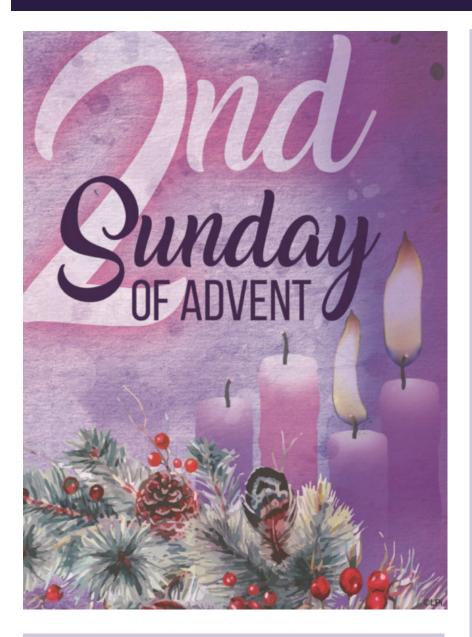
# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### December 10, 2023 - Second 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

### Parish School

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## A Word from the Pastor



Often at Mass, we use words that may not make much sense or express ideas not easily understood. For example, at the end of the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer (the prayer the priest offers right before we sing the Holy, Holy, Holy), we hear: And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim...

So let's go down the traditional Catholic list of the ranks of angels. These together are the "hosts of heaven, God's army for good:

Angels --- supernatural beings whose primary purpose is to serve God, often as messengers to human beings. They also are charged with guarding and guiding us. They are our guardian angels.

Archangels --- these are angels who have been given very specific responsibilities, whose names have been revealed to us through Scripture: Michael, the defender of God who conquered Lucifer and his minions, and threw them out of heaven; Rafael, appears in the Old Testament bringing God's healing. Later legends would credit him with stirring the curative waters of Bethsaida; Gabriel is the bearer of God's message, particularly asking the Virgin Mary if she would bear Our Savior into the world.

Powers --- Human beings need protection from evil, as does all of creation. Powers have responsibility for defending God's creation.

Virtues --- (not mentioned in the Prefaces) --- govern all of nature: the sun, moon, stars and tides. Virtues also offer courage, valor, grace and miracles.

Dominions ---- These are the supervisors of heaven! God speaks to them and they in turn pass out orders to the angels.

Thrones --- No, it is not a chair. According to Catholic Online, "They reside in the areas of the cosmos where material form begins to take shape." Admittedly, I have no idea what exactly that means. But they are the conduit between God and the angels.

Cherubim --- Often depicted in art as having double wings and rather chubby, they have a striking resemblance to Father John. Like Father John, they are also thought to have a close and intimate relationship with God.

Seraphim --- the highest rank of angel. According to the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, they attend God in His glory, singing the song "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts" which brings right back to our song which we acclaim at every Mass.

And so we can offer the prayer many of us learned long ago... "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and to guide."

He Paul

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### Saint George Church

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

### Oplatki Christmas Wafers



Christmas Eve always has occupied a special place for those of Polish and Eastern European heritage. Probably more than any other set of customs, the tradition of the

Oplatki wafers has continued to strengthen a sense of religious national identities. The Oplatki are large rectangular wafers embossed with figures of the Christ Child or other nativity scenes. Each member of the family shares a part of their wafer with those at the dinner table and wishes them a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Oplatki is available at the parish office. Free-will donations will be accepted.

### Stations of the Crib



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

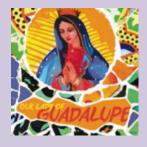
Join us as our

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.

### 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!

## **Parish Registration**



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.

The Saint George Parish Registration Team is happy to announce that registration for new parishioners will take place next Sunday (December 17), AFTER the 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Life Center, Meeting Room 1.

Join us for coffee and a light breakfast as we welcome you into the Saint George Parish Family!



A NEW EVANGELIZATION Saturday, December 16 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

Wow! What an incredible semester we've had, packed with rich Catholic teachings and inspiration! Please plan on joining us for this final session of our fall semester!

This week we welcome as our presenter Mr. Michael Gormley ... affectionately known as "Gomer". Gomer's mission in life is that "Christ May Be Known!" He will bring that passion to the men of TMIY as we seek to understand with greater clarity the Church's call for a "New Evangelization" - a phrase coined by St. John Paul II. We will be confronted with the vision of a post-Christian culture and shown some practical tools for "how to do" the New Evangelization.

Hot coffee and a hearty breakfast are available beginning at 6:30 AM, and our video program starts at 7:00 AM. We hope to see you there!

Our TMIY winter/spring semester is scheduled to begin on January 20th.

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 or ghendzell@msn.com.



**Mass Schedule** 

#### 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 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 PM

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

### 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.

## 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.



### Thank you Olympic Star!

Saint George is thankful to Olympic Star Restaurant for donating bread to us for our Thanksgiving Day Mass!

2 SUNDAY OF ADVENT





### This Week at Saint George

9:30 AM 9:30 AM	cember 10 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Bread & Word (MR 4) Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR) Adult Volleyball League (Gym)
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Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

Parish Registration (MR 1)

Baptism (Church)

10:30 AM 11:30 AM

5:00 PM

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

## 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/sgc 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 \ Sponsored

Virgin Mary Joseph \$2,500 \$2,500



Angel Sponsored



Shepherd Bal \$1,000 \$1

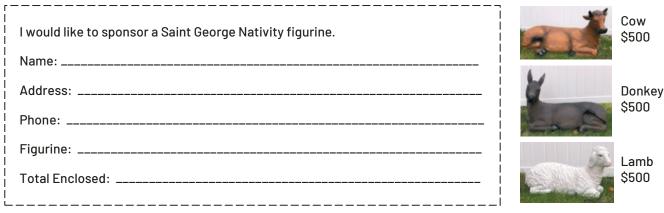


Balthazar \$1,500

\$1,500



Gaspar \$1,500





## **Celebrating 90 Years**



Saint George Parish was founded in 1934. Saint George Parish was not the only thing that happened in 1934... listed below are some other highlights from 1934.

- The Chicago Blackhawks won their 1st Stanley Cup
- Shirley Temple's 1st feature length film " Stand Up and Cheer".
- Donald Duck first appeared on screen.
- Alcatraz officially became a federal prison.
- Cheeseburgers were first served in a Louisville, Kentucky restaurant.
- Ritz Crackers, Wild Cherry Life Savers and Royal Crown Cola were introduced.
- The first paid laundromat opened in Fort Worth, Texas.
- In July of 1934, Babe Ruth paid a fan \$20 for the return of the baseball he hit for his 700th career home run.
- The FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corp) was established.
- Parker Brothers released the board game, Sorry.
- Pennsylvania opened its first liquor stores.
- MPAA Certificate Number 1 was issued to The World Moves On, in 1934.
- DC Comics was founded in 1934. Archie Comics and Timely (Marvel) Comics were both founded in 1939.
- Jagermeister was introduced in Germany in 1934.
- The Apollo Theater held its first 'Amateur Night'.
- It Happened One Night (1934) won all of the Big Five Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Writing (Original or Adapted).
- The US Mint stopped printing \$500, 1,000 and \$100,000 bills, but they are still legal tender.
- The first all American Soap Box Derby took place in Dayton, Ohio.
- GD Searle & Co registered "Metamucil" trademark.
- Worst drought in United States history took place in the Great Plains leading to the 2 day dust bowl.
- Pepsi introduced 12 oz. bottles.

## 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 Sr. 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

### Saint George 90th Anniversary Family Roller Skating Party

Fun! Fun! Fun! Save the Date! Sunday Afternoon - January 21, 2024 Watch for more details in Upcoming bulletins.



## Saint George Pro-Life

#### **VIGIL AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN FLOSSMOOR**

Please plan to join the monthly vigil to be held at the Flossmoor Planned Parenthood abortion facility. We will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 19831 S. Governor's Hwy. in Flossmoor. This vigil will take place from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th Street which goes west from Governors Hwy. or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy. behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). Express your prayers and concerns about an abortion facility located in our own neighborhood.

#### **OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**

Tuesday, December 12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Before Lourdes in 1858, before Fatima in 1917, God considered the Americas so important in His plan of salvation that He sent the Mother of Jesus to our land. Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico on December 9, 1531. Her image miraculously appeared on Juan's tilma when he opened it to present roses to the bishop as a sign of Mary's request for a church to be built. Through her miraculous image, she converted millions in Mexico and ended human sacrifice to pagan gods. In 1990, Mary sent messages that her miraculously preserved image is for all of the Americas to witness. Her image began travelling the Americas in 1991. She has promised to help us end all abortions without exception. Join Saint George

Pro-Life to help Mary protect all human life from conception to natural death. The time to restore a culture of life is now.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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.

### 2023 Southwest Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Novena-Tradition which celebrates a series of nine Advent evening Masses in preparation for the grace-filled celebrations of Christmas.

The nine parish hosts invite the parishioners, families and friends to their respective Simbang Gabi Mass from December 15 to 23.

Friday December 15	7:00 PM	Saint Julie Billiart Tinley Park, IL
Saturday December 16	7:00 PM	Saint Francis of Assisi Orland Park, IL
Sunday December 17	5:00 PM	Saint Michael Orland Park, IL
Monday December 18	7:00 PM	Sacred Heart Parish Palos Hills, IL
Tuesday December 19	7:00 PM	Saint Fabian Bridgeview, IL
Wednesday December 20	7:00 PM	Saint Stephen Church Tinley Park, IL
Thursday December 21	7:00 PM	Saint Veronica Church Flossmoor, IL
Friday December 22	7:00 PM	Saint Damian Oak Forest
Saturday December 23	7:00 PM	Saint Albert the Great Burbank, IL

### Advent Evening of Reflection



On Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM, Father Ken Fleck will offer a prayer service at Saint Stephen to reflect on the meaning of this time of preparation using the paradigm of expecting the first born child into a family. "A New Beginning: A New Chapter in Your Life"

We will take time with music, prayer and reflection to search within the depths of our hearts that which gives meaning to this holy season. I invite you to step away from the hype and advertising and distractions of "the holidays" to find within a renewed meaning and purpose to life in the context of this sacred season.

All are welcome.

Father Ken

### Weekly Readings

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

#### Monday, December 11

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

#### Tuesday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### Wednesday, December 13

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

### 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.

December 14

6/Mt 11:16-19

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/

Sunday, December 17

49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-2

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac

: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48,

9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and

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").

## Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Saturday, December 16 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Tim Keating
Eucharistic	Pat Kukula - Cup
Ministers:	Sue Stanton - Cup
	Ruth Strugala - Cup
	Jack Yock - Cup
	Raymond Bibzak - Bread
	Joyce Bibzak - Bread
	Tim Framke - Bread
	Charlene Yock - Bread
Lectors	Bob Wyatt

#### Sunday, December 17 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic	Teri Rycyzyn - Cup
Ministers:	Gary Rycyzyn - Cup
	Paul Windish - Cup
	Betsy Windish - Cup
	Karen Lyons - Bread
	David Whitaker - Bread
Lectors:	Lynda O'Brien

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic	Susan Amann - Cup
Ministers:	Tim McCabe - Cup
	Nicole Olson - Cup
	Rebecca Schutzius - Cup
	Ann Floyd - Bread
	Eva McCulley - Bread
	Nancy Opyd - Bread
	Jim Walker - Bread
Lectors:	Bob Schuld

#### Sunday, December 17 - 11:30 AM

Father John
Greg Bartos
Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
Tim Doyle - Cup
Fran Fancsali - Cup
Jim Novotney - Cup
Bill Beckman - Bread
Martha Pena - Bread
Tom German

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday -	December 9
4:00 PM	Joseph Kiely+
	Teresa Kelly+ Patricia DeLisa+
Sunday De	
7:30 AM	ecember 10 Suzanne Schmitt Smiley+
7.00 ATT	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+
Monday, D	ecember 11
8:15 AM	Alice F. Lesnik+
	Cyriac Mathew & Souls in Purgatory Mass of Thanksgiving - Tom &
	Carmen Torres
Tuesday, D	lecember 12
8:15 AM	Intentions of Rosita Lina
	Marian C. Haberkorn+ Robert G. Campbell+
Wednesda	y, December 13
8:15 AM	Michael J. Gibbons+
	Peter Kronas+
	Matthew Berry+
9:00 AM	Jack Ramey (85th Birthday) Donald Long+
Thursday,	December 14
8:15 AM	Deceased Members of the Tholl Family-
	Alice F. Lesnik+
Eriday Day	Jack Bebinger+
Friday, Dec 8:15 AM	Eugene Budz+
0.15 ATT	Virginia & Nick Warino+
	Ann Rangel+
Saturday -	December 16
4:00 PM	Mass for Fathers
	Helen Rusnak+ Joan Stuckly+
Sunday, De	•
7:30 AM	Mass for Parishioners
	Matthew Berry+
0.70 AM	Mass for All Souls
9:30 AM	James Malone+ Thomas Glaser+
	Gary Lassandrello+
11:30 AM	Mass for Mothers
	Linda Anne Meinke+ William Robert Cislo+
+ Decease	

## 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, 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, 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 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...

Rodolfo Moreno, Rich Arlen, Bernadette Bosco, Elizabeth O'Barski

#### Our Military...

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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 26

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 23,137.48
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 15,196.00
Difference	\$ 7,941.48
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,156.00
School Fund	\$ 1,189.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 588.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 545.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 420.00
Christmas	\$ 1,255.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 30.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 254.00
Initial Offering	50.00
Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date	
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 360,891.97
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 249,508.00
YTD Difference	\$ 11,383.97

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.

### Planned Giving

#### Legacy Gifts for Our Parish

Please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. A well-coordinated estate plan typically includes: (1) financial power of attorney, (2) will, (3) beneficiary designations, (4) charitable beneficiary designations and (5) health care documents, such as a living will and a health care power of attorney.

Create or update your estate plans today by contacting your estate attorney and financial advisor. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org. For a free step-by-step guide to reviewing your estate plan, please contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Philanthropy Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at M: 312-848-3068 or mzappa@archchicago.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.

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archdiocese

December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older religious who made a positive difference in vour life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at Masses the weekend of December 9-10. Most importantly, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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### **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.

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

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

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**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 Friday, December 17.

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

Questions: part@stgeorgeschool.org







Welcome to the 2023-24 Student Council!







Saint George School Honor Scholars hosted a pajama dress down day to raise money for the "Good Nights for Better Days Pajama Drive." They raised enough money to purchase fifty-three pairs of pajamas! The pajamas will be donated to Together We Cope to help children in need keep warm and cozy and develop a healthy bedtime routine. Great job, students!







Seventh graders, accompanied by their kindergarten buddies, were the readers and the gift bearers at a recent allschool Mass.

## 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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