



# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down  
begged him and said, "If you wish, you  
can make me clean."  
- Mk 1:40



### Our Mission

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

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
Monday - Friday: 8:15 AM

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

### Adoration / Private Prayer

Tuesday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in  
Church with Benediction  
Monday through Friday: 11:00 AM to  
Midnight in Holy Family Chapel

### Parish Office

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

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

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

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## Message From Father Paul



This is Annual Catholic Appeal pledge weekend. I am grateful to everyone for being so patient as we walk through this process. Many of you have given for years. Some are new to the Appeal, so we want to include as many people as possible. Last week, I asked that you consider pledging \$1,000 to be fulfilled over the course of the next year. For some, that may be too much. Others might be able to give more. Whatever your sincere prayer leads you to will be pleasing to God and helpful in many ways. Our assigned goal is \$60,225. Anything over that will come back to the parish as a rebate. If we surpass our goal, we have some special projects.

We plan to refurbish the Marian Shrine outside our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Much of this will be paid for by the commemorative bricks we are offering. Any shortfall will be covered by the rebate. The main plan is to refurbish our Parish Life Center Meeting Rooms and lobby. We hope to make our meeting rooms feel more comfortable and inviting and less like a classroom. The ceiling tiles are original, and many are discolored and sagging. The rooms all need a painting and the room dividers, which are quite expensive, need to be replaced. Considering that the building is close to 30 years old, these kinds of updates are routine.

I hope we will have wide participation in this year's Appeal. Every gift, no matter the amount, is a blessing and a sign of the dedication of our parish to the charitable work of the Archdiocese and our parish. Saint George always comes through!

Can you believe we begin Lent in just a few days? Yes, Ash Wednesday is this week. The Mass and Ash Service schedule is available in this bulletin. Let's get this Lent started with hope and gratitude for God's blessing and forgiveness. And then there's the hard part --- we fast and abstain from meat this Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. If there is good medical reason or if fasting is too much of a hardship, please use your common sense. Fast and abstinence is to make us spiritually stronger, not physically ill!

This Lent we have a very special mission planned with author and speaker, Joe Paprocki. Joe has written some fine books, including "A Church on the Move." Joe's presentations are always clear, practical and inspiring. He will be with us at all weekend Masses on February 24 and 25. He will speak the evenings of February 25, 26 and 27 at 7:00 PM. Wonderful snacks and beverages will follow each night.

On Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 PM, we will have a service which will be dedicated to prayers against violence. In the last year, we have witnessed terrible crimes in our own community. These are especially horrible because it was directed at family members and ended in death. We need to lift up our community in prayer and ask God for His help. I hope you will join us.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As a result of your generosity In the past few years, we have used our rebates to do some marvelous things: several new Mass vestments and replated several of our altar supplies, including the candelabra for Eucharistic Adoration, processional cross, server candles, the thurifer for incense, and holy water fonts .



### Candelabra for Eucharistic Adoration

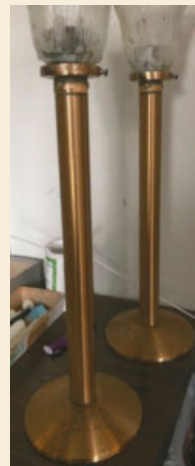


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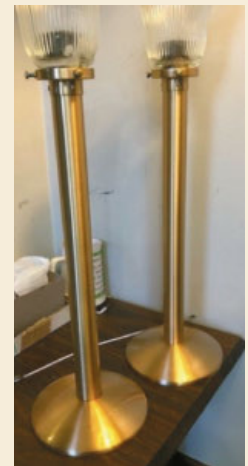


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### Servers Candles



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### Holy Water Bucket



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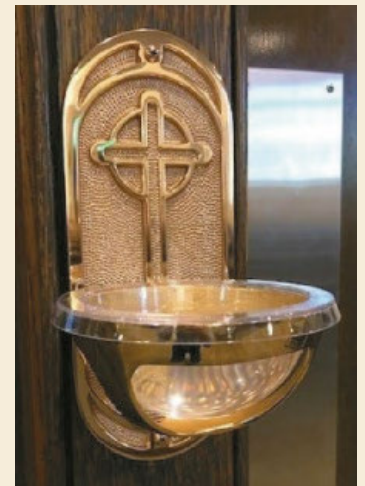


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### Holy Water Fonts



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### Processional Cross



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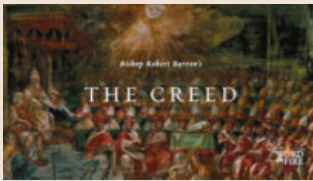


After



On Wednesday, February 14, we begin the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday provides an opportunity for everyone to come to pray and receive ashes. These forty holy days are intended for us to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as the readings on Ash Wednesday teach us. That day, the collection will go to Eastern Europe per archdiocese instructions. Please come and begin your Lent well – pray with us!

## Soup and Theology Bishop Barron's "The Creed"



Join us in the Parish Life Center on Monday evenings during Lent to explore the true meaning of our Nicene Creed, which

we recite each Sunday at Mass. In his unique blend of facts and wisdom, Bishop Barron will reveal the history and the significance of each of the parts of this familiar prayer. It is not necessary to attend every week to benefit from these presentations, so don't let other commitments stop you from coming at all!

6:20 PM - Grace and Soup Buffet Opens

6:50 PM - Video

7:40 PM to 8:00 PM - Discussion

### Topics:

- February 19 - "I Believe"
- February 26 - Parish Mission - No Soup or Video
- March 4 - "God the Father Almighty"
- March 11 - "Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son"
- March 18 - "He Suffered Death"
- March 25 - "Holy Spirit, Giver of Life"
- April 1 - "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic"

## Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

## Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024

Masses with ash distribution will take place at 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM. A prayer service with ash distribution is scheduled at 3:30 PM.

## Saint George Parish Invites you to join us for a Lenten Parish Mission

Featuring  
nationally  
known speaker

**Joe Paprocki**



Author of *A Church on the Move*,  
*Living the Mass*, *The Catechist's Toolbox*  
and more!

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

February 25, 26 and 27

7:00 PM Each Evening

**All Are Welcome!**

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, February 20, February 27, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26. Note: Holy Family Chapel will be closed during the Triduum (March 28, 29 and 30).

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM.

Private reconciliation is scheduled on Saturdays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be performed at 7:00 PM on Friday nights during Lent.



Do you think you have the best chili in the neighborhood, or town, or state? Are you interested in putting your chili to the test?

Saint George is hosting a chili cook-off in the Parish Life Center on Sunday, February 11.

The cook-off will start right after the 11:30 AM Mass and judging will take place at 1:30 PM. (Tasters/judges are also needed.)

There is no charge to enter or to taste/judge! A blue ribbon and a gift card prize will be given to the first-place winner!

If you would like to participate, contact Renee Beemsterboer at the parish office at 708-532-2243 or [rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org).

## 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 second meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room Four in the Parish Life Center. For more information or questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez at [tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org) or 708-532-2243 ext. 502.

## This Week at Saint George

### Sunday, February 11

- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Rice Bowl / Little Black Book
- Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
- 7:30 AM Paczki Pick-Up (CC Lobby)
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 12:30 AM Big Game Party / Chili Cook Off
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

### Monday, February 12

- 6:30 PM Bible Study (MR 4)
- 6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (BR)
- 6:30 PM Women of Purpose (MR 1-3)
- 6:30 PM Sweetheart Dance Committee
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

### Tuesday, February 13

- Daybreak Shelter
- 10:00 AM Art & Environment (Church)
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)
- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 7:00 PM Baptismal Prep. (MR 3)

### Wednesday, February 14

- Aid for Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection
- 8:15 AM Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)
- 3:30 PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service (Church)
- 5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)

### Thursday, February 15

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
- 12:30 PM SGS Band Practice (MR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

### Friday, February 16

- 7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)

### Saturday, February 17

- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Distribution of Pro-Life Prayer Cards
- 6:30 AM That Man is You (O'CH)
- 2:30 PM Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM SGS Sweetheart Dance (CC, Gym)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

### Sunday, February 18

- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Distribution of Pro-Life Prayer Cards
- 7:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 9:30 AM Parish Registration (MR r1)
- 11:30 AM Baptism (Church)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

## Women of Purpose

### Declutter your life! Declutter your soul!

Drowning in life's clutter-spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically? Join Saint George parishioner, Dr. Kirsten Grant, for an invigorating evening that promises to unlock your potential and revitalize your spiritual journey. Discover the transformative power of decluttering those mental blocks, enabling a deeper connection with your faith and a renewed sense of purpose. Through a blend of prayer, practical strategies, and psychology, this evening will help guide you in creating a life of clarity, intention, and spiritual fulfillment.

**Monday, February 12 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**Parish Life Center, Meeting Rooms 1-2-3**

Open to all Saint George parishioners and friends, men and women.  
 Suitable for "adults of any age".

Please bring an item to donate to the  
 Tinley Park Food Pantry.

RSVP to Sandy at snowcat827@hotmail.com.



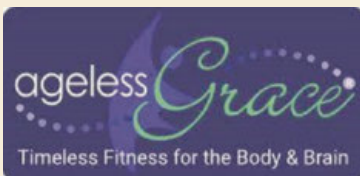
### Bare Bones Bunco!

Please join Women of Purpose for some fun and fellowship. Nothing fancy, no frills, raffles or split the pot.

**Thursday, February 22 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**  
**Parish Life Center, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2**

\$10 pre-pay (includes pizza, bunco supplies and prizes, water and coffee. To RSVP and pre-pay, drop off payment at the parish office in an envelope marked "Women of Purpose, your name(s) and bunco." Seating is limited. RSVP by Tuesday, February 20.

Adult friends and family are welcome. Feel free to bring your own fun refreshments. Please call Joan at 708-227-0028 with questions.



### Ageless Grace

Ageless Grace is a FUN, CREATIVE, & PLAYFUL exercise program that works out your brain as well as your body. It is composed of 21 simple tools that can be practiced anywhere. We will lubricate our

joints, strengthen our muscles, exercise our brains, improve our flexibility, balance, hand-eye coordination, breath, and tickle our funny bone (and singing along highly encouraged). No need to learn any special choreography. Exercises done in a chair. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a water bottle if you so choose.

**Saturday, February 24 - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**  
*(class is 45 minutes followed by fellowship and treats)*  
**Parish Life Center, MR 1 & 2**

Cost is \$5. To RSVP and pre-pay, please drop off payment at the parish office in an envelope marked "Women of Purpose, your name(s) and Ageless Grace." Seating is limited. RSVP by Thursday, February 22.

Event is open to men and women. Adult friends and family are welcome. A standard waiver must be signed on the day of event prior to participating. Contact Joan at 708-227-0028 with questions.

## Knights of Columbus Comedy Show

The annual Knights of Columbus Comedy Show is back for this year and will be held Saturday, March 2 in O'Connell Hall at Saint George Church. Doors open at 6:30 PM, and dinner will start at 7:00 PM. The show starts at 8:00 PM.

The comedians are Jack Cannon and an Improv team from incognitomodeimprov. Both are professional and keep to an upscale show throughout the evening. The show normally lasts about 2 to 2.5 hours.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Ticket price includes the show, dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Please note that we cannot allow alcohol to be brought in. You may bring in snacks for you and your friends if you wish.

We anticipate tickets to go fast so start planning for reservations now. We will have open seating this year. To reserve a table of eight, please contact Rob Mertens.

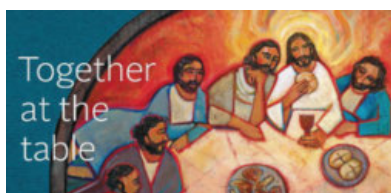
For tickets and information, please visit the KC website: [www.knights4698.org](http://www.knights4698.org). We will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system this year. If you have ticketing questions or need more information, please call Rob Mertens at 708-247-6387, or text him at [knightsofcolumbus4698@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus4698@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you again for a fun-filled evening.

## 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 at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 20 in Room 3 of the Cahill Center. Pizza and refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please plan to join us as we discuss ways the men of Saint George can contribute to the parish family.

## Together at the Table



You are invited to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in the

mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Together at the table." If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

## Planned Giving

### A Tax-Savvy Way to Support the Annual Catholic Appeal

One way you can reclaim God's promise and once again take up your responsibility is by making a direct gift of securities and mutual funds that have appreciated in value and have been held for more than one year.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to the Annual Catholic Appeal, 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, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit [archchicago.org/stockgiftform](http://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 complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-7461 or [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@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.

## Stewardship Update

### January 27-28, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 16,584.62
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 15,196.00
Difference	\$ 1,388.62
2nd Collection: Church in Latin America	\$ 1,375.00
School Fund	\$ 210.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 191.25
Initial Offering	\$ 85.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 350.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 220.00

### Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 488,278.05
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 471,076.00
YTD Difference	\$ 17,202.05

We are grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you! Your support is deeply appreciated and needed.

If you drop off envelopes at the parish office, please use the mail slot in the wall marked, "Key Deposit" which will bring them safely into the parish office.

## Electronic Giving

Give Central is an option more people are choosing. You can go to our website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org). Thank you for your generosity!

## Year End Tax Statements

2023 contribution statements are available and will be provided upon request. Please contact the parish office at 708-532-2243 or email Kathy Rubino at [krubino@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:krubino@stgeorge60477.org) to request your statement. Please put 2023 Tax Letter in the subject line.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday - February 10

4:00 PM Gary Lassandro+  
Catherine M. Bingham+  
Marian Haberkorn+

### Sunday, February 11

7:30 AM Mieczyslaw Gierat+  
Anthony F. Ponziano+  
Czeslaw Hanusiak+  
9:30 AM Mark Sienkiewicz+  
Ron Jablonski+  
Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus+  
11:30 AM Giuseppe & Incoronata Musto+  
Josephine Landski+  
Mary Jean McLaughlin+  
Mass for Parishioners

### Monday, February 12

8:15 AM Robert Anderson+  
Elizabeth Pretkelis-Heaton+

### Tuesday, February 13

8:15 AM Charles Thomas+  
Ben (for healing)  
Ellen McGee+

### Wednesday, February 14

8:15 AM Don Graff+  
Sam & Helen Baumann+  
Nancy K. Gatto+  
7:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

### Thursday, February 15

8:15 AM David Howicz+  
Eugene+ & Florence Budz  
Ann Rangel+

### Friday, February 16

8:15 AM Carl Servin+  
Alice F. Lesnik & Stanley M.  
Lesnik+  
Allen Holmes, Jr.+

### Saturday - February 17

4:00 PM Marian Haberkorn+  
Thomas Herson+  
John Bones+

### Sunday, February 18

7:30 AM Thomas G. Dohm+  
Elaine Buchanan+  
Chris Menos (for healing)  
9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners  
Paula Dettmann (for healing)  
Truus L. Zona+  
11:30 AM Josephine Landski+  
Maria Becker+  
Gloria Sullivan+  
Pacita Cruz+

+ Deceased

## Please Pray For...

### Our Sick...

Scott Adams, Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Dennis Bowman, Bernie Brady, Arlene Bulow, Dominick Byrne, Jack Carlson, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Diane Consgrave, Jennifer Crawford, Larry Cundary, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Linda Dorminey, 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, Evelyn Knight, Donald Lavey, Bruce Lorence, Joelee Mac Masters, Baby Teddy McManigal, Robert Maher, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Robert Metzger, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvillas, Mary Ann O'Callaghan, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, Hailey Polk, Neil Reece, Eileen Reeves, Sean Rio, Eunice Robey, Matthew Rogal, Ben Schaefer, James J. Schmitt, Theresa Schultz, Jerry Sebesta, Karen Singer, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Lorraine Szara, Zbigniew Szylar, 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...

Fred Zaplatosch, Linda Rosko

### Our Military...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sgt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSgt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sgt. Robert Brennan (Army), Bradley Brunod (Navy), Capt. Michael Caddigan (Army), SSgt. Brad Clemmer (Air Force), SSgt. Heidi Currie (Air Force), Lt.Col. Kevin Currie (Air Force), Maj. Patrick Currie (Air Force), SSG Matthew Daliege (Army). Sgt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sgt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Spc.4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (AirSybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), AOAA Zachary Kovalcik (Navy) Spc. Martin McCarthy (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner (Navy), Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell (Army), Alexandra Novak, Lt. Charles W. Novak (Marines), HM3 Elizabeth O'Neill (E6 Navy Corpsman), Sgt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), Sean Rio, 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.*



## Readings for the Week of February 11

### Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

### Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

### Next Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## That Man Is You THE SHADOW OF THE FATHER

Saturday, February 17 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

As we enter this first weekend of Lent, Dr. Mark Miravalle returns for one final session on Saint Joseph. Our discussions will examine:

- The Perfect Icon of the Father
- St. Joseph's Appearance at Fatima
- The Papal Proclamations of Saint Joseph
- The Custodian of the Redeemer

Every man should be inspired to step out of his routine during this Lenten Season and find a way to move closer to our Lord and Savior. Why not make the commitment to join us on Saturday mornings for breakfast? Over the next few weeks, you will get to know some other good men of the parish, make a few friends, and nourish both your body and soul!

If you're already one of our regular attendees, please make the commitment to invite at least one friend, coworker, neighbor or family member to join you!

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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday, February 17 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John  
Deacon: Jerry Souta  
Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Bibzak - Cup  
Debbie Olejarz - Cup  
Mary Spengler - Cup  
Ruth Strugala - Cup  
Joyce Bibzak - Bread  
Fran Clark - Bread  
Jim Weglarz - Bread  
NOT FILLED - Bread

Lector: Tim McCabe

### Sunday, February 18 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John  
Deacon: Tom Schutzius  
Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Ryczyn - Cup  
Teri Ryczyn - Cup  
Ray Schulze - Cup  
David Whitaker - Cup  
Alice Graff - Bread  
Sandi Rogina - Bread

Lector: Lynda O'Brien

### Sunday, February 18 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
Deacon: Greg Bartos  
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Adelakun - Cup  
Dawn Bartos - Cup  
Ann Floyd - Cup  
Nancy Opyd - Cup  
Joanne O'Brien - Bread  
Nicole Olson - Bread  
Ventura Quatrini - Bread  
Pina Quatrini - Bread

Lector: Olatunde Adelakun

### Sunday, February 18 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
Deacon: Joe Panek  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup  
Tim Doyle - Cup  
Jean Gaytan - Cup  
Jim Novotney - Cup  
Linda Milazzo - Bread  
Eric Susnis - Bread

Lector: Sandra Novotney



For additional information on Saint George, please visit the parish website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://www.stgeorge60477.org)

## Saint George Pro Life

### MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

On January 19, hundreds of thousands of Pro-Life Americans marched in the cold and snow flurries in Washington, D.C., both celebrating the overturning of Roe v. Wade and focusing on the big task ahead at the state level (e.g. in Illinois) to protect mothers and their babies from the enticing lies offered by abortion providers. While about 25 states are providing protections from abortion for mothers and their babies, the other states are using government power to promote and expand abortion with virtually no oversight or regulation. During the rally that preceded the march, many dynamic speakers encouraged continued resolve to seek the protection of life from conception to natural death in all states. Unfortunately, most "mainstream" media outlets now practice nearly complete censorship of the March for Life. Even so, this large annual gathering continues to send a powerful message that abortion must be made unthinkable.

### PRAY FOR LIFE DURING LENT

Next weekend, Saint George Pro-Life will be providing Pro-Life prayer cards that you can pick up at the entrances of church. Please take a prayer card home with you to pray that mothers who consider abortion will decide in favor of life. During Lent, a 40 Days for Life vigil will take place at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor. Your prayers are very important for mothers who go there, so that they will be moved to choose life, rather than abortion. As abortion has been increasing in Illinois through more public funding, less regulation, and the repeal of parental notice, prayers are needed more than ever to defend innocent lives.

### FLOSSMOOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

Please join the 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day from February 14 through March 24. Thursday is a known abortion day, so that would be a good day for on-site prayer for the victims of abortion. Join other Saint George parishioners from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on any Thursday from February 15 through March 21, or choose any hour from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (ending at 6:00 PM) for prayer on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor, Illinois at 19831 S. Governors Highway. Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th Street which goes west from Governors Highway or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Highway behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood).

This vigil is part of the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and is one of nearly 600 in 30 nations. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation (e.g. make extra visits to Holy Family Chapel and/or attend weekday Mass). You can schedule your vigil time at [40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/](http://40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/).

## 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.

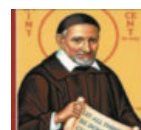
Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to midnight to provide that opportunity. Use this link to get more information and to register for an hour that works for you: <http://stgeorge60477.org/eucharistic-adoration/>.

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: 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 P:M; Wednesday: 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM; Thursday: 2:00 PM, 3:00 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").

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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.

## Little Black Book

### Lent is almost here!

The Little Black Books for Lent will be available at the February 11 weekend Masses. Pick yours up from the baskets at the entrances of church.

### The Mission of Little Books is to Help People Pray During Lent.

Each Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. Use your Little Book for personal devotional time, and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

### How to use the Little Black Book

This Little Black Book is your companion for Lent. It's an old-fashioned "vade mecum" (pronounced vahday maykum). That's the Latin for "travel with me" and was used to describe a book of prayers for traveling priests, or a handbook for quick reference – something you could take with you anywhere. It travels easily in your pocket, purse, glove compartment. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days to walk

through this book a page at a time. Six minutes. That's within reach. And it pays big returns.

The key is the right-hand page. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we will walk through the passion narrative of Luke, a few verses at a time, with explanations and reflections along the way. It's an ancient way of praying the Scriptures — called lectio divina. God speaks to us "live" through the sacred word and we're often surprised at the thoughts that come.

The left-hand page has a variety of quotes, information, timely thoughts. Treat it like a buffet table from which you can take what you like. (If pressed for time, go directly to the right-hand page and spend your time there.)

We won't start reading the Gospels until Ash Wednesday. But we'll start the six-minute program on Sunday, February 11 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday), which will give us three days to get ready for Lent.

We need to use today's "six minutes" to ask for God's help in making some course corrections in our lives.



## Living a Prayerful and Contemplative Lifestyle through Spiritual Direction

There are two ways to live prayerfully in your everyday life. The first is to pray around, in and through the ordinary activities of your day. The second is to cultivate a contemplative lifestyle. Through participation in spiritual direction with a Spiritual Director, one learns how to live more prayerfully in his or her everyday life, focus on one's relationship with God and learn ways to nourish that relationship, and

reflect on your life story and faith journey and your deepest spiritual desires.

Deacon Jerry is a certified Spiritual Director. Please contact him if you would like to learn more about spiritual direction or if you would like to participate in it, please contact Deacon Jerry at: [jsouta@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:jsouta@stgeorge60477.org) or [jsoutajr@att.net](mailto:jsoutajr@att.net), or call him at: 708-574-6093.



February 18,  
Week 1

The Eucharist nourishes and connects us as one family in Christ. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can help care for all members of our human family. Read this week's story at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

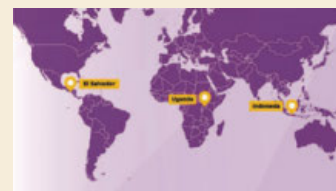
With CRS Rice Bowl, the Lenten pillars will guide us to encounter Christ through our global family in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia—through our sisters and brothers who are finding ways to overcome hunger and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Every Lent since 1975, millions of Catholics across the United States have come together through CRS Rice Bowl to support people struggling with hunger and poverty - both at home and around the world. And because hunger and poverty continue to be some of the most critical concerns of our time, we're still needed to make a difference.

As we go through these next 40 days, let us remember the words of Jesus, our bread of life, and be nourished by Him in the Eucharist to walk with our global family. Let us begin this holy season by praying,

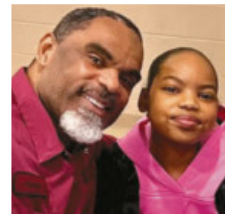
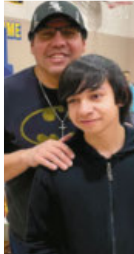
Dear Jesus,  
You call us, as members  
of the body of Christ,  
to serve one another.  
This Lent, may we be your eyes,  
to see with compassion.  
May we be your hands and feet,  
to serve with love.  
By encountering you  
in the Bread of Life,  
may we joyfully share bread  
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our global family. Amen

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## 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.

**CHRISTIAPN 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](mailto: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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