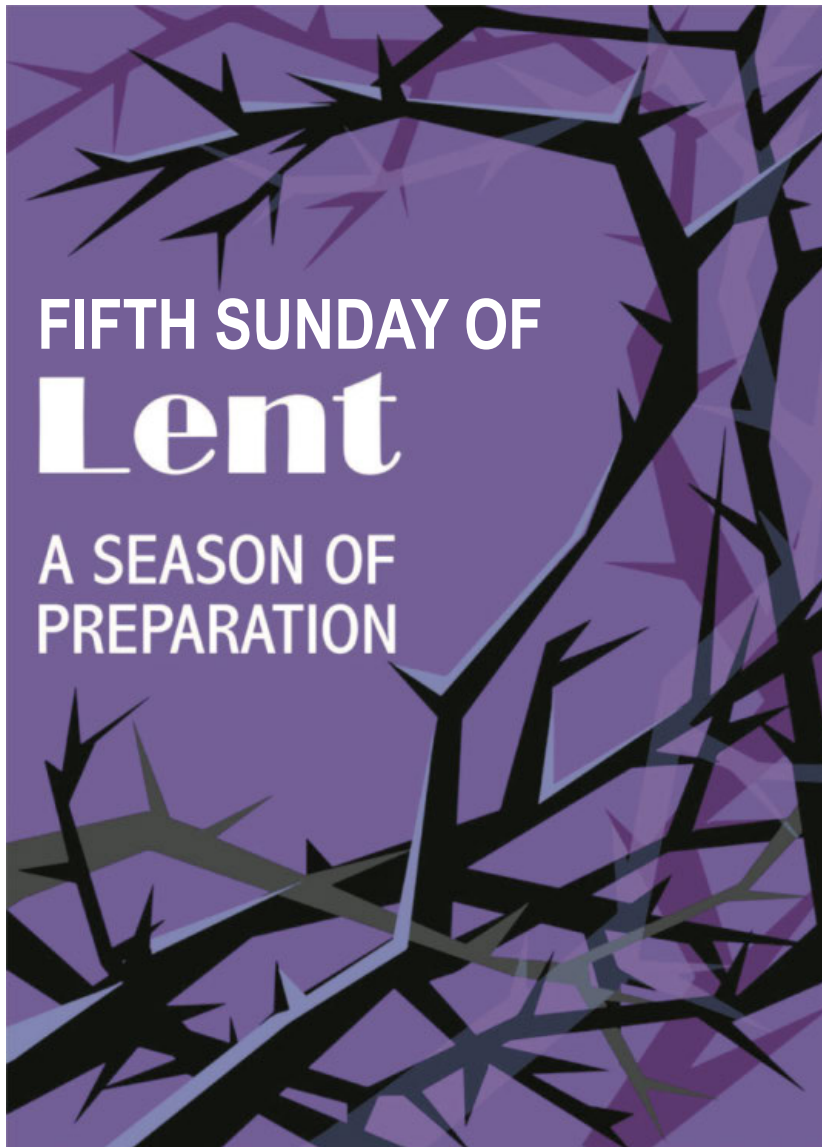




SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Adoration / Private Prayer

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

Parish Office

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

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

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

Parish School

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Tinley Park, IL 60477
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www.stgeorgeschool.org

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.

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Message From Father Paul

Next weekend we will celebrate Palm Sunday. This will be the beginning of the holiest week of the year. I hope you will plan on joining us for all the beautiful moments of walking with Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Too many Catholics do not recognize this as the high point of our faith. Christmas has overwhelmed Easter in the minds of many. But this is a critical misunderstanding. It is by the Paschal Mystery (shorthand for Passion, Death and Resurrection) that we are saved.

Sometimes we try so hard to domesticate Jesus, the same way we domesticate a pet. We like our pets to be sweet, cuddly and cute. Christmas can feel that way. But that's not how our faith is. As soft and sweet as we try to make it, Christmas is a story of questioning (Mary wonders what this pregnancy means and how in the world will she explain it to Joseph and her family.); rejection (Sorry, there's no room in the inn.) and peril (After Jesus is born, Herod wants to kill the child and the Holy Family flees to a foreign country to find safety.).

And that's just for starters. The rest of Jesus' life would be filled with these issues and more. Holy Week is the Church's gift to us to mark the stark realities of Jesus' life. If we're really paying attention, we might be able to see bits and pieces of our own life being played out in Jesus' story in some mysterious way.

On Palm Sunday, we see the crowds shouting out their "hosannas" and a few days later they are screaming for His blood. Have you ever had anyone turn on you for no apparent reason? It can happen in any number of ways, like when a friend suddenly cuts us off or a job is taken away through no fault of our own.

Holy Thursday we see the Apostles falling asleep when Jesus needs them the most. Then He is betrayed by Judas' kiss. This, too, can happen and leave us hurt and even devastated. This can take place in a divorce or the thoughtless words of an ungrateful child or a broken friendship. And how much more does this hurt when we have given the best we could, as Jesus had just done in sharing His Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

It seems surprising, but in Saint John's Gospel, Good Friday is the pinnacle of Jesus' glory. Throughout his Gospel, John presents Jesus as awaiting "the hour." At Cana, when Mary tells Him about the need for more wine at the wedding feast, Jesus tells her, "Woman, my hour has not yet come." The word "hour" takes on a special significance in John's Gospel and we see it many times. When it finally comes, it is on the cross. Certainly, the Apostles saw this as a moment of defeat and humiliation. How many times have we felt completely destroyed and ruined, and yet somehow things work out, or there is a change that could only happen through a tragedy? Unfortunately, for us most of the time, it takes more than three days for such things to resolve themselves. So don't lose hope...

One of our most hated times is when nothing is happening. We are waiting, held up in traffic or in a line. We fret and worry waiting to hear about a doctor's test results. Holy Saturday is like that. Jesus has died, the Apostles are hiding and nothing is happening. It is awkward and frustrating and frightening. We know. We've been there.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection, and the Paschal Mystery comes to its peak. Just when we think "It's all over!" somehow God breaks in and restores us to life. When this happens for us (a lost child is found, a new job comes out of nowhere, a loved one comes through a serious surgery), we feel relief. Even more, we feel gratitude because we thought all was lost. Easter shows us that all is never lost, even when our heart tells us something different. God never abandons us, even in our darkest hour, even when things fall apart. That's Jesus' Paschal Mystery. That's our Paschal Mystery, too.



Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday 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, is also encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Stations of the Cross

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 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

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

Lenten Resources

The Archdiocese of Chicago Department of Communications has produced video reflections that will be available throughout the season of Lent. In addition, to deepen your Lenten journey, the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission has compiled a list of resources. We encourage you to bookmark this webpage: Lenten Resources - <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/lenten-resources>.



Palm Sunday – March 25

Saturday Anticipated Mass at 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Blessing of palms will take place at all Masses.

Holy Thursday – March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Private Adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday – March 29

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM
Living Stations performed by the teens at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday – March 30

Blessing of baskets at noon in O'Connell Hall
Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday – March 31

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM



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:

March 18 - "He Suffered Death"

March 25 - "Holy Spirit, Giver of Life"

April 1 - "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic"

BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal

DONATE BLOOD


Saturday April 6 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



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<https://tinyurl.com/mr4pvcd5r>
Or Scan QR Code —>



Questions about eligibility?
Call Versiti at 800-786-4483. For questions, contact Tim at 708-567-2605 or timsy68@gmail.com.


Saint George Family Bowling Party

The Saint George Men's Club is hosting a Bowling party on April 6 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Tinley Park Bowl which includes bowling, shoes, pizza and refreshments. There will be prizes and raffles. The cost is \$30.00 for bowlers, and \$11.00 for non-bowlers. Contact the parish office at 708-532-2243 to purchase tickets.

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, March 19 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.



THE CITY LIGHTS ORCHESTRA

THE BIG EVENT

The City Lights Orchestra under the direction of Rich Daniels will be playing a concert of Jazz music from the Swing Era at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

Sunday, April 21

Doors Open at 2:30 PM

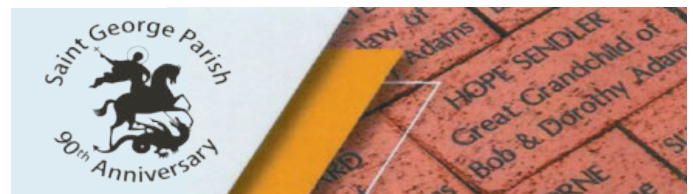
Music begins at 4:00 PM

Free Admission
(free will donation requested)

Food & Drinks Available For Sale
Raffles

Sponsored by Saint George & Saint Julie Parishes, made possible by the Chicago Federation of Musicians and the Tinley Park Convention Center

Become Part of the Legacy!



We are still offering the opportunity for you to purchase and personalize a brick paver to help make our Marian Shrine a special place to pray and honor our Blessed Mother.

Please visit <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/sgc> to place an order. There are also order forms at the entrances of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Conrad at www.kconrad@stgeorge60477.org.

STRIKE IT RICH RAFFLE!
DRAWING March 23, 2024
at our Spring Super Bingo
Grand Prize \$10,000.00
\$20.00 PER TICKET
St. George School
Tinley Park, Illinois
March 23, 2024
 For tickets call 708-532-2626
www.stgeorgeschool.org

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL PRESENTS
SUPER BINGO

Saturday, March 23
 Games Begin at 12:30 PM

15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Stop in the Dragon Drop Raffle Room!
Split the Pot
Raffle Bames
Multiple Pull Tab Games

\$35 Per Ticket
Includes
One 9-On, a Dauber, Dessert ticket,
Dragon Drop Ticket & a Door Prize
Raffle Ticket

This Week at Saint George

Sunday, March 17

- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 10:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)
- 11:30 AM Baptism (Church)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

Monday, March 18

- 3:00 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee (MR 3)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

- 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, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

- Easter Flower Collection
- 6:30 AM That Man is You (O'CH)
- 10:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 65496 Mmtg. (MR 3)
- 12:30 PM Spring Super Bingo - Strike It Rich Drawing (O'CH, GR, NCR, K)
- 2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

Sunday, March 24

- Easter Flower Collection
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)



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



As Eucharistic People, Are You Ready for a Local Real Presence Road Trip?

Following the National Eucharistic Revival commissioning at the parish level, as One Body in Christ, and led by the Holy Spirit to center on The Eucharist, the Vicariate V, Deanery Parishes: Our Lady of the Woods, Saint Damian, Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint George, Saint Julie Billiart, Saint Michael and Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parishes, collaborated to bring our faith communities together to worship and adore the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ which will culminate with a Eucharistic Celebration.

On Sunday, April 14, we will embark on a Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage. Our pilgrimage will take us to our local holy sites and parishes. In addition, we will enjoy an afternoon of spiritual enrichment focusing on the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Listed below is the pilgrimage route with approximate timings. Feel free to join us or drop off at any point in the Car Caravan Pilgrimage.

Saint Michael (14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL) - Church doors will open at 3:15 PM, for the 4:00 PM start time of Eucharistic worship and adoration,

Depart in a car caravan procession from Saint Michael at 4:30 PM to Saint Francis of Assisi (15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park). Arrive at Saint Francis of Assisi at 4:45 PM.

At 5:25 PM, depart in a car caravan procession from Saint Francis of Assisi for a 5:40 PM arrival at Our Lady of the Woods. Mass will take place at 6:00 PM. A fellowship gathering with light refreshments will take place following the Our Lady of the Woods Mass. Water and soda will be provided.

Donations of snacks and desserts are greatly appreciated. Please consider gluten free. Please drop them off at the Our Lady of the Woods parish office on Friday, April 12 or Sunday, April 14 between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Please label it Car Caravan Pilgrimage. You can also bring it with you on the Car Caravan Pilgrimage and drop it off before Mass in the Our Lady of the Woods narthex.

To register, please scan the QR code and complete the form or obtain a paper copy from your parish office to complete and return. All registrations are due by Wednesday, April 10. If you have questions, please email John Sobol from Saint Elizabeth Seton at jsobol@steseton.com.



In addition to our local parish support, we have authorization from the Archdiocese of Chicago Legal Department and Insurance Company, as well as the Orland Park and Cook County local law enforcement agencies. Orland Park and Cook County Law Enforcement Agencies will provide police escorts and assistance with safety as we process through Orland Park. All vehicle drivers participating are expected to have a valid driver's license and current auto insurance.

We are very excited to offer this one-of-a-kind opportunity to share our faith and celebrate the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. "Let's show up for Jesus"! See you at the Grouping Parish Car Caravan Pilgrimage on April 14.

Save Your Caps and Lids!

Tinley Park's Matthew Berry passed away at the age of 16 on June 17, 2023. His family is an important part our community and are parishioners at Saint George. Girl Scout Troop 65138 along with the CFF Confirmation students at Saint George are collaborating to collect plastic caps that will be recycled into a memorial bench that will be placed at Saint George. Friends and family can sit and pray in remembrance of Matthew. The goal is to raise a minimum of 100 pounds worth of acceptable caps and lids. The more we have, the better, so help us reach our goal by saving all caps and lids!

PLEASE SAVE:

Acceptable: medicine pill bottle caps (with information packet removed, milk jug caps, creamer caps, detergent caps, hair spray caps, toothpaste caps, deodorant caps, apple sauce pouch caps, drink bottle caps, flip top caps, spout caps, spray paint caps, ointment tube caps, baby food caps, shampoo/conditioner caps, cottage cheese lids, yogurt lids, mayonnaise jar lids, peanut butter lids, ice cream bucket lids (under 8 inches in diameter), cool whip container lids, pringle can lids, coffee can lids, butter lids, cream cheese container lids, spice lids.

Please wash all lids before donating!

Please place lids in a Ziplock bag and drop it in the orange box in the narthex or give to your CFF student to drop at class.

Early Bulletin Deadline

Please note: Due to the schedule for Holy Week and Easter, we have an early bulletin deadline. Articles for the March 31 (Easter) bulletin must be submitted by Friday, March 22.

Live The Liturgy

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

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Marian Disciples

SHARING OUR BROKENNESS will be the focus of the Marian Disciples of Saint George, using the book by Bob Schuchts, *Be Healed - A Guide to Encountering the Powerful Love of Jesus in Your Life*. The book is available through Ave Maria Press (www.avemariapress.com).

Registration is open to all individuals 18 years and older. You do not have to be a parishioner to register. There will be five sessions, all of which will be held at Saint George in the Cahill Parish Life Center, Meeting Room 3 or 4, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM beginning April 11 and ending May 9.

Please register now through April 8, 2024 by emailing Rosa Jimenez at rmjrey@ameritech.net or Mary Spengler at mary.spengler@yahoo.com. More information as well as a confirmation email with the syllabus will be sent to those attending.

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. Practices take place on Wednesday evenings 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, or leave your name at the CFF office.

Practice Dates are as follows:

Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00 PM to 8:30 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.



Have you been baptized, and are receiving Eucharist at Mass but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Through a virtual platform, the Archdiocese of Chicago is offering formation for the reception of Confirmation. The sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. You must register through the Archdiocesan website noted below.

https://pvm.archchicago.org/es_MX/lifelong-formation/sacramental-formation/adult-confirmation

Sessions begin on March 26; however, registration ends on March 22. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the process, you need to be affiliated with a parish within the Archdiocese. When you register you will be asked to provide a Baptismal Certificate as well as recognition that you received your First Communion or are a practicing Catholic receiving from a particular parish.

Confirmation is scheduled for May 20 at Queen of All Saints parish in Chicago. There is also a mandatory Retreat scheduled for April 6 at Our Lady of Angels Mission. For more information, Please reach out to Jeanne Lassandrello at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or call my office at 708-532-8211. I am looking forward to walking with you as you prepare to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church.

Jeanne Lassandrello,
Director of Life Long Formation



"I understand he was quite a basketball player."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
Pat Mitchell+
Maureen Mitchell-Johnson+

Sunday, March 17

7:30 AM Thomas G. Dohm+
Elaine Buchanan+
Thomas Giblin+

9:30 AM Pat & Jack McGeehan+
John McCulley+
Mary Ann Dwornik+

11:30 AM Joseph Gembala+
Peter Kiec+
Anthony & Katherine Scott
Family

Monday, March 18

8:15 AM Amedo Barredo+
Dr. Anthony Zanayed DC
(Special Intention)
Mary Jakubowski+

Tuesday, March 19

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+
Beckett Plunkett+ (Month's Mind)

Wednesday, March 20

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners

Thursday, March 21

8:15 AM Jean Fisher

Friday, March 22

8:15 AM Clarita Guiang+
Sam & Helen Baumann+
Martin Scanlon+

Saturday, March 23

4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikiwicz+
Joseph Gambala+
Peter Kiec+
Norman Sandquist+

Sunday, March 24

7:30 AM Mieczyslaw Gierat+
Anthony F. Ponziano+
Czeslaw Hanusiak+

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus+
Mass for Parishioners
Judith Kubick+

11:30 AM Clarita Guiang+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+
Bernadette Bosco+

+ Deceased

Please Pray For...

Our Sick...

Scott Adams, Yvonne Renee Adams, Robert Baader, Terrence Baker, Ed & Pat Barta, Dennis Bowman, Angie Brady, Arlene Bulow, Dominick Byrne, Jack Carlson, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Margaret Concannon, 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, Holly Hesselschwardt, Carole Holding, Sandra Jakala, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, John Joe, James Kiner, Sr., Evelyn Knight, Donald Lavey, Bruce Lorence, Joelee Mac Masters, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Kelsey Mercado, Robert Metzger, Patricia Mitchell, Kathleen Mohan, Sharrelle Newson, Brian & Sandy Nichols, Gwen Norvilas, Romaine Padgett, Deacon Joe Panek, Lottie Pano, John Pochinski, Hailey Polk, Neil Reece, Eileen Reeves, Eunice Robey, Matthew Rogal, Ben Schaefer, James J. Schmitt, Theresa Schultz, Jay Scott, Karen Singer, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Lorraine Szara, Zbigniew Szlyer, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Tammy Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, Elsie Tragnitz, Leslie Vaicik, Judy Vock, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Bob Wyatt, Shirley Wydra, 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 Deceased...

Lucy Dovin, Marguerite Brennan, Antoinette "Toni" Zaro, 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, LCPl), 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 March 17

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn
12:20-33

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-
62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom
4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-
21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn
3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-
9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-
4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-
12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is
50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-
20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk
14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Holy Family Chapel

Holy Family Chapel offers the opportunity to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist during the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival. 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").

Al-Anon

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Bibzak - Cup
Raymond Bibzak - Cup
Sue Stanton - Cup
Jim Weglarz - Cup
Debbie Olejarz - Bread
Jack Yock - Bread
Charlene Yock - Bread
Ron Yock - Bread
Lector: Mary Spengler

Sunday, March 24 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Kukula - Cup
Karen Lyons - Cup
Julie Newtoff - Cup
David Whitaker - Cup
Betsy Windish - Bread
Paul Windish - Bread
Lector: Rita Walker

Sunday, March 24 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Bartos - Cup
Ann Floyd - Cup
Nicole Olson - Cup
Ventura Quatrini - Cup
Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread
Tim McCabe - Bread
Joanne O'Brien - Bread
Nancy Opyd - Bread
Lector: Denise Iggins

Sunday, March 24 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
Jim Novotney - Cup
Martha Pena - Cup
Wally Wawzenek - Cup
Jean Gaytan - Bread
Eric Susnis - Bread
Lector: Diane Wawzenek



Stewardship Update

March 2-3, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	16,223.49
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	1,027.49
School Fund	\$	1,598.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	465.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$	20.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	59.00
Easter Flowers	\$	606.00
Easter Offering	\$	1,950.00
Holy Thursday: Parish Missionary Group	\$	163.00
Good Friday: Holy Land	\$	158.00
Initial Offering	\$	70.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$	10.00

Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	567,921.71
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	547,056.00
YTD Difference	\$	20,865.71

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.

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 to request your statement. Please put 2023 Tax Letter in the subject line.

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. Your weekly donation can also be made by clicking on the QR code on the right.



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

Planned Giving

"I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word."
(Psalm 130:5)

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? A gift of life insurance 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 Parish, 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 with any additional questions.



The Eucharist ... is the sacrament par excellence of love. Christ offers himself and breaks himself for us and asks us to do likewise so that our life might become bread that feeds our brothers and sisters. – POPE FRANCIS



We saw Christ in Indonesia, through Evita and her disaster preparedness group. Together, they have helped keep their community safe during natural disasters, which have increased and become more destructive due to climate change. We saw Christ again in the group's communal vegetable garden, which ensures their families have nutritious food even emergencies.



We saw Christ in Uganda, in Adolf and Florence's obstacles, when they joined a Catholic Relief Services program where they learned new farming methods that help them grow crops even when it is hot and dry. They planted seeds that grow quickly, so that they can still have vegetables to harvest, even if there isn't much rain. This provides enough food to eat and to sell at the market for extra income.



We saw Christ in El Salvador, in Sandra and Santos Amaya's family. Like the body of Christ — which, though one body, has many members — each family member contributes their unique gifts to support the household. We saw Christ in Sandra's sacrifices to ensure her family and community can thrive, from learning how to keep chickens to traveling long distances for training that helps her and her neighbors.

Lastly, we have seen Christ in you during this holy season—in your prayers, sacrifices and almsgiving. As we near Holy Week, we reflect on the Eucharist as the sacrament of unity that ignites in us the desire to get out of our comfort zone and become Jesus' hands to care for our neighbors. Let us continue to imitate Christ in how He offers Himself for us on the Cross and in the Eucharist. In this way, may we generously give of ourselves to honor and uphold the dignity of our sisters and brothers around the world.

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



**Mark Your Calendars!
Make a Commitment for Earth Day**

Doing your Spring Cleaning? Cleaning your Garage, Shed, or Basement? Don't throw your bikes in the garbage so they land up in a landfill. Bring them to the WORKING BIKES COOPERATIVE COLLECTION at Saint George on APRIL 27 and 28.

Give your used bike a new home in a developing country!

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. Working Bikes also sends wheelchairs, tools and jogging strollers.

The Working Bikes Cooperative ships bicycles to Africa, Latin America and Chicago. 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 at the Saint George garage on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Contact Angie Brady at 708-341-3644 with any questions or... visit the Co-Op on the web at: <http://www.workingbikes.org>. Send email to: workingbikes@yahoo.com, or phone 708-660-9452.

Saint George Pro-Life

FLOSSMOOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

Please join the 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day from now 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 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, 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/.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

If you learn of a pregnant woman who is considering abortion, suggest that she call The Women's Center at 708-425-0707 (Evergreen Park), Aid for Women at 312-621-1100 (Flossmoor and downtown Chicago), PASS Pregnancy Care Center at 708-614-9777 (Tinley Park and South Holland), or Southside Women's Services at 708-229-0092 (Evergreen Park), depending on the location that would be more convenient. With a change of heart after taking the abortion pill, call 877-558-0333 or go to AbortionPillReversal.com. There may still be time to save your pregnancy.

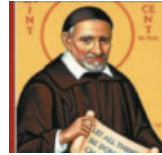
If you (or a person you know) needs to talk to someone to seek reconciliation and healing from an abortion, people are available who are ready to help you. Please call Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673), Post-Abortion Hotline at 800-5-WE-CARE, or Rachel's Vineyard at 877-467-3463.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN FLOSSMOOR

What better day to observe the tragedy of abortion than Good Friday? We will pray the Stations of the Cross at 10:00 AM on March 29, continued optionally with a brief vigil displaying signs until 11:00 AM. You are invited to attend this prayerful vigil at Flossmoor Planned Parenthood (19831 S. Governor's Highway, Flossmoor). Given the increasing volume of abortions committed in Flossmoor, please join us in solidarity with the babies lost to abortion and their injured mothers. 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).

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Fifth Sunday of Lent



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

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

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.

That Man Is You ANGELIC GUARDIANS

Saturday, March 23 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

This session might be one of the most fascinating of the entire year. We promise everyone will walk away with something new! In addition to a full college course on Mariology, Dr. Mark Miravalle also teaches a course on Angelology! Really?! Yes - an entire course on the angels!

Angels have more spiritual significance than most of us ever imagine. Sacred Scripture is filled with countless stories of their intercession and protection. Learn about each of the 9 Choirs of Angels: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Guardian Angels. There are literally billions of angels on our side! Possibly even more angels than there are human persons! We have the massive qualitative and quantitative resources for victory over the power of evil... we just need to claim them!

Please join us for this very special session about our "Angelic Guardians" and the importance they have in your spiritual journey!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. Hot coffee and a hearty breakfast are available beginning at 6:30 AM, our video program begins at 7:00 AM, and we adjourn at 8:00 AM.



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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 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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