

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 19, 2023 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"Blessed are those
who fear the Lord"**

Psalm 128

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.

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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A Word from the Pastor

A couple of the fallacies of American thought are those of the "rugged individual" or "pulling yourself up by your own bootstraps." In certain ways, these concepts sound attractive. A rugged individual is one who can take care of himself. It conjures images of pioneers and John Wayne winning the West. Pulling yourself up by your bootstraps is meant to develop an inner strength and to be self-reliant. Those have their merits; but in the end, these ideas are mistaken. No one does it all alone. If we have bootstraps to

pull up, it's because somehow someone gave us the resources to have them to begin with.

Though these are uniquely American ideas, there is another that is equally American and makes much more sense. America is the country that invented Thanksgiving Day. Only a couple other countries have adapted this holiday; but, oh, how badly we need to take on an attitude of gratitude! The fact is that every person has to rely on other people. None of us gets to where we are without the love and support of others.

We start with parents and families where we learn the art of care, love and mutual support. Then we go to school, where we learn about the goodness of God's creation, the power of literature, the lessons of history, the mysteries of science and the beauty of art. Eventually, we meet mentors, models for us in our given vocations. It goes on. The fabric of our lives is intertwined with others. It is inescapable. It's just the way the human family exists.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to so many people, but none more than to God Himself. It was God who put breath in our lungs and gave life to our soul. It is He who gave us a family, and from there, all of life's opportunities unspool for us. Some we take, others we miss, some we refuse. We make decisions, and how we make decisions we learned from others. Hopefully we learned well.

All of this is to say we have much for which to be grateful! Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful opportunity to share with people who we love. I urge you to embrace Thanksgiving and all the trappings that go with it --- family, food and warm feelings. Don't let the game on TV distract you from what really counts. And if you really want to start the day right, join us for Mass at 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day. It is a good day to go to The Source. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

I want to thank those who made last Saturday's Veteran's Day celebration such a great success! The 90th Anniversary Team did a terrific job. The food, entertainment and company all made for a wonderful evening. Thanks to all who joined us and who brought the evening together.

We have joined Saint Damian in a coat drive for newly arrived refugees. And Saint George is knocking it out of the park! Our parishioners have been very generous. And it isn't limited to coats --- scarves, gloves, sweaters, sweatshirts, and hats --- all are welcome!

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day, November 23.

Please plan to join us to thank God for the many blessings we have received.

We are asking families to bring a donation of non-perishable items to Mass. During Mass, we will bring these offerings to the altar to be blessed. The food will then be shared with the Tinley Park Food Pantry who helps many families in the area.

Christmas Singers Needed



Saint George's Music Ministry is seeking voices for Christmas! We would like to add to our choir, if only through Christmas (although any voices are welcome to continue!). If you have wanted to try choir, this is a great opportunity to give it a try.

We rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM, and sing at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. The choir is scheduled for the 10:00 PM "Midnight Mass" on Christmas Eve. For more information, talk to a choir member, or Tim at the piano after a Mass. You can also email Tim at TQuistorff@stgeorge60477.org.

We need singers to help make Christmas special!

Saint George Giving Tree



Each year the Christmas Giving Trees provide Saint George Parish with a unique opportunity to work with the entire community by coordinating resources to meet the needs of families who may not have the ability to share in the spirit of the holiday season.

One of the ways you can support our Parish Christmas Giving Tree Ministry is by taking an ornament off one of our three Giving Trees located at each entrance of Church. By taking an ornament, you can select an individual to bless this Christmas Season and help a person in need. We will also have monetary donation envelopes titled "Christmas Giving Tree" if you are unable to shop.

You are invited to take a gift tag from one of the trees that has information about the recipient of the gifts. You can also pick up a tag during the week by coming to the Parish Office (Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM, or Tuesday and Thursday between 8:45 AM and 6:00 PM). Please check your tag as the dates to be returned are different for each group. Don't forget to attach the gift tag to the gifts.

Saint George Parish will be sharing gifts with:



Saint Coletta's Group Home Supply Drive

This yellow star shaped gift tag will help residents who are provided with educational and vocational services to men and women with developmental disabilities. Needed items for men and women are unisex hats, gloves, scarves, art supplies and extra long twin sheets. Gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 10. Wrapping is unnecessary.



Lord of Mercy (formerly Saint Gerard Majella)

The Purple Angel shaped gift tag will help children from our sharing parish. The suggested gift amount is \$25. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 10.



Saint Vincent De Paul

The Red Heart shaped gift tags will help Saint Vincent De Paul families from our parish who are going through a difficult time due to illness, job loss or other unforeseen circumstances. This Christmas help a family in need buy a gift for their child(ren), food for their holiday table or alleviate the burden of fulfilling a basic need. We are asking for gift cards, purchased through our P.A.R.T. program in the amount of \$25 for each tag. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 10.



The Women's Center

The Pink and Blue gift tags will help The Women's Center who has saved children from abortion. The suggested gift amount is \$15 to \$25. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 3. Please put gift in box or bag. Wrapping is not necessary.

Thank you for giving to those in need this Christmas Season!

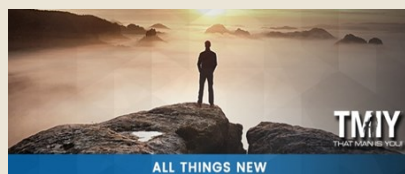
Saint George Men's Club



All men of the parish are invited to join the Saint George Men's club for an evening of faith and fellowship on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 PM in Room 3 of the Cahill Center.

Pizza will be served after the meeting. Please plan to join us as we discuss ways the men of Saint George can contribute to the Saint George Parish family.

That Man Is You!



No Meeting

Saturday, November 25
Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

Our next session will be
Saturday, December 2

We are only a few weeks away from the end of our 13-week fall semester, with our final session scheduled on December 16. After that, we will take a holiday break and begin again with a new 13-week spring semester starting on January 20.

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



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT The Greatest Gift

Calling all ladies of the parish.!

Women of Purpose invite you to join us for ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT scheduled on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Our theme this year is The Greatest Gift.

We have read your evaluations and have made some adjustments. This will again be an evening for us to come together, to pray together, and to celebrate the anticipated birth of Jesus. It is also a nice evening to give yourself time to enjoy the community and visit with old and new friends and to share the greatest gift we have been to each other.

You may have a group of friends to create your own table. You can also come as a single, double or triple to join another table. Bring an hors'doeuvre or dessert to share with your group and whatever libation you wish to drink. It's like creating your own fancy table for your friends.

So call your friends, dust off your best China or shop at your favorite party store and come out to join us. As we do with all of our events, we offer Service Opportunities. This year we are asking for donations for our parish Nativity Set. We will include a bit of fun too!!

We need reservations in advance by November 27. Call Kay Keating at 708-651-0089 or email her mrsdcntim@yahoo.com.



Saint George Coat Drive



Saint George will be holding a coat drive to help the needy at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and Pro Labore Dei. The need is great as winter approaches. Sister Stephanie from the Mission informed us that they are helping over 400 families each week.

We will be working with Saint Damian Parish to collect winter coats, boots, blankets, and other winter clothing items such as gloves, hats, and scarves. Both new and gently used items are appreciated and can be dropped off at a box that will be in the Narthex. We will be collecting items in November through Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your kindness and generous spirit.

Saint George 90th Anniversary

Become part of the legacy!

Marian Shrine

Saint George Parish is building a Marian Shrine to commemorate our 90th anniversary. There will be a brick paver walkway up and around the shrine.

We are offering an opportunity for you to purchase and personalize a brick to honor a deceased member of the family, your family name, wedding anniversary or recognition of your parish life, to name a few.

Please visit <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/sgc> to place an order. There are also order forms at the entrances of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Conrad at kconrad@stgeorge60477.org.



Christmas is Coming...

The pastoral staff at Saint George Church is already hard at work planning for the upcoming Advent season! A beautiful eleven-piece, outdoor nativity set has been located at a religious goods store and would aid in setting a joyous Christmas environment for the entire parish. Please consider sponsoring a figurine in our new nativity set. Sponsorship includes an 8x8 brick paver in the soon to be installed Marian Shrine (spring). What a wonderful opportunity to memorialize a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or express your love of the season. If you would like to sponsor a figurine, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office.



Baby Jesus
\$3,000



Virgin Mary
\$2,500



Joseph
\$2,500



Angel
\$1,500



Shepherd
\$1,000



Balthazar
\$1,500



Melchior
\$1,500



Gaspar
\$1,500

I would like to sponsor a Saint George Nativity figurine.

Name: _____

Address: _____

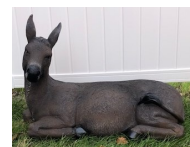
Phone: _____

Figurine: _____

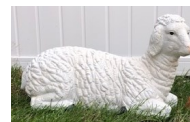
Total Enclosed: _____



Cow
\$500



Donkey
\$500



Lamb
\$500

This Week at Saint George

Sunday, November 19

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 10:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)
- 11:30 AM Baptism (Church)
- 1:00 PM Private Baptism (Church)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

Monday, November 20

- 6:30 PM Bible Study (MR 1)
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee (MR 3)
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

Tuesday, November 21

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)
- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 6:30 PM Men's Club Mtg. (MR 3)

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23

- 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass
- Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 24

- No Bingo
- 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

Saturday, November 25

- 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

Sunday, November 26

- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

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.

Weekend Masses - Remote Access

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

Pray the Rosary

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

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, 9 days before it reaches the parishioner's hands. Please send articles to bulletin@stgeorge60477.org. Thank you.

Due to the Holidays, there are several early deadlines.

Articles for the December 24 bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday, December 12.

Articles for the December 31 bulletin must be submitted by Thursday, December 21.



Congratulations to

Ante Pervan and Natalie Kuraja who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

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

Stewardship Update

November 12

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	16,174.50
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	978.50
School Fund	\$	246.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	229.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	50.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	230.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	95.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	30.00
Christmas	\$	110.00

Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	295,717.62
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	303,920.00
YTD Difference	\$	(8,202.38)

We are 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.

Offertory Collections

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.

Second Collection - November 18-19



The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will take place this weekend. For over 50 years, CCHD has been working in partnership with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States. CCHD promotes organizations that help people help themselves, and our mission to break the cycle of poverty continues to be at the heart of our faith. CCHD grantees organize members of their communities to create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children, and raise leaders of the future right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We are so thankful for your support.

Planned Giving

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include Saint George as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy.

It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community.

For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. If you have additional questions, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Philanthropy Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-848-3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday - November 18

4:00 PM Nancy K. Gatto+
Mrs. Loretta Klimek+
Intentions of Delores Schury

Sunday, November 19

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Anthony Kovacevich &
Kimberly Kovacevich+
Czeslaw Hanusiak+

9:30 AM Mass for Mothers
Helena & Alfred Kolb+
Steve Granica+

11:30 AM Mary Jean McLaughlin+
Helen Janicek+
Gary Lassendrello+

Monday, November 20

8:15 AM Angela Disabato+
Matthew Berry+
Intentions of Rosita Lina

Tuesday, November 21

8:15 AM Ann Mruskovich+
Hocevar Family+
Flordelina Marcos+

Wednesday, November 22

8:15 AM Marilyn Hogan+
Alice F. Lesnik+
Marian C. Haberkorn+

Thursday, November 23

9:00 AM Mass for Parishioners

Friday, November 24

8:15 AM Robert Anderson+
Intentions of Cameron Noah Nelson
Healing for Paula Dettman

Saturday - November 25

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
Donald & Roberta Anghis+
Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+

Sunday, November 26

7:30 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Dorothy Schmitt+
Margaret Quitter+

9:30 AM Joseph Pisano+
Living & Deceased Members of SGC
Catholic Women Sharing Faith
Susan Granica+

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Lamberty Family+
Marilyn Hogan+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+

+ Deceased

Please Pray For...

Our Sick...

Yvonne Renee Adams, Rick Arlen, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Kathy Bidrowski, Bernadette Bosco, Dennis Bowman, Bernie Brady, Arlene Bulow, Jack Carlson, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Diane Consgrave, Jennifer Crawford, Larry Cundary, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Marie Dohm, Linda Dorminey, Maryann Dwornik, Steve Easton, Sharon Elzinga, Phil Estrada, Darlene Everson, Karen Feil, Ruth Galleher, Linda Granger, Marirose Grosschadt, Ellen Hallahan, Holly Hesselschwardt, Carole Holding, Sandra Jakala, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, John Joe, Karen Kiner, Evelyn Knight, Pat Kukula, Donald Lavey, Robert Maher, Carol Manow, Robert Metzger, Kathleen Mohan, William Nelson, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvillas, Mary Ann O'Callaghan, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Hailey Polk, Neil Reece, Eileen Reeves, Eunice Robey, Matthew Rogel, Ben Schaefer, James J. Schmitt, Jerry Sebesta, Karen Singer, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Zbigniew Szylar, Lorraine Szara, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Tammy Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, Leslie Vaicik, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Pat Woolet, Bob Wyatt, 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...

Lillian Jade Hanan, Lisa Vari, Arlene Ireland, Edward Whalin, Gloria L. Sullivan, Narcedalia C. Alejos

Our Military...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: P03 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sgt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSgt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sgt. Robert Brennan (Army), Bradley Brunod (Navy), 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), SSG Matthew Daliege (Army). Sgt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sgt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), P02 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Spc. 4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Sybiland 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), PFC James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), Camryn Shupryt (Army), Nicholas Shupryt (Army), 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.

Weekly Readings

Sunday, November 19

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1
-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-
63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155,
158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,
8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

November 23

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6,
14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 24

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr
29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6,
16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 26

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2,
2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26,
28/Mt 25:31-46

Holy Family Chapel

YOU ARE INVITED TO HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Holy Family Chapel offers the opportunity to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist during the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival. Why not make a visit soon to spend some quality time with Jesus? You will receive the grace and love radiating from Jesus present in the Sacred Host. 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.

NOTE: Wednesday, 7:00 PM and Thursday 7:00 PM needs a 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, 4:00 PM, 9:00 PM; Tuesday: 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM; Wednesday: Noon, 1:00 PM, 7:00 PM; Thursday: 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM; Friday: 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").

Please be aware that Holy Family Chapel will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23). You are encouraged to attend the 9:00 AM Mass to begin your Thanksgiving Day.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 25 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Bibzak - Cup
Joyce Bibzak - Cup
Tim McCabe - Cup
Sue Stanton - Cup
Don Clark - Bread
Fran Clark - Bread
Carey Murray - Bread
Charlene Yock - Bread

Lectors: Tim Framke

Sunday, November 26 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Newtoff - Cup
Gary Ryczyn - Cup
Betsy Windish - Cup
Paul Windish - Cup
Alice Graff - Bread
Teri Ryczyn - Bread

Lectors: Rita Walker

Sunday, November 26 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Joe Panek
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Adalakun - Cup
Eva McCulley - Cup
Nicole Olson - Cup
Rebecca Schutzius - Cup
Joanne O'Brien - Bread
Nancy Opyd - Bread
Ventura Quatrini - Bread
Pina Quatrini - Bread

Lectors: Thomas Kavanaugh

Sunday, November 26 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Fancsali - Cup
Karen Kiner - Cup
Linda Milazzo - Cup
Martha Pena - Cup
Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread
Jean Gaytan - Bread

Lectors: Tim Doyle



Knightly News

Our recent Blood Drive conducted at Saint Damian's on October 14 collected 31 units. The goal was 28 units so we are glad to have met and surpassed the goal. Thank you to all who came out and donated. Our next drive will be at Saint Julie's on Thursday, December 7 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are eligible to donate, please consider doing so. The need for blood is still at the critical level.

Fr. C.C. Boyle council will be hosting our annual Free Throw contest on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Cardinal Bernadine School Gym. Boys and Girls ages 9 through 14 are welcome to participate. More details will be forth coming in future bulletin articles.

Our council recently purchased and donated 60 coats to a local organization that helps adults and children. We also donated additional monies for the purchase of hats and gloves.

We would like to thank all those who donate food through your local collection facilities. Several knights participate with the food pantries and your donations help many families in need.

Fr. C.C. Boyle council will celebrate its 65th year anniversary this month. We started on November 30, 1958.

Last but not least we would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. May you enjoy family time, joyful conversations and reflect on what you have to most thankful for. Please remember to thank God for what you have... even some of the challenges He has placed at our doorsteps. We learn and grow from them.

For more information on our council activities and upcoming events please visit our website at: knights4698.org.

God Bless

Meet The Aklasabreh Family from Syria



This family of five walked across Syria, crossed a waterway and went over a mountain to get to Jordan and then there was a new-born baby boy. It took another two years to be invited to the United States. They left their family tent (18' by 20'), and took an airplane ride to their new home where they knew two people. They didn't speak the language and went to live in a two-bedroom apartment which they had never seen before with furniture provided by a world they didn't know. They had two suitcases and six backpacks with all their worldly goods.

Please meet the Aklasabreh family, in the picture; the oldest child - Aya (age 14), mom—Menar, the youngest child - Abul Kareem (age 3 ½), dad - Mohamed, second son - Amir (age 8) and Lara (age 11). The three older children are in classes in the local schools. They are a happy family and are all working to find or make their place in their new country. They have found neighbors and school friends who speak their language, Arabic, and the children are taking "English As A Second Language" (ESL) classes in their school. Mom intends to study ESL in January. Dad is working and waiting for a time when they speak enough English and have enough money to buy a car. Right now they are getting rides in every direction or taking a bus.

We, the parishioners who want to assist the Aklasabreh family while they find their place in their new life, have been visiting them weekly. We found the Translate app on our cell phones and keep talking and texting and visiting with the family. We have shared meals. Pizza is the best treat. We have asked what they needed but they didn't quite know. Together we, and YOU, the parishioners who sent money for this family, made sure the students got a pair of new shoes and a new outfit to wear to school. They got a bookbag full of what they needed and went to school with just a little case of nerves. This year, after formerly living life in a desert, they met cold weather and snow but with warm coats from several directions, they are set to keep warm. We introduced Mohamed to heavy, waterproof boots to wear to work. He didn't want them until he was told there would be ice and slush up to his ankles during the winter. The first thing they asked about when they got their coats was if they could have a scarf also.

We have introduced them to Thanksgiving and they are getting ready to celebrate it with their relatives, a brother who has been here longer than them and a sister who just arrived. There will be six adults and twelve children in the United States with chicken, a lot of rice and some turkey, thinking about pilgrims who had their first Thanksgiving with the Indians who lived in America first who hardly spoke the same language.

Saint George Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 of the Parish Life Center. If anyone is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Pina Quatrini at 708-532-5732 or Marybeth Kelly at 708-429-5740.

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.

Saint Michael Parish Mental Health Awareness Ministry

All are welcome at Saint Michael Parish in Orland Park for our November gathering on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the Chapel at Saint Michael to pray the Rosary and offer petitions for those in need, including ourselves. Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another.

The Saint Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry is a NEW spiritual support group intended for family and/or friends of persons living with mental health issues. We are a community of faith offering help and hope. We share our lived experiences and mental health resources we have utilized. We practice Holy Listening and do not try to "fix" anyone's problems.

We meet one Wednesday evening a month at Saint Michael. Meetings may include a Mass or prayer service or a presentation on a particular topic and offer ways to support you. All meetings are respectful and confidential, and sharing is optional. All are welcome. No need to sign up or register to attend. Come once or twice or as often as you like.

For more information on the St. Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness, please visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/> or send an email to StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com.

"Moving Forward in Hope,"

An Evening of Prayer, Connection and Hope

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00-8:00 PM

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness is pleased to offer Moving Forward in Hope, a monthly series of evening 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.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and wellbeing. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at olmcinfo2@aol.com to register.

Saint George Pro-Life

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

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 and 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), depending on the location that would be more convenient. If there is a change of heart after taking the abortion pill, call 877-558-0333 or go to AbortionPillReversal.com. There may still be time to save your pregnancy.

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 800-5-WE-CARE.

"RIGHT TO CHOOSE" - CHOOSE WHAT?

Abortion advocates often say, "It's a woman's right to choose". However, once a woman is pregnant, she already has a child; the choice is what to do with him or her. Although the word "choice" sounds so positive and harmless, the actual choice is not about one person's life - it is about two.

Abortion advocates also argue that, "You cannot legislate morality". Interestingly, this is exactly the same argument that the civil rights' movement faced. The response of Martin Luther King Jr. was: "We hear the familiar cry that morals cannot be legislated. This may be true, but behavior can be regulated. The law may not be able to make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me".

Similarly, pro-life advocates are trying to regulate behavior, not legislate morality. We cannot force some people to love all children, but we can and should use our influence to stop abortionists from destroying innocent babies.

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You can also explore community solar (CS) as another alternative. There are no panels on your roof. With CS you "subscribe" to get the equivalent amount of power that your home uses generated from a remote solar farm.

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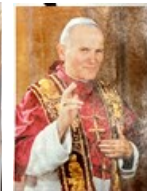
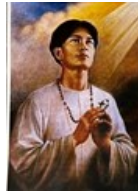
SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



For the feast of All Saints, the fourth graders each chose four saints to research. They glued the image of each saint on a small card, and, on the back of the card, wrote some general facts about each one. This was a great introduction for the students to begin thinking about which saint they would like to select when they are confirmed in a few years, a saint who truly speaks to them to imitate.



Saint's Name St. Clare of Assisi
 Year Born 1194
 Country Born in Assisi Italy
 Year Died 1253
 Age When Died 59
 Where Buried Basilica di Santa Chiara, Assisi Italy
 Patron Saint of eye disease, goldsmiths, and good weather.
 Interesting facts of this Saint St. Clare did not cure about her fancy clothes or robe.



PreK3 did pumpkin investigations, including pumpkin sink or float and measurement activities. Lots of learning going on with our cute 3 year old little pumpkins!



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.

ANOIDTING 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 4:00 PM on the Friday ten days 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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