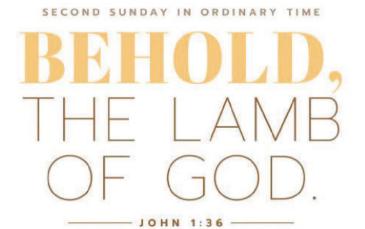
SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time





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



Recently, there have been celebrations and uproars (depending on your perspective) on Pope Francis' recent declaration on the nature, use and eligibility for blessings within the Church. You probably didn't hear it that way. Perhaps "The Pope is blessing gay marriages," is closer to what's in the air. As is typical with the media and enemies of the Church, (including media outlets who call themselves Catholic) such reductions to tweets and sound bites do no justice. The blessings also refer to those who are married outside the Church, regardless of orientation. I urge you to read the declaration found at www.vatican.va and search Fiducia Supplicans

(which means Supplicating Trust). I offer a digest of the document released by the Dicastery (Office) for the Doctrine of the Faith. The numbers reference the paragraph of the declaration.

First the declaration explains what a blessing is. Regarding seeking a blessing, Saint Terese of the Child Jesus (the Little Flower) wrote, "...we should place heartfelt trust not in ourselves but in the infinite mercy of a God who loves us unconditionally [...]. The sin of the world is great but not infinite, whereas the merciful love of the Redeemer is indeed infinite." (22). The Holy Father goes on to remind us, "It is God who blesses... we are more important to God than all the sins we can commit... He is pure love...and He will never stop blessing us. It is a powerful experience to read these biblical texts of blessing in a prison or in a rehabilitation group. To make those people feel that they are still blessed, notwithstanding their serious mistakes, that their heavenly Father continues to will their good and to hope that they will ultimately open themselves to the good. Even if their closest relatives have abandoned them, ...God always sees them as His children." (27) The hope is a blessing will result in grace, "so that human relationships may mature and grow in fidelity to the Gospel, that they may be freed from their imperfections and frailties.." (31)

Secondly, who can ask for a blessing? Pope Francis writes, "...when one asks for a blessing, one is expressing a petition for God's assistance, a plea to live better, and confidence in a Father who can help us live better." (21) Those who ask for a blessing "acknowledge themselves humbly as sinners, like everyone else." (32) " ... the ordained minister (may) join in the prayer of those persons who, although in a union that cannot be compared in any way to a marriage, desire to entrust themselves to the Lord and His mercy, to invoke his help, and to be guided to a greater understanding of His plan of love and of truth." (30)

What does such a blessing look like? The Holy Father is very clear that "...this Declaration remains firm on the traditional doctrine of the Church about marriage, not allowing any type of liturgical rite or blessing similar to a liturgical rite that can create confusion." (Intro). Ministers are to "perform blessings spontaneously" with "simple gestures" (35) and "this blessing should never be imparted in concurrence with the ceremonies of a civil union, and not even in connection with them." (37) This goes for couples of either orientation. Because the request for a blessing "...is a seed of the Holy Spirit that must be nurtured, not hindered," the Pope is also clear that the ministers are not "judges who only deny, reject, and exclude... (13) Thus, when people ask for a blessing, an exhaustive moral analysis should not be required to have prior moral perfection."(25)

As I reflect on this, it comes to mind that we often bless things that could be considered against our faith. We bless warships, military personnel and the weapons they use. Some may say blessing people married outside the Church detracts from the value of sacramental marriage. But does blessing a pet dog, ferret, cat or rat lessen our dignity as human beings? And when people come up to receive the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, would it be appropriate for me to investigate the status of their marriage, the last time they went to confession, their use of contraception, or if they ate meat on a Lenten Friday? I am filled with joy when people tell me, "This is the first time I've been to Saint George and I feel so welcome! What a wonderful parish!" I think that is our mission. Or as the Holy Father hopes

that, "every brother and every sister will be able to feel that, in the Church, they are always pilgrims, always beggars, always loved, and, despite everything, always blessed. (45)

He. Paul

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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 (January 20-21), 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!

Saint George Men's Club

Watch "The Big Game" on your own 75" TV!



Saint George's Men's Club is sponsoring " The Big Game Raffle".

Get your ticket to win a 75" television for the Big Game!!! All tickets are \$5, and will be sold at all Masses in January.

The drawing will be held on February 4 at the First Sunday breakfast. No need to be present at the drawing to win. Just keep your stub.

All men of the parish are invited to join the Saint George Men's club for an evening of faith and fellowship on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 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.

Bread and Word



Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Meeting Room 4 for Bread and Word. Bread and Word is open to all ages from middle school students to grandparents and beyond.

We open with a prayer, and then read aloud and discuss the Scripture readings of that Sunday. The

discussions are fluid, and you are welcome to stop in at any point during the morning. Some people come after the 9:30 AM Mass, some leave at 11:00 AM to go to the 11:30 AM Mass. It is a very open ended commitment.

There is no special commitment to show up. You can come weekly, once / month, once / quarter, or even just a couple of times a year. No formal sign up is required. Just show up on a Sunday morning. The rest will take care of itself! For more information, contact Fran at ffatpts@ameritech.net or 708-828-1837.

This Week at Saint George

Sunuay, Jo	-
	The Big Game Raffle Ticket &
	Roller Skating Ticket Sales
	After Masses
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	(RMR)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League (G)
Monday, J	anuary 15
	No School
6: 30 PM	Bible Study (MR 1)
6:30 PM	Society of Saint Vincent De Paul
	Mtg. (BR)
7:00 PM	Finance Committee (MR 3)
7:30 PM	Al-Anon (O'CH)
Fueday .	January 16
0:00 AM	Bible Study (MR 3)
6:00 PM	Pro-Life Holy Hour & Adoration
J.UU FI'I	(Church)
6:00 PM	SPRED II (SC, K)
6:30 PM	Men's Club Mtg. (MR 3)
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	ay, January 17
5:30 PM	CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC. O'CH, GR, G, K,
	MR 1-4. BR. QR. SGS)
7:00 PM	SPREDI(SC, K)
Fhursday ,	January 18
9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
2:30 PM	SGS Band Practice (MR 1 & 2)
7:00 PM	Choir Practice (Church)
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus (O'CH)
Friday, Ja	-
7:00 PM	Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
3:00 PM	Narcotics Anon (MR 3)
Saturday,	January 20
	The Big Game Raffle Ticket Sales
	After Mass
6:30 AM	That Man is You (O'CH)
2:00 PM	2nd Year Confirmation Formation
	(MR 1)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
4:00 PM	Family Mass (Church)
7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (G)
Sunday, Ja	anuary 21
	The Big Game Raffle Ticket Sales
	After Masses
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	(RMR)
0:30 AM	Parish Registration (MR1)
2:00 PM	Family Skate (Tinley Park Roller
	Rink)
5:30 PM	Adult Volleyball League (Gym)



Women of Purpose Bare Bones Bunco!

Nothing fancy, no frills, no raffles, no split the pot!

We're just getting together to have some fun!

Thursday, January 25, 2024 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Parish Life Center, MR1&2

COST: \$10 pre-pay (includes pizza, bunco supplies/ prizes, water, coffee)

**Please contact Joan at 708-227-0028 to RSVP and to pre-pay. (We will need a guest count for set-up).

Friends & Family Welcome

Feel free to bring your own fun refreshments.



A very special "thank you" to all the musicians who helped make Christmas at Saint George

very special – kids' choir, adult choir, cantors, instrumentalists. Your work and dedication is so appreciated by the parish and staff, as well as myself! Thank you so much!

Tim Quistorff Saint George Director of Music Ministry



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



That Man Is You

TMIY! Returns Next Saturday - January 20 Join Us for Breakfast - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM O'Connell Hall at Saint George School

After a four-week "Holiday Break", our TMIY Spring Semester is about to begin. Now is the perfect time to make a fresh start for 2024 with a New Year's Resolution to "nourish" your spiritual life at our weekly breakfast meetings.

If you weren't available last Fall, please don't let that discourage you from joining us now. You don't need to commit to attending every week. Just come whenever your schedule allows!

There is no "course fee" for the TMIY program. We only ask that those attending make a free-will donation towards the cost of the breakfast items provided.

Even today, it's the "wise men" who go out of their way to find Jesus! Hoping to see YOU there!

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. Breakfast is available beginning at 6:30 AM and our program starts at 7:00 AM. To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 708-614-1734 or ghendzell@msn.com.

Join our Caregiver Support Group at Saint George



Are you a dedicated caregiver in need of some support? Looking for a safe space to share your experiences, challenges, and triumphs? Look no further – Saint George is here for you.

We will be offering a Caregiver Support Group where caregivers can come together to provide each other with understanding, love, and invaluable support. We

understand that caring for a loved one can be a rewarding yet demanding journey, often leaving caregivers feeling overwhelmed and exhausted. That's why our support group is designed to offer you the help you need. Our support group will provide a nurturing environment where you can freely express yourself, without judgement, knowing that you're surrounded by empathetic individuals who truly comprehend the joys and tribulations of caregiving.

We plan to meet once a month. Our first informational meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in Meeting Room Four in the Parish Life Center. For more information or questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez at 708-532-2243 ext. 502 or tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org.

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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.

Pop Culture News:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt enacted a Federal law, Gold Reserve Act, requiring that all gold be turned over to the federal government at the price of \$20.67 per ounce. After the government acquired most of the gold, they changed the market price to \$35 per ounce.

Future United States President Gerald Ford (R) threatened to not play for the Michigan football team because the school would not let his teammate Willis Ward, who was black, play against Georgia Tech, which refused to share the field with a black player. Ward talked Ford out of it and Michigan won.



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

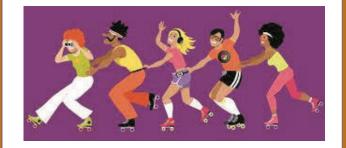


Each Ticket includes: Entry, Roller Skate Rental, Hot Dog, Chips, Drink, and Dessert

Other concessions are available for purchase.

Tickets are on sale at the parish office and at Mass this weekend.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.



Live The Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

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Saint George Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

You Can Help at Mass!

At each Mass, the bread and wine are brought to the altar by parishioners for consecration. You can do this by simply signing up in the folder where the gifts are at the intersection of the church. This is especially meaningful when the Mass falls on a special day for you or your family. It is simple and we need this help. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 13

4:00 PM Mary Therese Norton+ Louis Krenz+ Jeanne Boyle+

Sunday, January 14

- 7:30 AM Mieczyslaw Gierat+ Anthony F. Ponziano+ Czeslaw Hanusiak+
- 9:30 AM Cynthia Aguilar+ Ginger Shupryt (90th Birthday) Mass for Parishioners
- 11:30 AM Gary Lassandrello+ Raymond, Rose Marie & Deceased Members of the Lamberty Family+

Monday, January 15

8:`15 AM Ann Rangel+ Betty Jean Hoeh+

Tuesday, January 16

8:15 AM Paul Prostko+ Helen Tylin+

Wednesday, January 17

8:15 AM Sheila O'Sullivan+

Thursday, January 18

8:15 AM Olatunde Adelakun (58th Birthday) Eugene+ & Florence Budz

Friday, January 19

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners

Saturday - January 20

4:00 PM Vincent Carrig+ Richard Sportiello+ Gary Lassandrello+ Joseph Gembala+

Sunday, January 21

- 7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners Dr. Wayne Milos+ Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
- 9:30 AM Cynthia Aguilar+ Maria Becker+ Marian Haberkorn+
- 11:30 AM Robert Anderson+ Catherine M. Bingham+ Intentions of Rosita Lina

+ 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, Dominick Byrne, Jack Carlson, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Diane Consgrave, Jennifer Crawford, Larry Cundary, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, 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, Bruce Lorence, 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, 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 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...

Elizabeth Shigley, Keith Campbell, Sean Campbell, Sharon Swistak-Sobieck, Audrey Dombrowski, Thomas Maslan, Norbert Przbylski, Ellyn Bard

Our Military...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: P03 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sqt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSqt. 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), 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), Sqt. 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.

Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage



The Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage was a tremendous success! It was a beautiful day of Eucharistic Adoration, faith sharing and spiritual nourishment. Ninety cars registered for the event. Seventy-six cars processed throughout the pilgrimage carrying two hundred and eight joy-filled pilgrims.

When the group arrived at Saint Stephen Church, Father Michael reminded everyone, "A pilgrimage is a beautiful ancient tradition of faith. It's a kind of public manifestation of our faith." "It is up to us, the believers to show others that Jesus Christ is alive and present in the Eucharist", said Father John Zurek at Saint George Church.

Indeed, the Car Caravan Pilgrimage proved to be a great example of this "public manifestation" of faith in the Tinley/Orland Park communities. As the caravan traveled to the churches on the pilgrimage route: Saint George, Saint Stephen, Saint Elizabeth Seton, and Saint Julie, it captured the attention of many neighbors in our communities.

Following the Tinley/Orland Park police escorts, The Knights of Columbus on bikes (motorcycles) from Father C.C. Boyle Council 4698 led the seventy-six cars as they processed together in the caravan.

The afternoon concluded with a celebration of the Eucharist at Saint Julie Church. Choir members from several parishes worked together under the direction of John Ligda, music director at Saint Julie. Father Tirso, the pastor at Saint Julie, was the main celebrant joined by priests and deacons from all seven parishes.

Our hearts were a blaze with love for Jesus in the Eucharist! "As followers of Jesus, we share in His mission to bring JOY to the world", said Sister Alicia Torres, an executive team member for the National Eucharistic Revival. Sister Alicia continued by saying, "Every time we encounter Jesus- whether at Mass, before the Blessed Sacrament, in Scripture or in one another-we encounter joy!"

The Tinley/ Orland Park Eucharistic Revival Team is so grateful for the enthusiastic collaboration and participation of all clergy, music directors, musicians and choir members, Knights of Columbus, and most of all you the parishioners! It was evident that our faith was fully alive and on display as we joyfully encountered Jesus in our hearts, minds and in each other throughout the car caravan.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The spring Car Caravan Pilgrimage will take place on be Sunday, April 14. The route will include visits to Orland Park parishes: Saint Michael, Saint Francis of Assisi, and conclude on Sunday evening with Mass at Our Lady of the Woods Church.

Let's ALL show up for Jesus!!

More information about The Eucharistic Revival can be found at www.eucharisticrevival.org.

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.

Bulletins

Never Miss Our Bulletin

Have it emailed to you automatically every week. Go to ParishesOnline.com and enter Saint George in the search area. Click the Subscribe button on our parish page.

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.

Tinley Park Food Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food for the Tinley Park Food Pantry can be brought to Saint George Church on the third weekend of each month. The next collection will take place next weekend (January 20-21). Please note: We cannot accept food items that are past the expiration date or partially opened. Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship Update

December 30 & 31, 2023

Weekly Offering / Holy Days		13,809.80	
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted		15,196.00	
Difference	\$	(1,386.20)	
Christmas Collection	\$	6,356.00	
School Fund		180.00	
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	90.00	
Christmas Flowers		15.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	20.00	
Initial Offering	\$	424.00	
Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date			
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days		477,541.09	
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	410,292.00	
YTD Difference	\$	17,249.09	

January 6-7, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days		18,351.26
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	3,155.26
School Fund	\$	1,163.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy		333.00
Christmas Offering		3,189.00
Christmas Flowers		2.00
Saint Vincent de Paul		110.00
Church in Latin America		123.00
Retirement Fund for Religious		2.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development		2.00
Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date		
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days		445,892.85
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted		425,488.00
YTD Difference	\$	20,404.35

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.

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.

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. Donations can be made by credit card, debit card and electronic payments. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Thank you for your generosity!

Planned Giving

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support Our Parish

Direct gifts of securities and mutual funds that have appreciated in value and been held for more than one year are popular assets to use when making a gift to our parish.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to our parish as an outright gift, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities to Saint George Parish, please contact your financial advisor.

To initiate the stock donation process, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to follow to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org.

Weekly Readings

Sunday, January 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27 -28/Mk 2:23-2

Wednesday, January 17

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-2

Sunday, January 21

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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 7:00 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, January 20 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Tim Keating
Eucharistic	Raymond Bibzak – Cup
Ministers:	Joyce Bibzak – Cup
	Sue Stanton - Cup
	Jack Yock - Cup
	Don Clark - Bread
	Karen Kiner - Bread
	Tim McCabe - Bread
	Carey Murray - Bread
Lector	Family Mass

Sunday, January 21-7:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Greg Bartos
Eucharistic	Kelly Conrad - Cup
Ministers	Ray Schulze - Cup
	Betsy Windish - Cup
	Paul Windish - Cup
	Alice Graff - Bread
	Pat Kukula - Bread
Lector:	Rita Walker

Sunday, January 21 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Joe Panek
Eucharistic	Susan Amann - Cup
Ministers:	Ann Floyd - Cup
	Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup
	Eva McCulley - Cup
	Catherine Adelakun - Bread
	Joanne O'Brien - Bread
	Nicole Olson - Bread
	Rebecca Schutzius - Bread
Lector:	Olatunde Adelakun

Sunday, January 21 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic	Tim Doyle - Cup
Ministers:	Fran Fancsali - Cup
	Linda Milazzo – Cup
	Jim Novotney - Cup
	Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread
	Jean Gaytan - Bread
Lector:	Jeanne Patrick

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Saint George Pro-Life

Sanctity of Human Life

PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 PM in church. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for true respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Please come to pray that our nation will

be converted to a culture of life. Begin 2024 in prayer for increased respect for 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, January 18, 2024.

Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th St. 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.

SAVE THESE DATES

Mark your calendar to save these dates for coming Pro-Life observances:

January 19 - Rally and March for Life, National Mall in Washington, D.C. See EWTN live TV.

February 10- Women's Center 2024 Life Banquet, Saturday -

February 14 through March 24— 40 Days for Life (Planned Parenthood, Flossmoor)

Wednesday, April 17— Illinois March for Life in Springfield, Illinois.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we

look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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.

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.



Remember Me

Saint George is a family of faith. As with any family, we strive to keep in communication with one another.

We have a communication vehicle

called "Remember Me". We will e-mail notification of funerals at Saint George to anyone who requests this service. If you wish to be included in this e-mail group, please send your e-mail address to Theresa Gonzalez, Pastoral Associate in the parish office at tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org. You will be responsible for notifying us of any change in an email address.

If you have any questions, contact Theresa at 708-532-2243 ext. 502.

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 on Mondays at 7:30 PM in O'Connell Hall at Saint George.

Creation Care Corner

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

To Turning Down the Gas

A big challenge in caring for Creation is reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that often leaks into the atmosphere. It is a significant contributor to global warming. Sources include oil and gas mining, landfills, agriculture and even leaks in the pipes that bring natural gas (methane) into our homes for fuel.

When natural gas is burned for fuel it creates CO2, which is also a GHG. In our homes, it can create air quality issues as well.

Electrification of space and water heating, as well as cooking appliances, is an enormous opportunity to cut greenhouse gas pollution and save money on energy bills. Electric heat pumps heat homes and water far more efficiently than fossil-fuel appliances. Induction stoves and cooktops are also more energy efficient than their gas counterparts. Where possible, as your natural gas-powered appliances reach the end of their life, investigate converting to newer electric appliances for a more sustainable future. This website is a valuable source of information on these options: www.rewiringamerica.org/electrify-home-guide.

The Pope's Prayer Network January 2024

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January: **Gift of Diversity in the Church**

Monthly Prayer for Mental Health

This month the Pope asks us to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. Our mental health is diverse and many of us live with mental illness. People who live with mental illness have much to offer the Church because they have unique insights into humility and compassion. Yet they are often stigmatized. Pope Francis reminds us: "Diversity is a wealth and must never become a reason for exclusion." Let us embrace the diverse gifts that people who live with a mental illness bring to the Church.

The Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers (https://www.catholicmhm.org/click-to-pray)



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Thank you for your generosity! We are grateful to everyone who participated in our Christmas programs and included Catholic Charities in your charitable contributions. Thousands of Chicagoans joined with Catholic Charities to extend kindness and brighten spirits across Cook and Lake Counties in a myriad of ways this holiday season! Our Year-End Appeal continues through January 31 for those who would still like to participate.

Our Food Pantries welcome your support in these challenging winter months. To volunteer at one of our Food Pantries, visit ccofchicagovolunteer.com.

Catholic Charities Senior Services helps seniors thrive, in their own homes, comfortably, safely, and with dignity. Last year more than 82,000 seniors in Cook and Lake Counties received care coordination, benefits assistance, referrals, access to Senior Nutrition programs, and a wide range of healthy-aging opportunities offered at our ten Senior Drop-In Centers. To learn more, visit catholiccharities.net or call 312-655-7700. Page 12

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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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Located in O'Connell Hall and the Georgian Room

Doors open at 5:00 PM and games begin at 7:00 PM.

Come for fun and fellowship! Bring your own snacks!

For more information, call the school office at 708-532-2626.

Saint George Catholic School Open House



January 28, 2024 Mass at 9:30 AM Followed by an Open House & Book Fair

Join the raffles, crafts and fun. Enter through the Cahill Center Doors. Contact cpratl@stgeorgeschool.org or call 708-532-2626

Let Peace Begin With Me



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The seventh graders read the novel, "Pay it Forward," and decided that they wanted to do something special for some of their favorite people at Saint George. So they came up with their own ideas to complete their projects. They did a great job and they had a spectacular day! They look forward to doing it again. Lesson from our seventh graders, "Pay it forward, everyone!"





























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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