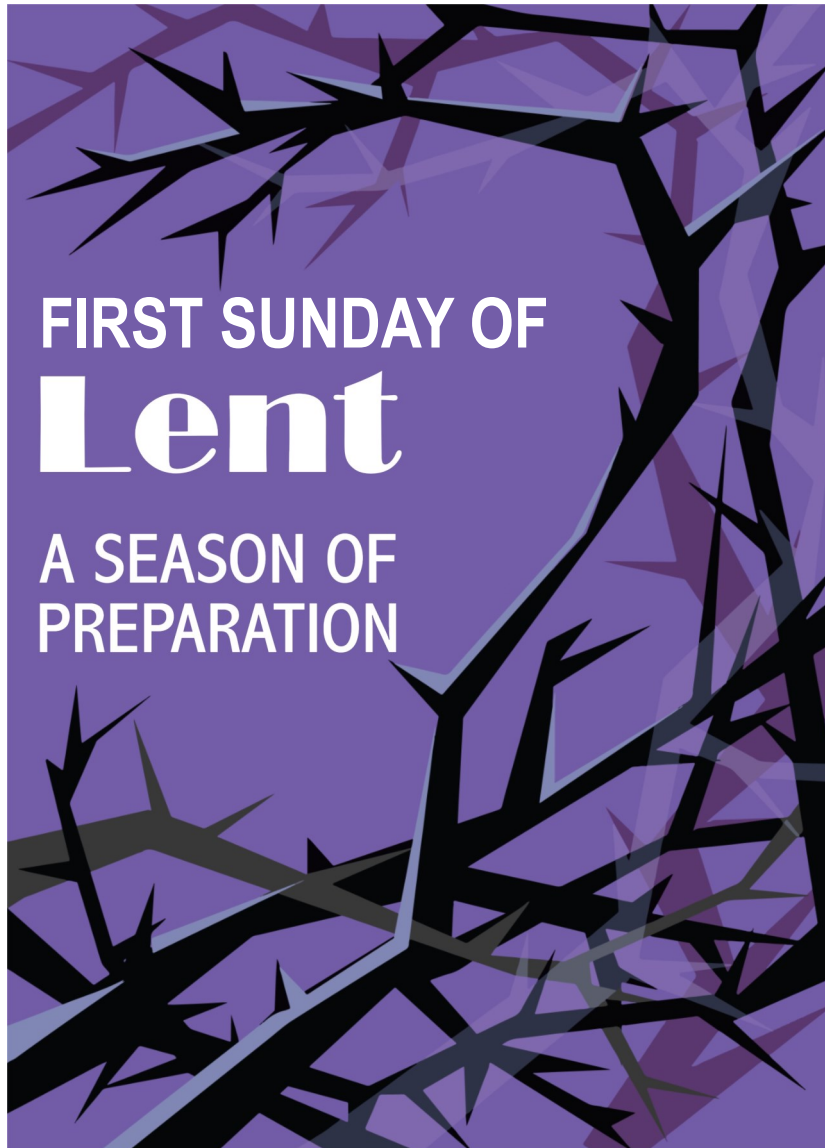




# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent



## FIRST SUNDAY OF **Lent**

A SEASON OF  
PREPARATION

### 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 the third and final week for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has pledged. Your gift will make a difference! Your pledge can be fulfilled over ten months. With all the ministries of the Archdiocese and the good things we can do at home at Saint George, your kindness will make this a great success. If you haven't been able to make your pledge yet, you can do so on the Archdiocese of Chicago website or give us a call at 708-532-2243, and we will be happy to assist. Thank you!

With the beginning of Lent, we are reminded of our call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three simple acts of devotion help us to grow in our relationship to God, to others and ourselves. As we hear about the temptations of Jesus in the desert, so we see the temptations that haunt us. With the help of God, we can overcome them. One of the devil's most effective tools is discouragement. Don't be discouraged in the face of God's grace! Please take advantage of the many prayer opportunities at Saint George, as listed in the bulletin.

I especially want to encourage you to attend our Lenten Parish Mission at the end of the month with Joe Paprocki. He is a respected writer and dynamic speaker. I know you will enjoy his engaging style and simple effective ways we can become a more mission-driven parish. Plan to join us!

This weekend, we are making a couple slight liturgical changes that will have no impact on you, other than making everyone feel more a part of our prayer. As we all know, our church has an unusual layout. To accommodate that, Father Fleck would move the candles and offer Mass in such a way as to eliminate the awkwardness of saying Mass directed to only one side. Father Tom didn't feel comfortable with that but Father John also thinks it's a good idea. So we will try it and see how it works.

The other change is the procession will enter from the "old section" as usual but will leave at the end of Mass by way of the "new section." The priest will offer Holy Communion in the "new section" and a deacon will go to the old. This way, anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion from a clergy member will be able to do so in either section. This especially helps us priests and deacons to see more of our community up close. If the people sit in the same section every week, then I may never have the chance to offer you Communion. And as trivial as that may seem to you, it is very important to me. We anticipate rotating our Communion stations each year. Another problem with the old section/new section scheme is one may seem more dominant than the other. There are no stepchildren in the liturgy, so these changes will help eliminate that perception.

One of the great joys of being at Saint George is meeting people who come to Mass for the first time here. They express their appreciation for the genuine welcome and warmth they experience. This all happens because of you! When you help people find a washroom, every time you make room in your pew for someone, whenever you show someone the way to the Parish Life Center so they can get to Family First Sunday, that may be just the simple act of kindness they are hoping for. Simple hospitality can go a long way. Thanks for being so welcoming to everyone!

## Saint George Lenten Parish Mission

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - February 25, 26 and 27

### *A Glimpse of God*

Featuring Joe Paprocki



Joe Paprocki, DMin, the National Consultant for Faith Formation for Loyola Press, has been in pastoral ministry for over 40 years, has authored over 20 books (including *A Church on the Move* and his most recent, *8 Steps to Energize Your Faith*), and presented in over 150 dioceses in North America. Joe received his Masters Degree from the Institute of Pastoral Studies (Loyola University of Chicago) and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary). Joe blogs about his catechetical experiences and insights at [www.catechistsjourney.com](http://www.catechistsjourney.com). He and his wife Joanne live in Evergreen Park and enjoy life with their two grown children (and their spouses) and their four grandchildren.

#### Reflections at Weekend Masses (February 24 and 25) "Catching a Glimpse of Glory"

In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John "catch a glimpse" of Jesus' divinity. It was a "mystical" experience. In his reflections at Mass, Joe will invite you to consider how mystical experiences – glimpses of God – occur in our everyday lives and how we can help others to catch a glimpse of God.

#### Sunday (February 25) - 7:00 PM What the World Needs Now is a Glimpse of God

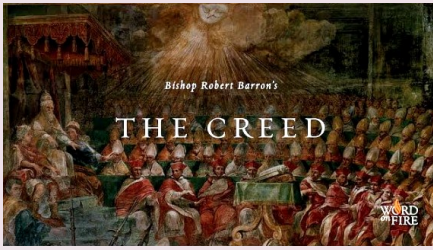
The movie, *Apollo 13*, gave us the now-famous line "Houston, we have a problem." The truth is, our Church and our world are facing many problems that seem, at times, insurmountable. We are in desperate need of glimpsing God in our midst and hearing his voice proclaim the Truth, so that, as in *Apollo 13*, this may yet be "our finest hour." Together, we'll explore how we can and must respond to the crises we face and become a "Church on the Move."

#### Monday (February 26) - 7:00 PM Glimpsing God in Our Own Lives and in Our Parish

In a world where people are desperately searching for meaning and purpose, folks are turning away from traditional "religion" and seeking spiritual wellness elsewhere ("I'm spiritual but not religious"). They simply don't believe that they will catch a "glimpse of God" in the Catholic Church. In order to become a "Church on the Move," we must ensure that we ourselves are developing eyesight capable of seeing God in everyday life. Together, we will explore how the Catholic Church helps us to "see" so that we can truly find God in all things.

#### Tuesday (February 27) - 7:00 PM Helping Others to Glimpse God: Becoming a Church on the Move

Unless a church is moving "outwards," it risks becoming irrelevant and eventually, obsolete. As a "Church on the Move," we have been commissioned to go forth and help others "glimpse God" in their daily lives and to help them recognize that such "glimpses" are transformative and even lifesaving. Together, we will explore how the faith community of Saint George can serve as a "beacon of light" to Tinley Park and surrounding communities and thrive as a "Church on the Move" for years to come.



## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

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

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, February 20, February 27, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26 at 6:00 PM in the church. 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.



## 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  
for life with all members of  
our global family. Amen

Lent, time of...  
Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving





### 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.

### Calling All High School and Middle School Students to Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday



On Good Friday evening, our teens will present the Living Stations of the Cross at Saint George Church. These will feature reflections with contemporary music between stations.

We need Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, Pilate, Roman soldiers, and crowds both for and against Jesus as He makes His way to Calvary. There will be four Wednesday evening practices during Lent, with a full run through at the last practice. All practices will be held in Saint George Church. (Enter at the East side door by the organ.) You are welcome to join us even if you cannot make every practice. Please help us by taking part. No lines to memorize.

For more information, call Fran Fancsali, 708-429-3979 or email [ffatpts@ameritech.net](mailto:ffatpts@ameritech.net), or leave your name at the CFF office.

Practice Dates are as follows:

Wednesday, February 21  
7:00 PM to 8:15 PM.

Wednesday, February 28  
7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Wednesday, March 6  
7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Wednesday, March 27  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Friday, March 29  
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
(possible dress rehearsal)

Friday, March 29  
Call Time - 6:00 PM

Saint George First and Second year Confirmandi please note: This can be used as a service experience for your parish in your Confirmation Service Journal.

## This Week at Saint George

### Sunday, February 18

- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Distribution of Pro-Life Prayer Cards
- KC Selling Comedy Show Tickets
- 7:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 9:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)
- 11:30 AM Baptism (Church)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

### Monday, February 19

- No School
- 6:20 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee (MR 3)
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

### Tuesday, February 20

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 6:30 PM Caregiver Support Group (MR 4)
- 7:00 PM Men's Club Mtg. (MR 3)

### Wednesday, February 21

- 3:00 PM Liturgy Mtg. (MR 4)
- 5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (S, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR, SGS)
- 7:00 PM Living Stations Practice (Church)
- 7:00 PM SPRED I (SC, K)

### Thursday, February 22

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1)
- 6:30 PM Women of Purpose Bunco (MR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (Church)

### Friday, February 23

- 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 24

- 6:30 AM That Man is You (O'CH)
- 9:30 AM Women of Purpose Ageless Grace (MR 1 & 2)
- 10:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 65496 Mtg. (MR 3)
- 1:00 PM Baptism (Church)
- 2:30 PM Reconciliation
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 385 Pancake Breakfast Setup
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

### Sunday, February 25

- 6:00 AM BSA Troop 385 Pancake Breakfast (O'CH, GR, NCR, K)
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)
- 7:00 PM Parish Mission (Church)

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday, February 24 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
 Deacon: Tom Schutzius  
 Eucharistic: Joyce Bibzak - Cup  
 Ministers: Don Clark - Cup  
 Debbie Olejarz - Cup  
 Jim Weglarz - Cup  
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread  
 Fran Clark - Bread  
 Carey Murray - Bread  
 Eileen Weglarz - Bread  
 Lector: Bob Wyatt

### Sunday, February 25 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
 Deacon: Joe Panek  
 Eucharistic: Karen Lyons - Cup  
 Ministers: Ray Schulze - Cup  
 Paul Windish - Cup  
 Betsy Windish - Cup  
 Julie Newtoff - Bread  
 Jim Walker - Bread  
 Lector: Rita Walker

### Sunday, February 25 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John  
 Deacon: Tim Keating  
 Eucharistic: Tim McCabe - Cup  
 Ministers: Eva McCulley - Cup  
 Ventura Quatrini - Cup  
 Pina Quatrini - Cup  
 Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread  
 Karen Kiner - Bread  
 Joanne O'Brien - Bread  
 Nicole Olson - Bread  
 Lector: Bob Iggins

### Sunday, February 25 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John  
 Deacon: Greg Bartos  
 Eucharistic: Tim Doyle - Cup  
 Ministers: Jean Gaytan - Cup  
 Linda Milazzo - Cup  
 Jeanine Patrick - Cup  
 Frances Bouchard - Bread  
 Eric Susnis - Bread  
 Lector: Bob Page

## Readings for the Week of February 18

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/  
 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7,  
 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,  
 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/  
 Mt 16:13-19

### Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,  
 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,  
 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

### Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps  
 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19  
 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/  
 Mk 9:2-10



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

Theodore Michael Avella,  
 son of Trevor & Kathryn (Mailhiot) Avella  
 Henry Blake Fraher,  
 son of Blake & Kristen (Kaehler) Fraher  
 Owen Bentley Boekeloo,  
 son of Ryan & Molly (Triolo) Boekeloo

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 please visit the parish website -  
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## Women of Purpose



### 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.

## That Man Is You FIRST SOCIETY

**Saturday, February 24 -  
6:30 AM to 8:00 AM**

In this unique session, Dr. Scott Hahn gets vulnerable when talking about his own marriage. He shares both his biggest cross to bear, as well as his wife's (Spoiler Alert – it's him!). He recounts the very real struggles his own marriage has faced and how he now delights in what God has accomplished in and through it.

The future of the world and the Church indeed pass by way of the family. It is the first "society" that impacts every other aspect of society. In turn, Christ and the Church are a constant source of grace for each of our marriages. The Sacraments don't make marriage easy; they make it possible!

Hoping to see YOU next Saturday, and please remember to invite a friend to join you on our Lenten Journey!

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](mailto:ghendzell@msn.com).

## 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.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday - February 17

4:00 PM Marian Haberkorn+  
Thomas Hernon+  
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+

### Monday, February 19

8:15 AM Fausto Horacio Vela+

### Tuesday, February 20

8:15 AM Enrique A. Garza

### Wednesday, February 21

8:15 AM Thomas Maslan+

### Thursday, February 22

8:15 AM Helen Tylin+

### Friday, February 23

8:15 AM Mary Morgan+  
Paula Dettman (For Healing)  
Faye Esposito+

### Saturday - February 24

4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikiwicz+  
Betty Kapocius+  
Geri Biel+

### Sunday, February 25

7:30 AM Marilyn Lasala+  
Mass for Parishioners  
Cordy & Aida Flores+

9:30 AM John & Janice Clough+  
Jaime Sosa+  
Dennis Beaupre+

11:30 AM Robert Anderson+  
Gary Lassandrello+  
Peter Kiec+  
Joseph & Helen Gembala+

+ 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 Cunday, 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, Robert Maher, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Robert Metzger, Patricia Mitchel, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvillas, 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 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 Zdon

*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...

Esther Calzavara, Baby Teddy McManigal

### 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 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), 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.*



## 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 adoror by pressing "Become a Sub" (under "Weekly Commitment").

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society

### First Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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.



## Saint George Pro-Life

### PRAY FOR LIFE DURING LENT

This weekend Saint George Pro-Life is 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 Governor's 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/).

### SPEAK OUT ILLINOIS 2024

The Speak Out Illinois conference will take place Saturday, March 16, at the Drury Lane Oak Brook from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This year's conference, including lunch and informative talks, features keynote speaker Mark Houck. Get complete details and register at: [www.speakoutillinois.org](http://www.speakoutillinois.org) The cost is \$55 including lunch. Discounts for students and clergy are available.

## Saint Michael Ministry for Mental Health Prayer Gathering

All are welcome to attend the Saint Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness February prayer gathering on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM. They will meet in the Commons North Room to pray the Rosary and offer petitions for those in need.

Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another.

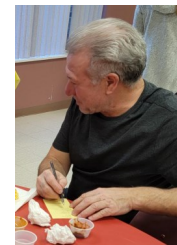
Saint Michael is located at 14327 Highland Avenue in Orland Park. For more information, please visit their website at <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/> or send an email to [StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com](mailto:StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com).



# 90th Anniversary CHILI COOK-OFF



**Congratulations to the winners of the Saint George 90th Anniversary Chili Cook-Off!**  
 1st Place - Gabriele Lakie  
 2nd Place - Fr. John Zurek  
 3rd Place - Lauren Mehok-Truitt



## Working Bikes Cooperative Collection



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Bicycles in a developing country can mean the difference between work and unemployment. Bikes are used to deliver cargo as well as for transportation. A bike worth \$20 in the U.S. is worth the equivalent of \$1,000 in Africa due to salaries of \$30 per month. Bikes also provide work for mechanics and messengers. We also ship wheelchairs, tools and jogging strollers.

The Working Bikes Cooperative ships bicycles to: Guatemala ([www.mayapedal.co](http://www.mayapedal.co)), Ghana ([www.patriensa.co](http://www.patriensa.co)), Nicaragua ([www.peaceworks.or](http://www.peaceworks.or)), Angola ([www.sharecircle.or](http://www.sharecircle.or)), Peru ([www.coprodeli.or](http://www.coprodeli.or)) and Tanzania ([www.globalallianceafrica.org](http://www.globalallianceafrica.org)). The Co-Op also distributes about 500 bikes a year to refugees and day camps in the Chicago area.

Donations provide humanitarian aid or pay for shipping. Bikes do not have to be in working order. Since 2001, Working Bikes Cooperative has shipped over 4,000 bikes to Africa, Central America and the Caribbean.

Donations can be dropped off the Saint George Garages on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 (times to be determined). Contact Angie Brady at 708-341-3644, for any questions or... visit the Co-Op on the web at: <http://www.workingbikes.org>. Send email to: [workingbikes@yahoo.com](mailto:workingbikes@yahoo.com) or phone 708-660-9452.



**"Why is Lent the best time of year to run a marathon?"**



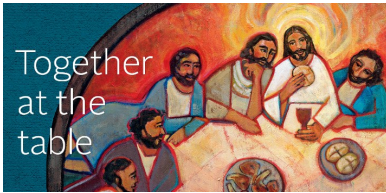
**"Because that's when you fast!"**



The three tenants of Lent are: praying, fasting, and giving alms. "Fasting" actually refers to abstaining from food or another act with a prayerful intention.



## Together at the Table



Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic

Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Together at the table," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

## Planned Giving

### Demonstrate Love for Thy Neighbor with a QCD Gift

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to others.

You can help to support our faith community by making a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") gift from your individual retirement account to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like information on how to make a QCD gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or [rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org) or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-848-3068 or [mzappa@archchicago.org](mailto:mzappa@archchicago.org)

## Offertory Collections

Saint George Church does not "pass the basket" at the offertory. Instead, please drop your contributions in the collection boxes located near the pews in church.

## Stewardship Update

### February 3-4, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	15,691.15
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	495.15
School Fund	\$	2,397.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	403.00
Christmas Offering	\$	290.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$	95.00
Church in Latin America	\$	115.00

### Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	503,969.20
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	486,272.00
YTD Difference	\$	17,697.20

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.



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## Saint George School's Easter Fundraiser

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Orders are due by 9:00 AM on Monday, March 4.

Order forms are available at the church doors and the parish office. Orders can be dropped off at the parish office, the parish mailbox slot or the school office.

Candy can be picked up on Thursday, March 21 from 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM by the main office of the school in the lot off of 176th street. If unavailable for pick-up at this time, please mark it on the order form. Remaining orders will be available for pick-up at the parish office during the following week.

Questions? Email [ptlstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:ptlstgeorge@gmail.com) or call Nicole Olson at 708-341-5997

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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.

**RITE OF 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.

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.

**RECONCILIATION:** Every Saturday from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Please join us to pray the Rosary before morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM.

**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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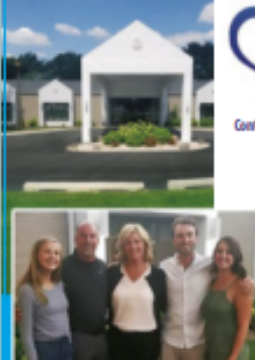
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