302/AdultConfirmation_Calendar_Spring23_v1.pdf/dface32e-0168-4e8f-8c1e-9d9bd3563f89

If you have any further questions, you can contact Jeanne Lassandro at jlassandro@stgeorge.60477.org or call the Faith Formation Office at 708-532-2811.



SAINT GEORGE SAINT JULIE YOUTH MINISTRY SACRED JOURNEY

Thank you to all who attended our Friendship in Christ Teen Retreat last Saturday and our Mass followed by ice skating last Sunday!

Please see the schedule below for a list of upcoming events.

Encounter Night - February 26

All are welcome at Encounter Night, sponsored by Southwest Suburban Youth Ministry Association. Encounter Night will take place on Sunday, February 26 at 7:00 PM at Saint Francis of Assisi. This is a great opportunity for Lenten prayer and reconciliation.

Service Project - February 27

Please join us on Monday, February 27 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a service project for the Tinley Park Food Pantry at Zion Lutheran Church.

Living Stations Rehearsal - February 28

Please join us on Tuesday, February 28 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for Living Stations Rehearsal at Saint Julie.

Mass and Meeting - Sunday, March 5

Teen Hosted Mass at Saint Julie at 6:00 PM followed by Teen Meeting at Saint Julie Youth Center at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Eat and Earn Fundraiser - Sunday, March 5

Save the date for our mission trip "Eat and Earn Fundraiser" at Oberweis Ice Cream on Sunday, March 5! When ordering, please let them know that your order is to benefit the Saint Julie and Saint George Youth Ministry.

Living Stations Rehearsal - March 7

Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Saint George.

Junior High Hangout - March 9

Thursday, March 9 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at Saint Julie.

Living Stations - April 4 and April 7

It's not too late to be a part of our Living Stations prayer performance during Holy Week. The performance will take place at 7:00 PM at Saint Julie on April 4, and at 7:00 PM at Saint George on April 7. Although our first meeting/rehearsal was last Tuesday, seventh graders and older can still join us this Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM at Saint Julie Church. Practices are every Tuesday night and rotate between parishes.

Wanted: Virtus Trained Adult volunteers to share their faith and time with our youth! Contact Kristen if you are interested!

Please see the Saint George website for more information including permission slips for all events. Contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org with any questions.



REFLECT RETREAT FOR SINGLES

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging?

REFLECT Catholic retreats for singles is for and about adults in their mid-30s to 50s. It's for those who want to know themselves better and discover more about their capacity for life as a single man or woman. It's an experience that calls us to believe in our value to the Lord, and to devote ourselves to caring for and serving others.

A two-day weekend retreat through REFLECT is a unique and rare opportunity for mid-life singles to take a step back from everyday life to reflect on where they are at, where they're going, and how they're going to get there. It's a great way to meet new people, share new experiences, and draw closer to the giver of life - Jesus Christ.

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, Illinois (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.



"Next time we'll sit closer."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

- Mission Trip Collection
Pro-Life Prayer Card at Church Entrances
7:00 AM BSA Troop 385 Pancake Breakfast
(O'CH, NCR, GR)
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

- 6:30 PM** Soup & Theology (MR 1-2)
7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

- 6:00 PM** Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
7:00 PM Living Stations Practice (Saint Julie Billiart)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

- 9:30 AM** CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1-2)
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

- 7:00 PM** Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

- Fair Trade Before & After Masses
6:30 AM That Man Is You (O'CH)
3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

- Fair Trade Before & After Masses
7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
1:00 PM Baptism (Church)
5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

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!

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19
or 5:12, 17-19/
Mt 4:1-11

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SLv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
15/Mt 25:31-4

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-
17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-
19/Lk 11:29-3

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps
138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt
7:7-1

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,
507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-2

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,
7-8/Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt
17:1-9

THE PARISH AS A SCHOOL OF PRAYER

The three disciplines of Lent are Almsgiving, Fasting, and Prayer. My hope and prayer is that Saint George Parish, through the journey of Lent and into Easter, will become a School of Prayer! Where to begin- the Eucharist. How do we enter into communion - but through prayer! In his book, *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*, Vinny Flynn, writes: "The Church has always emphasized a time of preparation before Communion and a time of thanksgiving after Communion to properly dispose our minds and hearts to enter into the deeper relationship of mutual love and unity to which the sacrament calls us... How seriously the saints took this! And what stark contrast there is between their preparations and thanksgivings and the all too prevalent tendency today to simply attend Mass, receive Communion, and leave immediately after the final blessing." (p.66-67).

To help our parish become a School of Prayer, during Lent and into the season of Easter, I invite you to pray this prayer of preparation before Communion and to pray this prayer of thanksgiving after Communion:

A Prayer of Preparation (Vinny Flynn)

Mary, you were the first one asked to believe that God himself wanted to take flesh in you. Come now into my heart, and help me to believe that this same God wants to live in me. Prepare my Heart to receive Him, sweeping it clean of anything impure or unholy. And as I say "Amen," let it be a "Fiat", a complete "Yes" to his will and joyful acceptance of His life within me. Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving (Alice Clair Mansfield)

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for me that I may become, like your Son Jesus, Bread for the life of the world. Through Him, with Him and in Him, may my life be a joyful, living sacrifice of love and praise to the honor and glory of God our Father. Amen.

Your Fellow Classmate in Prayer
Deacon Jerry

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 25

4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Maggie Devries+
Elmer W. Braun, Jr.+

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 26

7:30 AM Doretta Stritter+
Margaret Qutter+
Sophia Menos

9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Mary Ortigara+
Shirley Jenkins+

11:30 AM John Rangel Family
Al Byrd+
Ann Rangel+

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 27

8:15 AM Adolf & Katarzyna Szyler+
John Szyler+
Jay Surufka+

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 28

8:15 AM Frank German+
Maria Paonessa+
Michael J. Gibbons+

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1

8:15 AM Greg Mayhugh+
Nancy K. Gatto+
Susan Ohl+
Rosario Jimeno Francisco &
Vincente Francisco+

THURSDAY - MARCH 2

8:15 AM Ann Rangel+
Teresa Restivo+
Kathleen McLaughlin+

FRIDAY - MARCH 3

8:15 AM Stanley Mikos+
Special Intention for
Kay Reisch

SATURDAY - MARCH 4

4:00 PM Donald Anghis+
N. M. Mathew+
Ruth Urban+

SUNDAY - MARCH 5

7:30 AM Antoinette Hausner+
Paul Rook+
Rogelio Peña+

9:30 AM Karen Pisano+
Ted & Marilyn Knuckey+
Czesław & Jadwiga Kolb

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Theresa & John Koppes+
Linda Lamberty & Deceased
Members of the Lamberty
Family+

PLEASE PRAY FOR

OUR SICK...

Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Ed Bidrowski, Nancy Bishop, Bernadette Bosco, Dennis Bowman, Bernie Brady, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Linda Dorminey, Baby Lucy Dovin, Baby Mark Easley, Beth Edwards, Joseph Ellul, Phil Estrada, Darlene Everson, Ruth Galleher, Marirose Grosschadl, Holly Hesselschwardt, Jace Hettinger, Paul Hosso, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, Evelyn Knight, Zach Lomax, Lynn Kot, William Krystyniak, Pat Kukula, Donald Lavey, Margaret Lokes, Carol Manow, Deacon Fred Mason, Tom McGrath, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvilas, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Toni Pusateri, Michael & Eileen Reeves, Eunice Robey, Ben Schaefer, Mary Scudella, Jerry & Alexa Sebesta, Shirley Smiley, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Lorraine Szara, Roger Tagtmeier, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Mary Theriault, Tammy Thomas, Andrew Tihlarik, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, . Lisa Vari, William Vis, James Walker, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Pat Woollet, 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...

Pacita Cruz, Bishop David O'Connell, Carl Servin, Alfred Howard

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 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 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), 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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - MARCH 4 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Deacon Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Bibzak - Bread
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread
 Mary Kubick-Martino - Bread
Lectors: Leslie Vaicik

SUNDAY - MARCH 5 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Deacon Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Graff - Bread
 Phyllis Hendzell - Bread
Lectors: Gary Hendzell

SUNDAY - MARCH 5 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Deacon Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Opyd - Bread
 Pina Quatrini - Bread
 Ventura Quatrini - Bread
Lectors: Bob Schuld

SUNDAY - MARCH 5 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Stan
Deacon: Deacon Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Kiner - Bread
 Eric Susnis - Bread
Lectors: Kathy Oboikovitz

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.

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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 |
| Unplanned Pregnancy Option | 1-800-712-4357 |

HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

STOP BY HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL DURING LENT

Lent will be starting soon. You have thought about visiting Holy Family Chapel, but somehow it has not yet happened. Why not make visits during Lent 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.

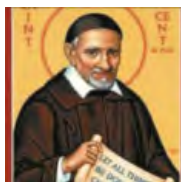
Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to midnight to provide that opportunity. Use this link to get more information and to register for an hour that works for you: <http://stgeorge60477.org/eucharistic-adoration/>

Choose "Click Here To Sign Up" below the monstration 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.

Currently, Tuesday 11:00 PM needs a new regular adorer. 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 - 2:00 PM, 11:00 PM; Wednesday - Noon, 1:00 PM; Thursday - 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM; Friday - 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 5:00 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").

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

February 18-19, 2023

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| Weekly Offering / Holy Days | \$ | 11,415.11 |
| Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Revised Budget* | \$ | 14,081.51 |
| Difference | \$ | (2,666.40) |

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| School Fund | \$ | 346.00 |
| Sharing Parish – Saint Gerard Majella | \$ | 128.25 |
| Initial Offering | \$ | 10.00 |
| Central & Eastern Europe | \$ | 274.00 |
| Christmas | \$ | 25.00 |
| Saint Vincent de Paul | \$ | 20.00 |

Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

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|--|----|------------|
| YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days | \$ | 478,464.04 |
| YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted | \$ | 478,771.24 |
| YTD Difference | \$ | (307.30) |

We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you! 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.

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

What can I render to the Lord for all he has done for me? (Psalm 116:12-13)

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude.

One of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make is to include a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal in your will or trust. A bequest can be made to the Annual Catholic Appeal using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of the Annual Catholic Appeal. However, if the Annual Catholic Appeal ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new ministry erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please 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.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

2022 contribution statements are available and will be provided upon request. To request your statement, please contact the parish office at 708-532-2243 or email Kathy Rubino at krubino@stgeorge60477.org. Please put 2022 Tax Letter in the subject line.

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.

VOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Online Lenten Discernment Group: During Lent, Father Tim Monahan will host an online discernment group for participants to learn more about the priesthood and the life of a priest. Meetings will take place on Zoom from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Wednesdays from March 1 - April 5. Once registered, participants will receive the Zoom link and materials for the meeting. Reach out to Katie Hazen with any questions at khazen@archchicago.org.

Seminary Sprint March 10-11: This opportunity for college/post-college men is a 24-hour trip to Mundelein Seminary that allows participants to grow in fraternity and have time for prayer, while also exploring the beautiful grounds of the Seminary. There will be a chance to meet seminarians, play sports, have food, and hang out with the brothers. This trip is sponsored by the Vocation Office and free to participants. Scan for details and to sign up.



RESPECT LIFE

PRAYER FOR LIFE DURING LENT

This weekend Saint George Pro-Life is providing Pro-Life prayer cards that you can pick up at the entrances of church. Please take a prayer card home with you to pray that mothers who consider abortion will decide in favor of life. During Lent a 40 Days for Life vigil will take place at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor. Your prayers are very important for mothers who go there, so that they will be moved to choose life, rather than abortion. As abortion has been increasing in Illinois through more public funding, less regulation, and the repeal of parental notice, prayers are needed more than ever to defend innocent lives.

FLOSSMOOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

Please join the 40 Days for Life Vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day from February 22 through April 2. Thursday is a known abortion day, so that would be a good day for on-site prayer for the victims of abortion. Join other Saint George parishioners from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on any Thursday from February 23 through March 30, or choose any hour from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (ending at 5:00 PM) for prayer on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor at 19831 S. Governors Highway.

This vigil is part of the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion running from February 22 through April 2, and is one of nearly 600 in 30 nations. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation (e.g. make extra visits to Holy Family Chapel and/or attend weekday Mass). You can schedule your vigil time at 40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/.

ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE

You are invited to the Illinois March for Life to be held on Tuesday, March 21 from Noon to 2:00 PM. Assemble at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield for the Noon rally, followed by the 1:00 PM march. After the march, you are encouraged to lobby your state legislators on life issues. Arrangements for a bus from Tinley Park are being pursued. Check with Sheila at Saint Julie (Sheila@stjulie.org) for status of this bus. Get more info at: <https://illinoismarchforlife.org/>

SECOND COLLECTON



This weekend, there will be a second collection to benefit Sacred Journey Youth Ministry's mission trip to Cumberland, Kentucky on June 5-6.

Thanks you for your generosity.

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Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Call 1-800-7TO-GIVE for questions or appointments.

Please fill out Versipass on drive day to decrease your wait time
----->www.versiti.org/versipass/illinois

SUPER BINGO

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SATURDAY
MARCH 25, 2023

For tickets call: 708-532-2626
or stop at the parish rectory and school office.

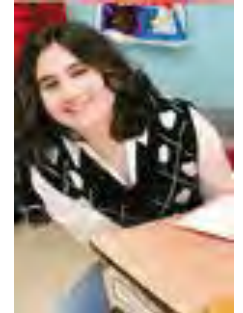
Admission \$ 30.00
Doors Open @ 11:30 a.m.
Games Begin @ 1:00 pm

Raffles, Food & Pull Tabs

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



February 2023 - Saint George School Student Council would like to thank the entire school for their generosity during the Penny Wars / Spare Change for Shriners Hospital during Catholic Schools Week. We collected a total of \$1,080.22 for the hospital! First, third, and fifth grades were the winners in each of their divisions. The winners were determined by the average amount of change and bills collected per student in each grade. We are very proud to present this check to Shriners Hospital.



To celebrate Valentine's Day, Mrs. Sypole's junior high students each wrote individual letters to a very special person in their lives. Some of the seventh grade students actually called their special person and read the letters to them. What a very thoughtful way to celebrate this very special day!



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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