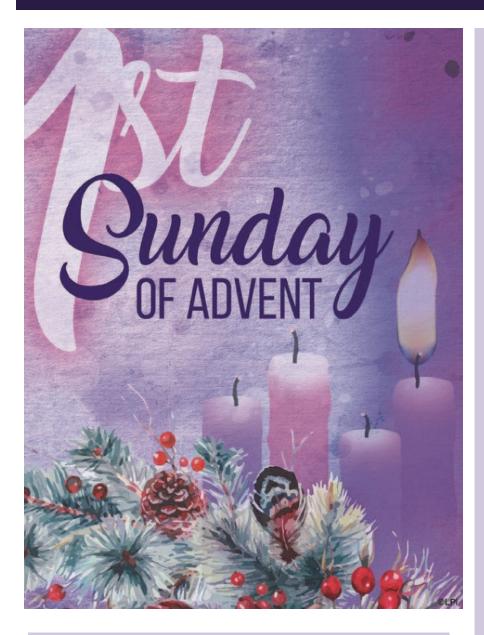
# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent



### **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

### Parish Office

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

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

Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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## A Word from the Pastor



With last weekend's celebration of Christ the King, we reached the end of the liturgical year and today we begin a new year as we enter into the season of Advent. I use the words "enter into" with purpose. We don't simply flip a page on a calendar, or just change colors to purple. We are invited to enter into the season of Advent by giving a part of ourselves to it. Last week, we honored Jesus as our King. This week we begin a cycle of prayer in a new way. We use this time to open our hearts, to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus --- not as a king but as a child, innocent, powerless, vulnerable.

Over these next weeks of Advent, we will be called to watch, to listen, to give comfort. This is not a passive spiritual spectator sport. We don't sit back and wait for something to happen. We know what is going to happen. And because we know it, we anticipate, we lean into it. We don't sit back, we sit up! We strain to hear the voice of God, and we watch for the Day of the Lord. Jesus takes on our vulnerability so we could take on the gracious power of God. Just as Jesus was born of humble means, so we accept God's grace with humility.

Allow this Advent season to give you that nudge you've been waiting for. Let it be a new start, not just of a new year but a new you. Perhaps these can be days when we make a personal decision to be more aware of God's presence in our lives, to grow in our desire for Him, to reach a little deeper into ourselves and feel the impulse of goodness inside, waiting for us to let that goodness out!

As you have seen, we are inviting you to dedicate a figure for our new outdoor Nativity Scene. As odd as it may seem to us, our scene and others like it may be some people's only contact with the reality of Christmas. With so much time spent with noses poked in a computer, hours spent on spending sprees, postage stamps of bland snowflakes and Santas, the infant Jesus can be completely obscured. Our Nativity Scene, which is becoming a rarer and rarer sight, will stand as a beautiful reminder that something so much more significant is being celebrated. We don't merely remember a poor, obscure family, we see the Hand of God at work to bring us salvation.

There are many obscure families among us these days as refugees make a new start in life. As you saw in last week's bulletin, the Cardinal is working hard to collaborate with local officials. Parishes like Saint George are doing as much as we can to assist through food and coat drives, helping with housing and other necessities of life. As usual, there are many complicated political issues around this, and they have to be dealt with. Our role is to see the need and respond to it. That is our calling and mandate in faith. Otherwise, all the Nativity Scenes and Advent wreaths don't mean a thing. And wouldn't that be our shame...

Closer to home, please check out our parish website for ways we can help one of our own, Paula Dettmann. Paula and her family are long-time parishioners. In June, Paula was struck with meningitis which has left her paralyzed from the waist down. Please consider helping by following the GoFundMe link which you will find on our website. Let's all pitch in for Paula!

Hr. Paul

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### Saint George Church

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service

Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, instructed him to visit his bishop and ask that a temple be built on the site of her appearance, so that she will have a place to hear petitions and to heal the suffering of the Mexican people. After repeated visits to the bishop, finally, on December



12, when Juan Diego makes another visit to the bishop, he opened his tilma in his presence, and roses fell to the ground. The bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Our Lady of Guadalupe had this to say to Juan Diego: "I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will begin the evening with Eucharist Adoration at 6:00 PM, and then at 7:00 PM, commence the prayer service in honor of the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. Please join us for this celebration as we pray to Our Lady for peace in our world!

### Taize Music & Reflection Prayer Service



Taizé Prayer is an evening of musical prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's

presence around and within us. Songs, prayers, and reflections will guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. Saint George will celebrate the Advent, Week 2 Theme: Good News of God's justice (Luke 1:46-55) Mary's Song and Saint George 90 years of blessings.

All ages are welcome to come and pray as a community using music, songs, scriptures, and silent reflections. Please join us on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 PM.

### Advent Wreath Sign Up



As we wait in joyful hope this Advent for the birth of Jesus, our Light and Savior, let's take turns lighting the Advent Wreath at Saint George.

Use the signups on the bulletin board or sign up online on the parish website - https:// stgeorge60477.org.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception



This feast was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX. He affirmed that the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a truth revealed by God to the Church. The meaning of this dogma is that, by God's grace, Mary was preserved free from original sin from the first

moment of her existence, her conception. She remained free of all sin throughout her life, cooperating freely in the work of salvation through faith and obedience. In this way God prepared her to be the mother of His Son, our Savior. We praise God for choosing Mary to be the mother of Jesus Christ. As the patron of the United States, we turn to the Blessed Virgin seeking intercession for our nation. (from USCCB)

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM on Friday, December 8.

### Advent Reconciliation



Saint George Parish Advent Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday evening, December 20 at 7:00 PM.

We encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

a regular basis, but particularly in the seasons of Advent and Lent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on the following Saturdays during Advent:

December 9 - 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM December 16 -3:00 PM to 3:30 PM December 23 - 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

### That Man Is You!



#### WHY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Saturday, December 9 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

Dr. John Bergsma has one final question for us to contemplate next weekend; "Why the Catholic Church?"

Be renewed with a profound, faithful, and reverent love for the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church rooted in Sacred Scripture. We will examine more deeply the splendor of the Church from the perspectives of unity, holiness, internationality, and it's foundation by Christ himself.

Hot coffee and a hearty breakfast are available beginning at 6:30, and our video program starts at 7:00. Please join us and invite a friend!

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.

### Saint George Men's Group



All men of the parish are invited to join the Saint George Men's club for an evening of

faith and fellowship on Tuesday, December 19 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.

## 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 Church

### Paula Dettman Needs Saint George



Long-time parishioner, dedicated volunteer and front-desk receptionist at Saint George, Paula Dettmann needs our help. Paula was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis last June. Since then, she has suffered some minor strokes, and is now paralyzed from the waist down. She is a fighter and has been working hard in rehab for all these

months. Paula's husband, Craig, hopes to bring her home but a mobility van is needed. There is a GoFundMe page, https:// gofund.me/19d5b4af supporting Paula in her next steps towards recovery and more information. I urge everyone to visit the page and donate. Saint George always steps up. Let's do it this time for one of our own! Father Paul

### Stations of the Crib



On Monday, December 18 at 6:30 PM, Saint George Church will present Stations of the Crib in Church.

Join us as our parishioner, Susan Amann, leads us through this beautiful night

of reflection. This prayer experience will take us on a journey of fourteen stations through the events leadings up to and following the birth of Jesus. There will be a time for silent prayer as we combine song and scripture together. This is a beautiful way to pray during the holy season of Advent.

For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez, at tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 ext. 502.

## Acts of Faith Group



We Wish You a Merry Christmas, We Wish you a Merry Christmas, We Wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year!

### Come and Sing Christmas Greetings with the Acts of Faith group!

### December 11, 2023

We will visit those who are homebound and spread Christmas Cheer! If you have a homebound friend or family member in the vicinity of Saint George Parish, please let us know. We will bring them some Christmas joy. For Information: Call Angie Brady at 708-341-3644.

### Saint George Church Invites All Liturgical Ministers

To: Deepening Our Relationship with Jesus Through The Liturgy

### Speaker: Father Paul G. Seaman

Saturday, December 9 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM In Church

Please RSVP to our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez by December 5. tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243, Ext. 502

All Liturgical Ministers are strongly encouraged to attend.



## Grief Support Group



We will be offering a Grieving Support Group at

Saint George Parish. This will be a faith-based group that will provide an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to help them process their grief through our program. You will find this to be a place of love, compassion, comfort, support, and understanding. We will provide a gathering where the bereaved may express their grief freely without judgment.

We plan to meet once a month. Our third meeting with be on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room Four (upstairs) in the Parish Life Center. For more information or questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez at tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 ext. 502.

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening. ©LPi

## Saint George 90th Anniversary



### **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/sqc to place an order. There are also order forms at the entrances of the church. Orders will be taken until December 31, 2023.

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



\$2,500

Joseph Angel \$1,500



Shepherd \$1,000



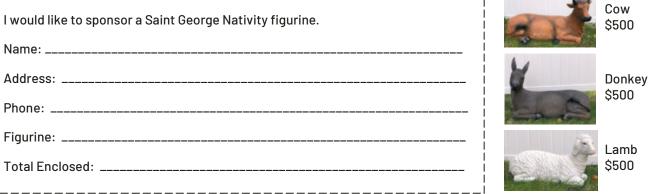


Melchior Balthazar \$1,500

\$1,500



Gaspar \$1,500



\$500



## Saint George Pro-Life

### **CONNECTING WITH POST-ABORTION HELP**

Last week featured an article called "Forgiveness After an Abortion." The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a means for forgiveness and healing, but the wounds for abortion are often so deep that additional steps are needed. Many women struggle to find that extra help, but relief may be closer than expected.

Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel were mentioned as possible sources of that help. As a follow-up, here are the contacts for these organizations. Please call Rachel's Vineyard at 877-467-3463 or Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673). That source of understanding and guidance is only a phone call away.

### PRAYER VIGIL IN ORLAND PARK

Please plan to join a prayer vigil to be held at Orland Park Planned Parenthood. We will gather along the public sidewalk extending from 14470 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. This vigil will take place from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, December 4. Parking is available in the Orland Chateau lot (14500 S. LaGrange Road), but please park in the back.

Even if you can only stop by for a short time, please join us. Show your concern to protect our teenagers from Planned Parenthood. Pray for the conversion of Planned Parenthood's staff. Contrary to their claims, Planned Parenthood's birth control and sex education programs always lead to more unplanned pregnancies and more abortions, not less.

### Women of Purpose Thanksgiving Raffle Winner



Congratulations to Mary Jo Nobles who won the Turkey Dinner Raffle. Thank you to all who supported raffle. We were able to donate over \$1,000 to Daybreak Shelter! Pictured above are Jeanne Lassandrello, Mary Jo Nobles, Father Paul, Darlene Weinart, and Joan Schumaker. Great things happen when good people get together to share their gifts and talents. Look out for more events planned for the future. Each event we sponsor offers an opportunity of service for our community.

### 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.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

### **First Sunday of Advent**

As we begin Advent, we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. 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.

## This Week at Saint George

### Sunday, December 3

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	Fair Trade- Before & After Masses			
7:00 AM	Family First Sunday (MR 1-3)			
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)			
9:30 AM	CFF/School Family Mass (Church)			
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)			
1:00 PM	Baptism (Church)			
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League (Gym)			
Monday, D	ecember 4			
6:30 PM	Bible Study (MR 1)			
7:30 PM	Al-Anon (O'CH)			
Tuesday, D	ecember 5			
10:00 AM	Bible Study (MR 3)			
6:00 PM	Adoration (Church)			
6:00 PM	SPRED II (SC, K)			
6:30 PM	Baptism Prep Leader Training (MR)			
Wednesday	y, December 6			
5:30 PM	CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4,			
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7:00 PM	SPREDI(SC, K)			
8:00 AM	December 7 Santa's Secret Shop (MR 1-3)			
9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)			
6:15 PM	Knights of Columbus Mass (Church)			
6:30 PM	Grief Support Group (MR 4)			
7:00 PM	Choir Practice (Church)			
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus (0'CH)			
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Friday, Dec	ember 8			
8:00 AM	Santa's Secret Shop (MR 1-3)			
8:15 AM	School Mass (Church)			
7:00 PM	Bingo (O'CH)			
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anon (MR 3)			
Saturday, D	)ecember 9			
6:30 AM	Retirement Fund for Religious Collection			
8:30 AM	That Man Is You (O'CH)			
8:30 AM	Lay Carmelites (MR 4)			
9:30 AM	Missionary & Prayer Group Mtg. (MR 1)			
10:00 AM	Liturgical Day of Reflection (Church)			
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 65496 Mtg. (MR 3)			
7:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)			
	Adult Volleyball (Gym)			
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5:00 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)			
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For additional information on Saint George, please visit the parish website ww.stgeorge60477.org



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

Jonathan Maximum Son of Michael & Jessica (Turner) Catania Lily Anne Daughter of Anthony & Rachel (Bailey) Miller Sharon Jolene Daughter of Justin & Alyssa (Baffoe) Riesenbeck Keegan Roy Daughter of Ian & Erin (Cappitelli) Swillum

Congratulations to the Parents & Godparents!



We recently welcomed the following people into our parish family.

Deacon Joseph E. Bishop Nick & Margrette Jaklich & their children, Camden Francis & Savannah Jaklich Noah Pinto John & Christine Raganskis Bridgette Radisarda Carol Rembles Amy Rubino

### Prayer for Advent 1

Dear Lord, In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light. Amen. ©LPi





### Weekly Readings

#### Sunday, December 3

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3 -9/Mk 13:33-37

#### Monday, December 4

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday, December 5

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-2

#### Wednesday, December 6

ls 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

### 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").

#### December 7

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-3

Saturday, December 9 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

#### Sunday, December 10

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday, December 9 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Joe Panek
Eucharistic	Don Clark - Cup
Ministers:	Debbie Olejarz – Cup
	Sue Stanton - Cup
	Jack Yock - Cup
	Fran Clark - Bread
	Carey Murray - Bread
	Eileen Weglarz - Bread
	Charlene Yock - Bread
Lectors	Tim Framke

#### Sunday, December 10 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic	Kelly Conrad - Cup
Ministers:	Julie Newtoff - Cup
	Sandi Rogina - Cup
	Paul Windish - Cup
	Alice Graff - Bread
	Lynda O'Brien - Bread
Lectors:	Betsy Windish

Sunday, December 10 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Greg Bartos
Eucharistic	Catherine Adelakun - Cup
Ministers:	Dawn Bartos - Cup
	Pina Quatrini - Cup
	Ventura Quatrini - Cup
	Christopher Barrett - Bread
	Jennifer Barrett - Bread
	Joanne O'Brien - Bread
	Nicole Olson - Bread
Lectors:	Denise Iggins

### Sunday, December 10 - 11:30 AM

Father John
Tim Keating
Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
Jean Gaytan - Cup
Jeanine Patrick - Cup
Martha Pena - Cup
Diane Wawzenek - Bread
Wally Wawzenek - Bread
Bill Beckman

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday - December 2

4:00 PM Robert O. Marzullolo+ Mrs. Loretta Klimek+ Peter S. Walsh+

### Sunday, December 3

- 7:30 AM Helen M. Williams+ Mieczyslaw Gierat+ Anthony F. Ponziano+ 9:30 AM David McCulley+ Gary Lassandrello+
- 11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners Wanda Malec+ Edward Kmetz+

#### Monday, December 4

8:15 AM Intentions of Vicky Butler Konchan Family+ Alice F. Lesnik+

#### Tuesday, December 5

8:15 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+ Thomas Nolan+ Mary Faul+

#### Wednesday, December 6

8:15 AM Stella Wiencek+ Tom Nolan+ Carol Vander Sanden+

#### Thursday, December 7

8:15 AM Theresa Kill+ Marjorie Sportiello+ Thomas Glaser+

#### Friday, December 8

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+ Concepcion Agting+ Pauline Goodman+

#### Saturday - December 9

4:00 PM Joseph Kiely+ Teresa Kelly+ Patricia DeLisa+

#### Sunday, December 10

- 7:30 AM Suzanne Schmitt Smiley+ Thomas G. Dohm + Czeslaw Hanusiak+
- 9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners Tom Nolan+ Living & Deceased Members of SGC Catholic Women Sharing Faith
- 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus+ Gembala & Kiec Families+ Cynthia Aguilar+

+ Deceased

## Please Pray For...

#### Our Sick...

Scott Adams, Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Kathy Bidrowski, Dennis Bowman, Bernie Brady, Baby Eleanor Brooks, 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 Grosschadl, Ellen Hallahan, Holly Hesselschwardt, Carole Holding, Sandra Jakala, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, John Joe, Karen Kiner, Evelyn Knight, Pat Kukula, Donald Lavev, 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, Rita Panfil, Lottie Pano, Hailey Polk, Norbert Przybylski, Neil Reece, Eileen Reeves, Eunice Robey, Matthew Rogal, Ben Schaefer, James J. Schmitt, Jerry Sebesta, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Zbigniew Szyler, Lorraine Szara, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Tammy Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, Elsie Tragnitz, Leslie Vaicik, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Pat Woolet, Bob Wvatt, Shirlev 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...

Rick Arlen, Bernadette Bosco, Ronald Hield, Rodolfo Moreno

#### Our Military...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sqt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSqt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sqt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sqt. 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). Sqt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sqt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 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 (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), 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.

### Stewardship Update

#### November 19

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 26,687.01
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 15,196.00
Difference	\$ 11,491.01
School Fund	\$ 655,99
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 140.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 347.50
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 270.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 75.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 15.00
Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date	
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 337,754.49
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 334,312.00
YTD Difference	\$ 3,442.49

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.

## Second Collection - Next Weekend



### Retirement Fund for Religious

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to

serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously

## **Planned Giving**

## Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays you Back

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a great way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life—benefitting you today and our parish in the future. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org, To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

## **Electronic Giving**

Give Central is an option more people are choosing. You can go to our website www.stgeorge60477.org to learn how to make your weekly or monthly donations or use the new archdiocesan universal offertory website at: www.archchicago/support. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.

## **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.

### **Christmas Flower Collection**



This weekend, we will be collecting for Christmas flowers. Envelopes can be found in your bi-monthly packets. Thank you for helping to make the church beautiful for the Christmas season. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

#### URGENT SCHOLARSHIP HELP NEEDED for Catholic Schools

The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised **\$19,480** supporting **3 students** at **Saint George School, Tinley Park**.

## We need your help now more than ever so that we may retain these students.

With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.

The Time is Now: Please Help Keep Faith-Based Education Accessible archchicago.org/scholarships.



If you would like to make a gift via check, Donor Advised Fund, stock or other method, please get in touch with the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-7959 or archchicago@archchicago.org

## 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.

## Saint George P.A.R.T.

**What is PART?** A program where you can purchase gift cards and you and the school can both earn money back on that purchase. You purchase cards at face value, school then purchases the cards at a discount price, the difference in price gets split 50/50 with you and the school.

**What can you buy?** Hundreds of gift cards are available. You can view them at www.raiseright.com. We also have local venues available, such as Culver's, Ed n Joe's, Oberweis, and Gatto's.

**How can I buy them?** Each Friday by 9am, you can submit a paper order to the rectory or online order. Pick up will be the following week.

Interesting in setting up an account? Email part@stgeorgeschool.org

### **Holiday Schedule**

Weekly Orders Due Physical Card Orders -Due by 9:00 AM on the dates listed below

> Friday, December 8 Friday, December 17

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

Questions: part@stgeorgeschool.org







SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

# Saint George Super Bingo





Oh my goodness! Our PK3 turkeys escaped to go visit Mrs. Pratl! Gobble Gobble!



Saint George fall Super Bingo was a great event, filled with fun, friends, food ... and fantastic prizes! Thank you to everyone who attended or volunteered. All our efforts are for our school children.

## 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 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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