

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 7, 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

Our Mission

We, the faith-filled community of Saint George, nourished by God's Word and His Sacraments and renewed by the Holy Spirit accept the call to continue the Mission of Christ by living in, sharing and transforming our world.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Monday - Friday: 8:15 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Adoration / Private Prayer

Tuesday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Church with Benediction

Monday through Friday: 11:00 AM to Midnight in Holy Family Chapel

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8:45 AM to 6:00 PM

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Monday through Friday

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A Word from the Pastor

The calendar has flipped and 2024 is off and running. What are you looking forward to? What are you dreading? I think taking a moment to think about how we would like to spend the next year is a wise and worthwhile exercise. Of course there's no predicting what could happen, but if we don't give ourselves some kind of direction, we could end up like a ball in a pinball machine, bouncing from one place to another without purpose. And purpose is key. Doing life on purpose rather than just drifting along can help us reach important goals.

Personal goals --- How well am I taking care of myself? My health --- regardless of how strong or challenged it is --- is a gift from God. This might mean taking up healthier foods, getting more exercise or giving up habits that clearly only damage us. Do I carry pain or loss, disappointments or grudges that separate me from the joys of life? If I am not taking care of myself, that could put significant limits on how much I can do for others. However, this should not be considered exclusive or separate from ---

Interpersonal goals --- How well am I caring for the people in my life? If married, am I being attentive to this shared vocation with my spouse? And if blessed with children, am I tending to those I have brought into the world (and perhaps those they have brought into the world, too!). If I am single or widowed, how do I use this state to contribute to the lives of relatives, friends and those in need?

Communal goals --- How do I relate to my civic and church communities? Do I contribute by making efforts to improve and enhance the place I call my civic and spiritual homes? How do I best pitch-in to make both of these more welcoming and hospitable?

Spiritual goals --- How attentive am I to my relationship with God? Do I pray? And if I don't, do I feel like something is missing from my day? Do I have a sense of God truly present in my life, in all circumstances and situations? Do I turn to God in need, or in gratitude when things are falling into place? Is Mass a regular part of my week, and reconciliation an oasis of healing for me? How do I reach out? Do I take advantage of opportunities to grow spiritually through prayer, faith and good words and deeds?

All that might sound a little overwhelming, and there are plenty of things in life that will try to rob us of achieving these goals. If we truly make God our top priority, our relationships with those God has given us will improve, and our sense of self will be more centered and more authentic.

Our 90th anniversary celebrations continue. On Sunday, January 21, we will be having a skating party. I will be honest, the thought of me on skates immediately brings to mind a picture of me wearing a cast on one limb or another! But for those gifted with coordination, come on out! And even if your content to watch the fun, plan on coming!

The weekend of February 24-25, you will meet Joe Paprocki, author of several fine books about living a Catholic life. One of the books he wrote, *A Church on the Move* is being read by the staff. Later we hope to offer an opportunity to read and discuss this book on a parish-wide scale. Joe is a Chicagoan, a husband and father, and has been involved in catechesis and evangelization for decades. He will speak at all Masses that weekend, and will offer reflections that Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Please plan on coming. The chances of improving your spiritual life are in your favor and the risk of breaking a body part is significantly less!

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 this 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!

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 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.

Women of Purpose General Meeting



Start 2024 off on a positive note! Come and join us! We have some great events coming up - bunco, health and fitness classes, book club, etc.

Join us for our next general meeting!

Thursday, January 11 - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Boardroom (2ND Floor) - Parish Life Center

BUNCO
NIGHT



Save the Date!
Women of Purpose
Bare Bones Bunco!

Thursday, January 25 - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Parish Life Center

**Details to follow

This Week at Saint George

Sunday, January 7

The Big Game Raffle Ticket, Roller Skating Ticket & Fair Trade Sales After Masses

- 7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 1:00 PM Baptism (Church)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

Monday, January 8

- 6:30 PM Bible Study (MR 1)
- 6:30 PM Sweetheart Dance Committee Mtg. (MR 2)
- 7:00 PM Acts of Faith Mtg. (QR)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

Tuesday, January 9

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)
- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 7:00 PM Baptismal Preparation (MR 3)

Wednesday, January 10

- 5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)
- 7:00 PM SPRED I (SC, K)

Thursday, January 11

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
- 12:30 PM SGS Band Practice (MR 1 & 2)
- 4:00 PM Confirmation Formation Planning Mtg. (MR 4)
- 6:30 PM Women of Purpose Mtg. (BR)
- 6:30 PM Grief Support Group (MR 1)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

Friday, January 12

- 7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
- 7:00 PM Musical Prayer Service (Church)
- 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

Saturday, January 13

The Big Game Raffle Ticket & Roller Skating Ticket Sales After Mass

- 8:30 AM Lay Carmelites (MR 4)
- 8:30 AM Missionary & Prayer Group (MR 1)
- 10:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 65496 (MR 3)
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

Sunday, January 14

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)

Celebrating 90 Years



Saint George
1934-2024

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.

Top Ten Baby Names:

Mary, Betty, Barbara, Shirley, Dorothy, Robert, James, John, William, Richard

The Biggest Pop Artists of 1934 include:

Don Bestor and His Orchestra, Emil Coleman and His Orchestra, Bing Crosby, Eddy Duchin and His Orchestra, Duke Ellington, Ted Fio Rito and His Orchestra, Jan Garber and His Orchestra, Benny Goodman and His Orchestra, Glen Gray and the Casa Loma Orchestra, Johnny Green and His Orchestra, Jimmie Grier and His Orchestra, Richard Humber and His Orchestra, Hal Kemp and His Orchestra, Little Jack Little and His Orchestra, Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians, Enric Madriguera and His Orchestra, Freddy Martin and His Orchestra, Ethel Merman, The Mills Brothers, Grace Moore, Ray Noble and His Orchestra, Ben Pollack and His Orchestra, Leo Reisman and His Orchestra, Rudy Vallée and His Connecticut Yankees, Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra

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

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.



That Man Is You

Returns on January 20

The Holiday Season is over, and our TMIY Spring Semester begins in less than two weeks. Now is the perfect time to consider making a New Year's Resolution to "nourish" your spiritual life at our Saturday breakfast meetings!

We will meet for 13 weeks from January 20 through April 20, skipping only Holy Saturday on March 30. Each week, our presentations and discussions will focus on how we, as Christian men, can improve our relationships and have a more positive impact within our families and community by developing a more intimate union with God.

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 you can. If you did attend any of our sessions last fall, please consider inviting a friend to join you for breakfast this spring and help them discover a great way to start their weekend!

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.



Daily Offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary

My Queen and my Mother, to you, I offer myself without any reserve; and to give you a mark of my devotion, I consecrate to you during this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, and my whole person. Since I belong to you, O my good Mother, preserve and defend me as your property and possession. Amen.

Grief Support Group



We are offering a Grieving Support Group at Saint George Parish. This is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to help them process their

grief through our program. You will find this to be a place of love, compassion, comfort, support, and understanding. We provide a gathering where the bereaved may express their grief freely without judgment.

We meet once a month. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room One in the Parish Life Center. For more information or questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez at tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 ext. 502.



Caregiver Support Group

Join our Caregiver Support Group at Saint George Catholic Parish!

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.

Peace and Justice Prayer Service



Saint George Church is having a peace and justice prayer service on Friday, January 12, in anticipation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The service will begin at 7:00 PM in the church and is a Taizé-inspired musical prayer.

For more information, email Tim at TQuistorff@stgeorge60477.org. Thank you! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

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.

“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 708-574-6093.





Thank you so much to those who remembered our parish staff with kind Christmas gifts, such as presents, cookies and all kinds of goodies! All of us,

priests, deacons, pastoral and administrative staff members are very grateful for your thoughtfulness. These are among the signs of gratitude so many of you demonstrate throughout the year. We work hard on behalf of you and appreciate you!

Sincerely,

Saint George Priests, Deacons and Staff Members



Saint George Nativity Scene

Thank you so much to those who so generously made this new set possible!

Baby Jesus – Women of Purpose
 Blessed Mother – Shawl Ministry
 Joseph – Mr. & Mrs. Bonaventura Quatrini
 Angel – Bosco Family
 Shepherd – Dave & Kathy Wetherald
 Gaspar – Pete & Donna Aleck
 Balthazar – Patricia Smith
 Melchior – Patricia Smith
 Cow – Ray & Joyce Bibzak
 Donkey – The Oprisko Family
 Lamb – Jan & Bill Gallagher

And a big shout-out to Deacon Tom Schutzius and two young men who worked with him on their Eagle Scout project building the stable, Patrick and Andrew from Scout Troup 385. Thanks to all of them for sharing their skills and talent.

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.



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

Jonathan Edward Jankun,
 son of Michiael & Anne (Murphy) Jankum

Congratulations to the Parents & Godparents!



"I'd like to thank the congregation for the snooze alarm you gave me for Christmas."

Christmas at Saint George



Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 6

4:00 PM Reverend Alfons Gorney+
Roy Stambaugh+
Nancy K. Gatto+

Sunday, January 7

7:30 AM Thomas G. Dohm+
Joe Kovack+
Matthew Berry+

9:30 AM Anthony Kovacevich & Kimberly
Kovacevich+
Cynthia Aguilar+
Jean Rosater+

11:30 AM Patricia DeLisa+
Giuseppe & Incoronata Musto+
Ann Rangel+

Monday, January 8

8:15 AM Luis Lacayo+
Gino Bozzo+

Tuesday, January 9

8:15 AM Robert Anderson+
Thomas Dujmovich+

Wednesday, January 10

8:15 AM Jay Surufka+
Michael Perry+

Thursday, January 11

8:15 AM Ginger Shupryt (Healing)
Dr. David Rees Potts+

Friday, January 12

8:15 AM Pat Kelly (Healing)
Roman & Loretta Mazurowski+
Mari Hedinger+

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+

+ 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 Cundry, 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, 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 Wickeham, 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...

John P. Nelson, Elaine Buchanan, Elizabeth Shigley, Keith Campbell, Sean Campbell, Audrey Dombrowski

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), SSgt. 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 Hollendonner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendonner (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.

Weekly Readings

Sunday, January 7

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 8

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

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

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, January 13 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Joe Panek
 Eucharistic: Pat Kukula - Cup
 Ministers: Jim Weglarz - Cup
 Charlene Yock - Cup
 Ron Yock - Cup
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread
 Sue Stanton - Bread
 Eileen Weglarz - Bread
 Jack Yock - Bread
 Lector: Bob Wyatt

Sunday, January 14 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Tim Keating
 Alice Graff - Cup
 Lynda O'Brien - Cup
 Sandi Rogina - Cup
 Paul Windish - Cup
 Jim Walker - Bread
 Betsy Windish - Bread
 Lector: David Whitaker

Sunday, January 14 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Tom Schutzius
 Eucharistic: Dawn Bartos - Cup
 Ministers: Pina Quatrini - Cup
 Ventura Quatrini - Cup
 Rebecca Schutzius - Cup
 Susan Amann - Bread
 Ann Floyd - Bread
 Tim McCabe - Bread
 Nancy Opyd - Bread
 Lector: Bob Iggins

Sunday, January 14 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Greg Bartos
 Eucharistic: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
 Ministers: Tim Doyle - Cup
 Fran Fancsali - Cup
 Jeanine Patrick - Cup
 Bill Beckman - Bread
 Wally Wawzenek - Bread
 Lector: Diane Wawzenek

Saint George Pro-Life

PRAYER VIGIL IN ORLAND PARK

Please plan to join a prayer vigil to be held at Orland Park Planned Parenthood. We will gather along the public sidewalk extending from 14470 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. This vigil will take place from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, January 8, 2024. Parking is available in the Orland Chateau lot (14500 S. LaGrange Road), but please park in the back.

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

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

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

January 19, 2024

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

February 14 through March 24

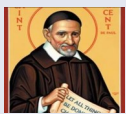
40 Days for Life (Planned Parenthood, Flossmoor)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 -

Illinois March for Life in Springfield, Illinois.

More details will be coming soon.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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.

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

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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.

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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.

Stewardship Update

December 23, 24 & 25, 2023

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	17,393.87
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	2,197.87
Christmas Collection	\$	57,173.00
School Fund	\$	718.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	132.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	252.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	345.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$	10.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$	235.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$	15.00
Initial Offering	\$	35.00
Church in Latin America	\$	10.00
Seminarian Education	\$	5.00
Assistance to Poland	\$	5.00
Peter's Pence	\$	5.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	5.00

Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	413,731.29
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	395,096.00
YTD Difference	\$	18,635.29

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.

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A life insurance gift is a powerful and simple way to provide future support for our parish. Here are two ways to give a gift of life insurance to Saint George.

Name our parish as a beneficiary of the policy. Simply update your beneficiary designation form with your policy holder and list the primary or contingent beneficiary as: "Saint George, The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole".

Make an outright gift of an existing policy. You can irrevocably name our parish as owner and beneficiary of a policy with accumulated cash value that you and your family no longer need. You qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction when you itemize on your taxes. Also, if you continue to pay premiums on the policy, each payment is tax deductible as a charitable gift, if you itemize.

For more information on making a gift of life insurance to our parish, we recommend you consult with your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. Please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org with any additional questions, or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-848-3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue



The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at the home of Darlene Everson at 6307 Honey Lane, Tinley Park from Saturday, December 30 through Saturday, January 6. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00 PM on Saturday, December 30, and at 7:00 PM on January 6.

All are invited to come and participate during this Christmas Season. Following the rosary on January 6, we will have our annual party - games, food and fun. For additional information, please call 708-532-1315. If you haven't come for the rosary in the past, please consider coming this year to honor Jesus and Mary, His mother.

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Second and fifth graders worked together creating ornaments for the Jesse Tree.



Our students did a phenomenal job celebrating the real reason for the season. Happy birthday Jesus!

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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