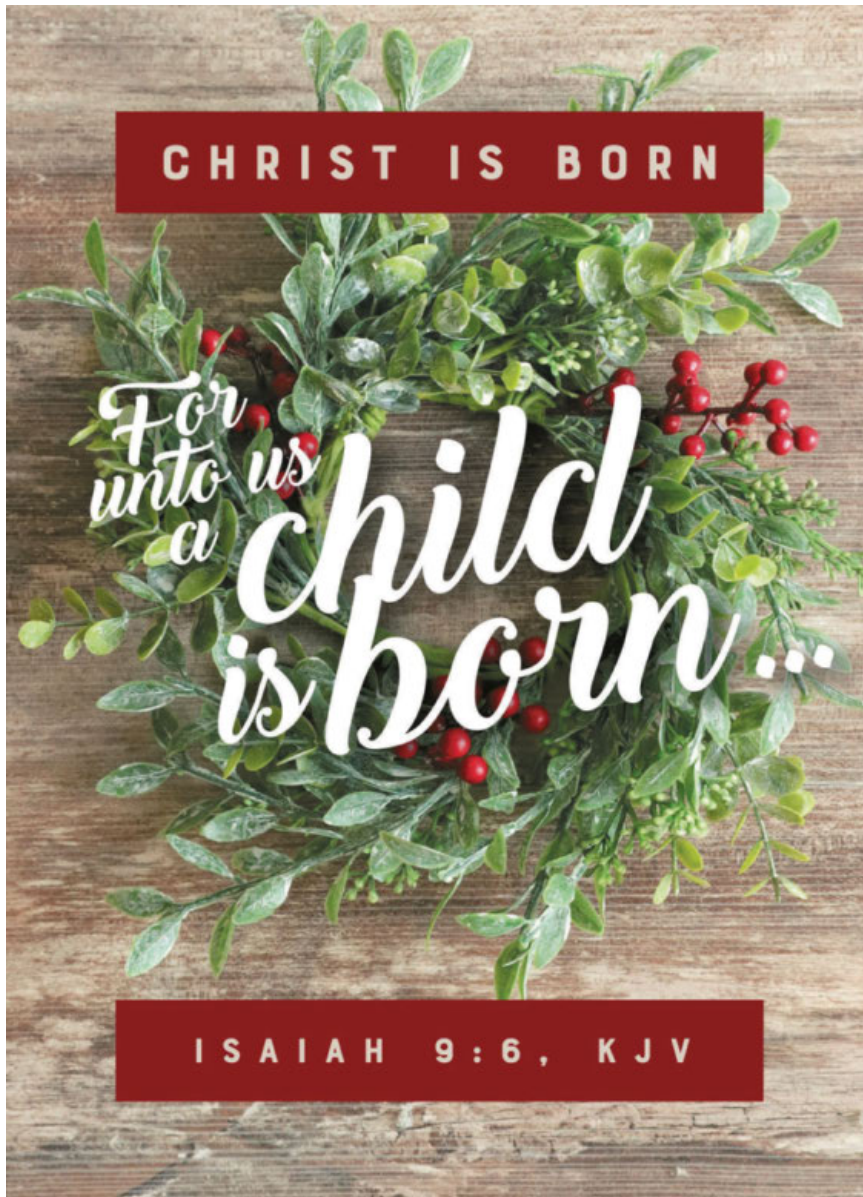


SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 25, 2023 - Nativity of the Lord



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

6707 West 175th Street
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477
708-532-2243
www.stgeorge60477.org

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

Merry Christmas, everyone! May the joy of Jesus born among us bring you happiness and hope throughout the year. Thank you for joining us in prayer to welcome the Christ-Child into our hearts and homes. May His presence bring you a renewed sense of peace and security. May the Prince of Peace bring those gifts to troubled parts of our world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. In the midst of turmoil in every strata of society, Jesus comes to us in calm and quiet to reassure us that God has not forgotten a single one of us.

And it is just that personal. Jesus came for you, specifically. He also came for the salvation of humanity but that does not negate the truth that Jesus came for each one of us in a singular way. We know this by looking at the rest of His life. We see the care He showed for the poor, the sick, the disabled and neglected. He was constantly one with the Father and one with the suffering as well. What a good God we have!

Saint George is growing in a number of ways. The pews are getting fuller post-Covid. Our ministries are becoming active, and new ones have formed, like Women of Purpose (Women's Club) and the Men's Club. Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society which cares for local people in need, was in need of new members and had a great response! Our School and Children's Faith Formation Program are both doing terrific work passing on the faith. We have more in the works, so stay tuned.

I hope you'll come around and get involved in the life of your parish. You might be surprised how satisfying --- and fun --- it can be. Of course everything we do is intended to bring us closer to Jesus and His People. We pray, we learn, we grow spiritually and we reach out to people as close as your neighbor and all across the globe. We do this because it is our baptismal mandate. As disciples of Jesus, our role in the world extends far beyond the walls of the church building.

The celebration of Christmas compels us to read the story and relate it to what we see all around us. The birth of the Son of God as one of us indicates the dignity of every human person in all stages of life. The homelessness of the Holy Family forces us to open our eyes to the needs of the homeless among us. The Holy Family will have to flee the murderous Herod and escape to a foreign land to save themselves, as we see happening even in our own time.

These are daunting realities then and now. Our faith and our determination to make positive changes as disciples of Jesus and as a Catholic people inspires us and heals the world. God has blessed us! And with these blessings we have a chance to be a blessing to others. I hope as you gather around the table to exchange gifts and share a meal, you will know the goodness of God through the people around you. And may you be a sign of God's unending love for all you meet.

On behalf of our entire staff at Saint George, our joyful prayers are offered for you every day.

Merry Christmas!



Welcome to
Our Church

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist.

If you do not have a church home, we invite

you to become a part of our parish. You may register at 10:30 AM on the third Sunday of every month in the Parish Life Center. If this is not convenient, please contact the parish office.



Join the Wise at Family First Sunday

We hope you will start off the new year by joining us after any of the Sunday morning Masses on Sunday, January 7. We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the icy cold of winter by featuring cool mint specialties. Here is a chance to get all those leftover tempting treats out of the house so you can start that new year's diet without constant temptation!

As always, the Parish Life Center doors will open by 7:15 AM for early birds wishing to drop off contributions on their way to 7:30 AM Mass. A free will basket will be available for those who prefer to help defray costs of the non-donated items. We hope you will stop by for a hot cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and a few minutes of fellowship with your parish family!

Disciples: Study and Prayer The Gospel of John

In the early church, disciples met daily for Bible study and prayer. Each week, Saint George disciples follow in the footsteps of our ancestors in faith. On Monday evenings at 6:30 PM and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM, the disciples meet for Bible study and prayer. On January 8 (Cahill #1) and on January 9 (Cahill #3), we will begin a study of the Gospel of John. The study books are available in the church office for a donation of \$15.



"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."
John 14:1 NRSV

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" insisted Saint Jerome - a strong exhortation from a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church to Christians, urging them to pay attention to serious Scripture study. This is a must, not a luxury option.

An open invitation is extended to all Saint George disciples to join us for our Bible study and prayer!

Questions: please contact Deacon Jerry at: jsouta@stgeorge60477.org, or jsoutajr@att.net, or call him at 708-574-6093.

Saint George Christmas Worship Schedule



Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
3:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 10:00 PM
Christmas Carols begin at 9:45 PM

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

The Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 31
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

**The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 PM

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day
10:00 AM

Saint George Giving Tree



GIVING TREE

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree by making monetary donations and shopping for gifts for Saint Coletta, Lord of Mercy, Saint Vincent DePaul and The Women's Center!

Because of you, our generous and giving parishioners, we were able to collect enough gifts to make Christmas beautiful and special for many children and families this Christmas Season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

This Week at Saint George

Sunday, December 24

7:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (Church)
 9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (Church)
 11:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (Church)
 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Church)
 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Church)
 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Church)

Monday, December 25

No School
 7:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (Church)
 9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (Church)
 11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (Church)

Tuesday, December 26

No School
 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)

Wednesday, December 27

No School

Thursday, December 28

No School
 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)

Friday, December 29

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

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

4:00 PM Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Church)



Fun! Fun! Fun! Save the Date!

Saint George 90th Anniversary Family Roller Skating Party

Sunday afternoon, January 21, 2024
 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tinley Park Roller Rink



\$6 Per Ticket
 5 Tickets for \$25

Each Ticket includes:
 Entry, Roller Skate Rental,
 Hot Dog, Chips, Drink, and Dessert
 Other concessions available for Purchase

Tickets go on sale at the parish office on
 December 27, 2023, and at weekend Masses on
 January 7 and January 14

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.



Knights of Columbus

Basketball Free Throw Competition



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School/Gymnasium
 9250 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills

A boy and girl winner from each age group will advance to the next round to compete for the State Championship.

Please PRE-REGISTER by January 4th to:
pat.mckernan@att.net

When pre-registering, email your child's first name, last name, and age.

We look forward to seeing you on January 7th!

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Father C.C. Boyle Council #4698, Tinley Park

Christmas 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came among us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one another.

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to the entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among us, the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupic
Archbishop of Chicago

Saint George Pro-Life

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. GEORGE PRO-LIFE

Celebration of Christmas provides a strong foundation for defending the value of human life. Consider some of the implications of the infancy narrative from St. Luke's Gospel. How advanced was her pregnancy when Mary visited Elizabeth? Read the familiar passages from Luke chapters 1 and 2 carefully, and note the timeframe cited by Luke. Mary might hardly have reached the point where most mothers realize they are pregnant when she greeted Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her child in utero both recognize the presence of Jesus as both God and man at this very early point in His human development. Without the benefit of ultrasound or modern biology, Luke clearly proclaims the personhood of Jesus. This insight must equally apply to all unborn children. They are all children of God for whom He sent Jesus to be their Savior.

SAVE THESE DATES

Mark your calendar to save these dates for coming Pro-Life observances: 40 Days for Life (Planned Parenthood, Flossmoor) will take place February 14 through March 24, and the Illinois March for Life is scheduled in Springfield, Illinois on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. More details will be coming soon.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

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.

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.

Parish Office Hours

The Saint George parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. The office will close at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 27, 28 and 29.

Saint George Coat Drive

Thank you for the tremendous response to the coat drive!

Working together with Saint Damian parish over 700 coats were collected. Hundreds of other winter clothing items were also donated.



Sister Stephanie from the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels said that 1,200 coats were handed out in the last month and a great deal of them were from your donations. Clothing items were also given to Pro Labore Dei.

Thank you for your kindness in helping so many in need.

Ministry of Care Training

Participation in these sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of Care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Participants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. The session will include such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the pastoral practice of the Ministry of Care.

Tuesdays, January 23, 30 and
February 6, 2023
4:45 PM - 8:00 PM
Starting with light meal

Our Lady of the Woods,
10731 W. 131st St,
Orland Park, IL 60462

Come to the Hospitality Room on the main floor of the church.

The presenter is Sister Gael Gensler, presently the pastoral associate at Saint Francis of Assisi parish. She has been involved in parish ministry for over twenty-five years. She currently co-coordinates the ministry of care for the parish. To register go to <https://ministrycommissionv5.com>.

Weekly Readings

Sunday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday, December 25

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-1

Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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: Tuesday 1:00 PM and Thursday 8:00 PM need 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; Tuesday 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM; Wednesday: Noon, 1:00 PM; Thursday: 2:00 PM, 3:00 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").

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Bibzak - Cup
 Joyce Bibzak - Cup
 Ruth Strugala - Cup
 Charlene Yock - Cup
 Carey Murray - Bread
 Debbie Olejarz - Bread
 Eileen Weglarz - Bread
 Jack Yock - Bread

Lectors: Bob Page

Sunday, December 31 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Graff - Cup
 Phyllis Hendzell - Cup
 Sandi Rogina - Cup
 Gary Ryczyn - Cup
 Paul Windish - Bread
 Betsy Windish - Bread

Lectors: Teri Ryczyn

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Joe Panek
Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup
 Eva McCulley - Cup
 Nicole Olson - Cup
 Nancy Opyd - Cup
 Ann Floyd - Bread
 Tim McCabe - Bread
 Joanne O'Brien - Bread
 Rebecca Schutzius - Bread

Lectors: Susan Amann

Sunday, December 31 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon:
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Novotney - Cup
 Martha Pena - Cup
 Diane Wawzenek - Cup
 Wally Wawzenek - Cup
 Jeanine Patrick - Bread
 Eric Susnis - Bread

Lectors: Tim Doyle



Saint George Parish is building a Marian Shrine to commemorate its 90th Anniversary. We are so happy you have considered being a part of creating this peaceful and beautiful place to pray. The paver can be a legacy to honor a deceased member of the family, your family name, wedding anniversary or recognition of your parish life, to name a few.

If you should have any questions, please contact Kelly Conrad at 708-532-2243 X505.

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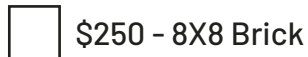
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MAIL FOR AND PAYMENT TO:
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 Attn: Kelly Conrad
 6707 W. 175th Street
 Tinley Park, IL 60477

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 Saint George Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 23

4:00 PM Linda Anne Meinke+
Mrs. Loretta Klimek+
Wanda Malec+

Sunday, December 24

7:30 AM Thomas G. Dohm+
Cynthia Aguilar+
Mass for Parishioners

9:30 AM Kenneth Haddon+
Anthony & Kimberly Kovacevich+
Mary Theriault+

11:30 AM Mary Jean McLaughlin+
Jason Lewis+
Arthur Tragnitz+

3:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

5:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

10:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

Monday, December 25

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26

8:15 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Margaret Quitter+
Michael Palombi+

Wednesday, December 27

8:15 AM Intentions of Rosita Lina
Intentions of Vito & Judy Vee
Intentions of Paul & Diane Vee

Thursday, December 28

8:15 AM John & Margaret Whalen+
Michael J. Gibbons+
Alice F. Lesnik+

Friday, December 29

8:15 AM Bridget Dougal+
Healing for Paula Dettmann
Michael Capuano+

Saturday - December 30

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Gary Lassandrello+

Sunday, December 31

7:30 AM Intentions of Elaine Lovato

9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

+ 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 Lavey, Baby Teddy McManigal, Robert Maher, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, 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, Theresa Schultz, Jerry Sebesta, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Lorraine Szara, Zbigniew Szyler, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Tammy Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, Elsie Tragnitz, Leslie Vaicik, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickham, Pat Woollet, 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...

Bishop Raymond Gedert, Eleanor Karwoski, Rosalie Sian, Barbara Mary Morton

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), 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), 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

Due to an early bulletin deadline, Stewardship information for December 17 was not available at time of printing.

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.org/support. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.



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

Just go to the Parish Website - www.stgeorge60477.org. Donations can be made by credit card, debit card and electronic payments. Thank you for your generosity!

Planned Giving

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish 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 Saint George Parish located in Tinley Park, Illinois. However, if Saint George ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

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Christmas Greetings from Father Ken



I may not be able to greet everyone personally, but I will remember you in my Christmas Masses and prayers.

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.

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.

Bulletins

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Deadlines

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Our third graders helped our three year old pre-schoolers make Christmas trees and ornaments, and created many friendships!



Hei elever i 4. klasse!

Mitt navn er Jerome og jeg er en GNOME. Jeg kommer veldig langt fra Norge for å være presis. Kjenner du til Norge? Du bør undersøke for å lære om det. Jeg føler at mitt hjemland er et magisk sted! Jeg vil holde et øye med dere alle for vennlig oppførsel.

Vennen din,

Jerome



Some kids get an elf - fourth grade got a GNOME! Meet Jerome from Norway! He left a letter written in Norwegian and the students had to use Google Translate to discover what Jerome said. So exciting!

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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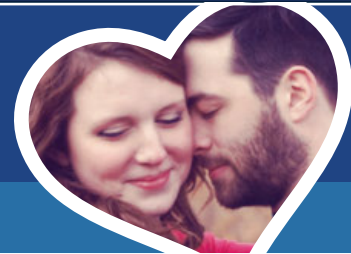
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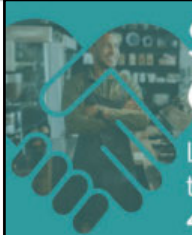
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