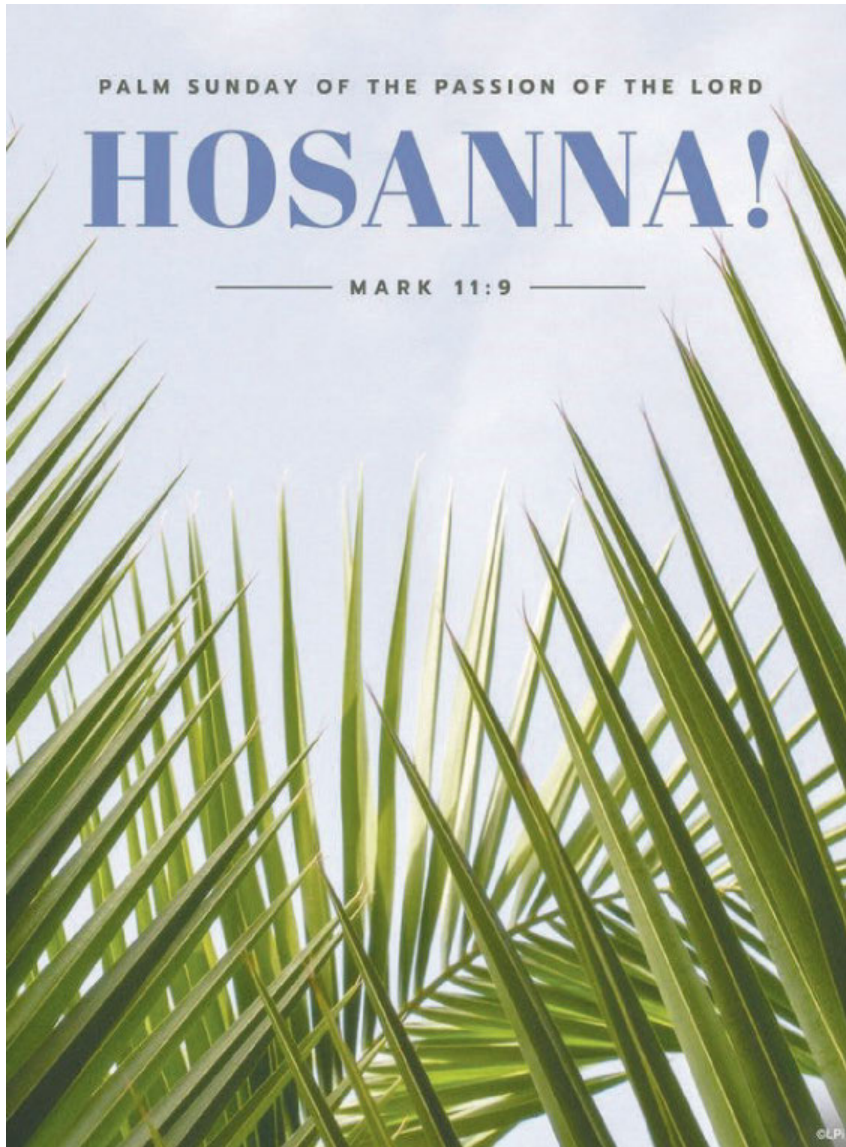




# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



### 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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### 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**

We now enter into the holiest week of the year. Holy Week is the Church's invitation for us to walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection in real time. These days represent the most crucial moments of the story of the salvation of the world. Today we hear the story of Palm Sunday at the beginning of the liturgy. We remember the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the most sacred city for the Jews.

An important detail is to notice that He rides in on a donkey. That told the people something about Him. Jesus came on a donkey to show His humility and status as a common person who comes in peace. A conqueror would ride in, not on a donkey but on a horse, a majestic and powerful animal meant to convey the majesty and power of the one riding it. But that is not Jesus' approach.

In the Gospel, we hear the sad story of Judas' betrayal, with a kiss no less. But before that happens, Jesus shares the bread and wine with His disciples. He is having a Passover Meal which is a sacred ritual for Jewish people. It recalls the ancient Israelites' flight out of Egypt. The angel of death is patrolling the country, killing the first-born humans and animals. The Israelites' homes are spared because they have smeared the blood of a sacrificed lamb on their doorposts. The angel of death passes over them. They leave in a hurry, not even waiting for their bread to rise. And they flee slavery to begin a new life in the Promised Land.

Our Mass is a direct descendant of the Passover Meal. We use unleavened bread. We seek freedom from the slavery of sin. And we, too, have a sacrificial lamb --- Jesus Himself, who would be led before Pontius Pilate, condemned and crucified. His ignominious death would be His crowning glory, as least as Saint John portrays it in his Gospel. The earth quakes and the sanctuary curtain is torn wide open, from top to bottom. And that's important. No human could tear it from the top. Also, the tearing of a piece of clothing was an act of grief for a Jew. It symbolized their aching heart. So God grieves that His Son has been killed. Yet the tearing of the sanctuary curtain also represents God demolishing the division between Him and the human race. In Jesus, God has experienced the one single most difference between the Creator and a creature---death.

These two magnificent moments --- the Last Supper and the crucifixion converge at every Mass. We come to participate in a representation of Jesus' Passion and Death. The Holy Spirit works and changes bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The shadow of the cross is cast upon the altar. And the promise of the empty tomb of Easter is implanted in our hearts, as we become Jesus in a world seeking truth and peace.

I hope you will find these gifts over these days. Please join us for all the liturgies you can. Walk with Jesus in real time.



## 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](mailto:ffatpts@ameritech.net), or leave your name at the CFF office.

Practice Dates are as follows:

- 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.

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

Join us in the Parish Life Center on Monday, March 25 and Monday, April 1 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! The session will open with Grace and a Soup Buffet at 6:20 PM followed by a video at 6:50 PM and a discussion from 7:40 PM to 8:00 PM. The topic on March 25 is "Holy Spirit, Giver of Life", and on April 1, the topic is "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic."



### 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

## 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.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, 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

Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, March 30.





**THE CITY LIGHTS ORCHESTRA**

# THE BIG EVENT

Join the City Lights Orchestra under the direction of Rich Daniels for an afternoon of great Big Band Music.

**Sunday, April 21**

**Tinley Park Convention Center**

**Doors Open at 2:30 PM**

**Music begins at 4:00 PM**

**Free tickets available at St. George & St. Julie (free-will donation requested)**

**Snacks & Drinks Available For Sale! Raffles!**

Sponsored by St. George & St. Julie Parishes. We gratefully acknowledge The Music Performance Trust Fund as Administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians & the Tinley Park Convention Center for making this event possible.

## 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](mailto:www.kconrad@stgeorge60477.org).



# KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

**Saturday, May 4 — 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Save the date!**

- Poker Tournament**
- Best Derby Hat Contest**
- Best Dressed Couple Contest**
- Horse Racing Pull Tabs**
- Derby Themed Cocktails**
- Bourbon Sampling**
- Babysitting Provided**
- Derby Winners Raffle**



Saint George Gymnasium  
6707 175th St., Tinley Park, IL

21 and older event



*St. George Church  
90th Anniversary  
Dinner Dance  
September 22, 2024*



Can't you guys at least pretend that you're planning to stay awake?



## Saint George Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus 4698 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Saint George Church (6707 W. 175th Street, Tinley Park).

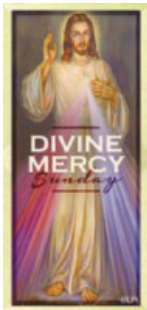
Please make your appointment on line: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4pvcd5r> or Scan QR Code.

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



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

## Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7



Join us to celebrate God's mercy and love for us. Divine Mercy Sunday is an official feast of the Catholic Church instituted by Pope John Paul II. At the heart of this celebration, are the messages of divine mercy given to Saint Faustina by Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus asked that the first Sunday after Easter be declared as a feast for His Divine Mercy and promised to pour out many graces on that day. From Saint Faustina's Diary: "Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, I trust in you. Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope, I trust in you." (Diary 297)

Pope Francis proclaimed that mercy is the beating heart of the gospel. As we face the problems in our country and as we pray for peace in Ukraine, we need to pray that our lives, our country and our world will be consecrated to merciful love, the beating heart of Divine Mercy.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held, in the sanctuary, at 2:00 PM.



## Celebrate April Showers of Divine Mercy Family First Sunday April 7

There is a song that says "mercy is falling like sweet spring rain." Come join us on Sunday, April 7, as we acknowledge the showers of April on the Feast of Divine Mercy, when the Lord does, indeed, shower us with his Mercy and Love. It is a great way to celebrate the continued Easter Season and share in the fellowship of Saint George parishioners. As always, the doors will be open by 7:15 AM on Sunday morning for anyone wishing to drop off goodies for our table on their way to 7:30 AM Mass. For those not wishing to supply edibles, there is always a free will bucket to help defray the cost of consumable materials. We hope you will be able to run between any raindrops and stop by to visit and share a bite or two and a cup of coffee or juice before you celebrate the rest of your day!

## This Week at Saint George

### Sunday, March 24

- 9:30 AM 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)

### Monday, March 25

- 9:00 AM Spiritual Direction (QR)
- 6:20 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

### Tuesday, March 26

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 7:00 PM Living Stations (SJB)

### Wednesday, March 27

- 7:00 PM Living Stations Practice (Church)

### Holy Thursday, March 28

- No School
- Parish Missionary Group & Bonaventure House Collection
- 11:30 AM Church Decorating (Church)
- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)

### Good Friday, March 29

- No School
- 10:30 AM Living Stations Practice (Church)
- 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord (Church)
- 7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon (MR 3)
- No Bingo

### Holy Saturday, March 30

- 9:30 AM Church Decorating
- 12:00 PM Easter Basket Blessing (O'CH)
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil (Church)

### Easter Sunday, March 31

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM Mass
- 11:30 AM Mass



## 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.

**Saint George**  
**SPRED**  
 salutes  
 the Knights of Columbus  
 for 49 years  
 of continuous support.



**Special Religious Education**  
 promotes one-on-one friendship with  
 developmentally disabled adults.

Looking to do something meaningful  
 this year? Call Liz Paller at  
 708-373-6517 to join one of our two  
 groups.



### **Knightley Knews**

Our next Blood Drive will be conducted on Saturday, April 6 at Saint George in the School Hall from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are eligible to donate, please consider doing so.

On February 2, we distributed checks to the SPRED and associated organizations who help the intellectually disabled. Your support during our annual Tootsie Roll Drive is well appreciated and you helped many organizations. Thank you to all who donated.

Our annual comedy night show was well attended. Thank you to all of you who came to the event.

The Knights will be hosting a membership drive at Saint Stephens on April 13 and 14 at the Masses. We are more than just the honor guards you see at confirmations. If you have any interest or have considered joining, talk to one of us at Saint Stephens or read about us at [www.knights4698.org](http://www.knights4698.org). You can also register on line to join.

For more information on our council activities and upcoming events please visit our website at: [knights4698.org](http://knights4698.org).

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter. May God's Blessings shine upon you.

God Bless.



### **Thank You Saint George Parish**

On behalf of all the current and future residents of Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, our Daybreak volunteers want to thank all those who contributed to this year's Souper Bowl of Caring collection on the weekend of February 10 and 11. Our parishioners donated over \$5,400 to help defray the cost of groceries that our group will purchase, cook, and serve at the center in the upcoming year! It will go a long way in allowing us to continue to provide healthy, delicious meals throughout 2024. God bless you for your generosity!





## 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](mailto: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 it to your CFF student to drop off at class.

## 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](http://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](mailto:rmjrey@ameritech.net) or Mary Spengler at [mary.spengler@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.spengler@yahoo.com). More information as well as a confirmation email with the syllabus will be sent to those attending.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 23

4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikowicz+  
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+

### Monday, March 25

8:15 AM Robert Anderson+  
Pat & Jack McGeehan+  
Chuck Murphy+

### Tuesday, March 26

8:15 AM Lawrence J. Kelly+  
Paula Dettman (Healing)  
Margaret Quitter+

### Wednesday, March 27

8:15 AM Carol Dixon+  
Mary Carik (Healing)

### Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday, March 29

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

### Saturday, March 30

7:00 PM Easter Vigil

### Sunday, March 31

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners  
9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

+ Deceased

## AI-Anon

Please join us at AI-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 AI-Anon can help. AI-Anon meets at Saint George on Mondays at 7:30 PM in O'Connell Hall.

## 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, Lucy Dovin, 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 Szyler, 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...

Marguerite Brennan, 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.*



## Holy Week Mass Schedule

	Celebrant	Deacon	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
Thursday, March 28 7:00 PM	Father Ken	Tom Schutzius Jerry Souta	Dawn Bartos - Cup Fran Fancsali - Cup Mary Kubick-Martino - Cup Tim McCabe - Cup Frances Bouchard - Bread Ann Floyd - Bread	Susan Amann
Friday, March 29 3:00 PM	Father John	Greg Bartos	Joyce Bibzak - Bread Kelly Conrad - Bread Ruth Strugala - Bread	Sandra Novotney
Saturday, March 30 7:00 PM	Father Paul	Greg Bartos Tim Keating Tom Schutzius	Christopher Barrett - Cup Jennifer Barrett - Cup Joyce Bibzak - Cup Don Clark - Cup Dawn Bartos - Bread Fran Clark - Bread	Fran Fancsali Naomi O'Malley Nancy Opyd Bob Page Cynthia Tongsy
Sunday, March 31 7:30 AM	Father John	Greg Bartos	Kelly Conrad - Cup Sandi Rogina - Cup Gary Rycyzyn - Cup Paul Windish - Cup Alice Graff - Bread Phyllis Hendzell - Bread Betsy Windish - Bread	Gary Hendzell
Sunday, March 31 9:30 AM	Father Ken	Tom Schutzius	Dawn Bartos - Cup Ruth Strugala - Cup NOT FILLED (2)- Cup Susan Amann - Bread NOT FILLED (3) Bread	Tim McCabe
Sunday, March 31	Father Paul	Jerry Souta	Diane Wawzenek - Cup Wally Wawzenek - Cup NOT FILLED (2) - Cup Frances Bouchard - Bread Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread	Tim Doyle

## Readings for the Week of March 24

### 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

### Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

### Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

### Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

### Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## Holy Family Chapel Good Friday Closure

In observance of Good Friday, Holy Family Chapel will be closed from 6:00 PM on Holy Thursday (March 28) until its standard opening at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 1.

## 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.



## The Port Easter Collection

**April 6 and 7, 2024**

Please leave donations at the entrances of the church. Listed below are some items needed by the Port Ministry.

100% juice concentrate	Puzzles
Bottled juice, and juice boxes	Paper towels
Healthier individual packed snacks	Napkins
Bulk hot cocoa mix (without marshmallows)	Bleach
Fresh apples or oranges	Toilet paper
Bulk packs of chili and soup	Kleenex
Individual packaged fruit cups	Spray disinfectant
Sandwich bags	Dish soap
8 oz. hot cups	Pine-sol type cleaners
Plastic soup spoons	Clorox wipes
Paper lunch bags	Diapers size 2-5
Art supplies	Baby wipes
Spiral notebooks	Tylenol
Construction paper	Adult & children cold/flu medications
Crayons	Working sewing machines

As in the past, Saint George Parish community has been generous with its response to the poor. Thank you for your continued generosity. For information, contact Angie Brady at 708-532-3644.

## The Port Mission Statement

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The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised **\$19,480** supporting **3 students** at **Saint George School, Tinley Park**.

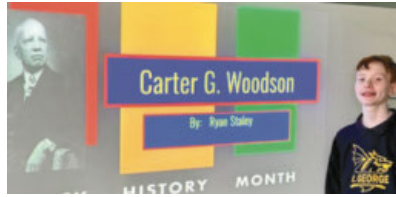
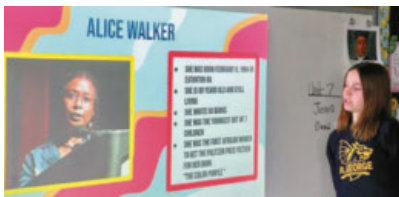
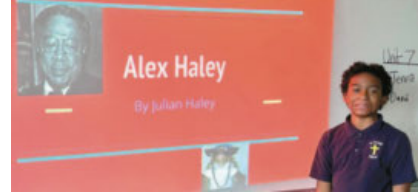
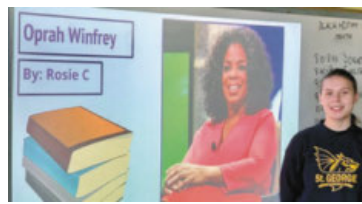
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With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.

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Seventh graders researched and created Google Slide Presentations on famous authors for Black History Month, expanding our knowledge of so many new authors!

Our students were treated to a presentation and book reading by local author Megan Deliberto. From the Pre-K to the Junior High, her presentations were engaging, and her stories are delightful. We are grateful to Megan for spending her day with us and sharing her gifts and wisdom with all of our Dragons.





## Stewardship Update

### March 9-10, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	17,470.44
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	2,274.44
School Fund	\$	317.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	269.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$	4.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	1,141.00
Easter Offering	\$	1,720.00
Holy Thursday: Parish Missionary Group	\$	80.00
Good Friday: Holy Land	\$	60.00
Initial Offering	\$	4.00
Church in Latin America	\$	4.00

### Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	585,392.15
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	562,252.00
YTD Difference	\$	23,140.15

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). 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](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org). Thank you for your generosity!

## Planned Giving

### What Will Your Legacy Be?

During this holy season of prayer and almsgiving, we hope you will consider a gift through your will or trust in support of the future of our parish community. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of Saint George Parish located in Tinley Park, Illinois. However, if Saint George Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

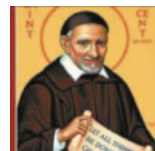
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## Offertory Collections

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.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society

### Palm Sunday



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

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.



*"Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

— *Philippians 2:7-8*

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His final meal with His closest friends and ultimately to His death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, as He walks that long road to Calvary. In these encounters, it's important not to forget an essential pillar of Lenten spirituality—almsgiving—which allows us to help those who are most in need.

This final week of Lent is also a time to reflect on those words of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied Himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question.

We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter—the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

**Catholic Relief Services RICE BOWL is coming to an end. Your generous Lenten Prayers, Fasting, and Alms Giving will change lives around the world.**



Please return your Alms in your CRS Rice Bowls by Sunday, April 7, 2024. You can return them at the weekend masses or at the parish office. You have put your faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you have learned about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

## Saint George Pro-Life

### 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).

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Why take health risks? When it comes to spacing children, many couples are turning to Natural Family Planning (NFP). NFP is 100% free of harmful side effects and does not involve the use of any medications, drugs, or devices. Proper use of NFP offers 99% effectiveness in postponing pregnancy as well as in helping couples with normal or marginal fertility achieve a pregnancy.

Now you can learn Natural Family Planning without ever having to leave your house. Natural Family Planning classes are available online. All you need is a computer or iPad, and speakers. The course features presenters on a live video feed, and you can ask questions through a live chat feature. New virtual classes in English and Spanish begin monthly. Register at <https://ccli.org/learn-nfp-from-ccli>

### ACTION NEEDED: Dangerous 2024 Illinois bills: HB 4876 and SB 3499

HB 4876 will criminalize parents who refuse to take their minor children for an abortion or "affirm" their gender of choice. Such parents will be charged with child abuse for denying their children abortion services or gender-affirming services. Contact Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin (38th Dist) by calling either 217-558-1007 or 708-833-7010 to ask her to oppose HB 4876.

SB 3499 will allow "medical assistance in dying" (assisted suicide) in the state of Illinois. It will allow doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to anyone diagnosed with a terminal illness. Doctors should not be asked to assist in suicide. Doctors need to have the trust of their patients. That trust would be threatened by assisted suicide. Contact Senator Michael Hastings (19th Dist) by calling either 217-782-9595 or 815-464-5431 to ask him to oppose SB 3499.

## 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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