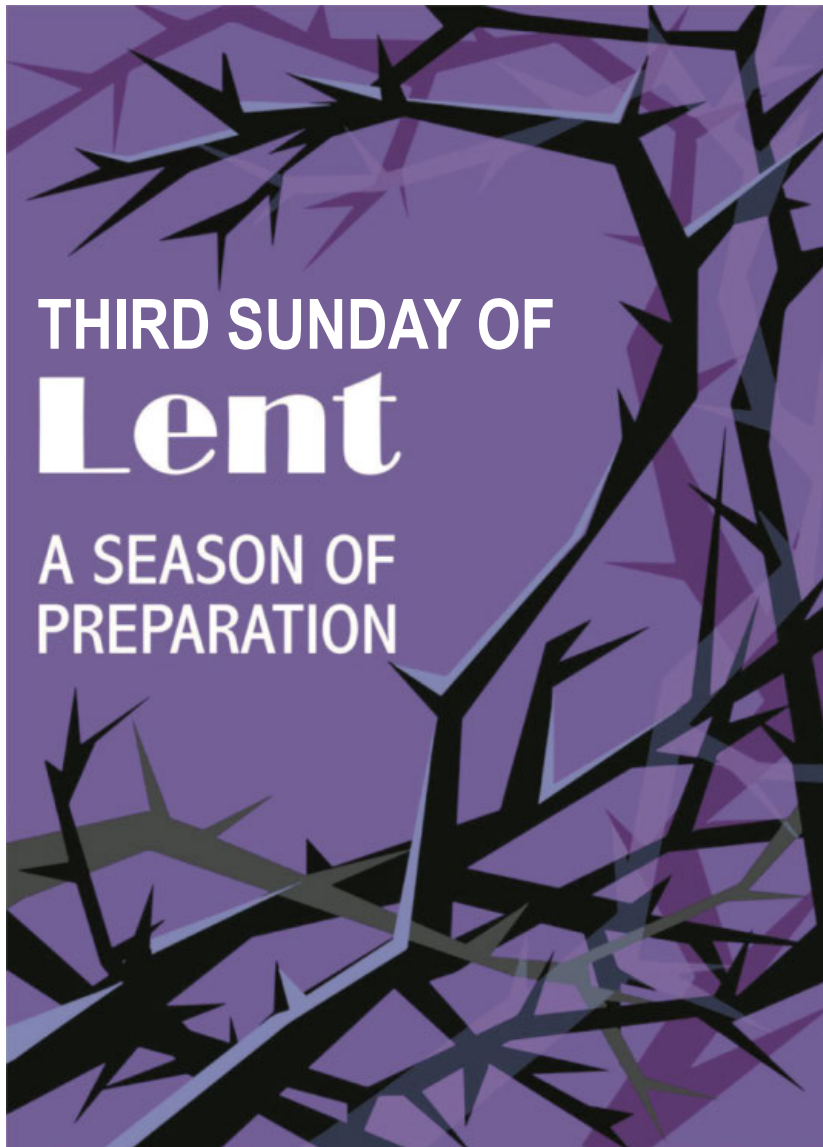




# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent



## THIRD SUNDAY OF **Lent**

A SEASON OF  
PREPARATION

### 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.

## Message From Father Paul

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As I write this, the parish mission with Joe Paprocki has not yet begun. I hope that it proves beneficial for all of us. I'll be writing more about the mission next week. But after listening to Joe over the weekend, one of the lines that stands out for me is, "We have a portable God." It is an interesting way to put it. In the Old Testament, the presence of God was known to the Israelites in the Ark of the Covenant which contained the original stone Ten Commandments. (Yes, that's the one from "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark"!)

Now in the New Covenant ratified in Jesus Christ, we also carry God with us --- not in an ark but within ourselves as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. As Saint Paul says, our bodies have become temples of God.

In the Mass we have asked God's forgiveness, heard His Word in Scripture, offered ourselves as we offer our Communion, we experience the Eucharist, the action of the Holy Spirit transforming the Bread and Wine into the Body of Christ. We receive Jesus in His True Presence in the Eucharist. We are then called to become what we receive. Yes, we become the Body of Christ, individually and as the Church. From there, we do what Joe said, as is the literal meaning of the Latin that ends our Mass: Go! The Mass is ended!

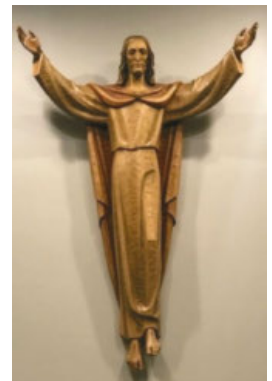
After all that, we are called to carry God out into a darkened world. We bring the Light of Christ to those who are seeking their way. Yes, our God is portable. And we are the means by which He is conveyed to the world. Us! No one else is going to do that. No one else can! We are the ones with whom God has entrusted the gift of the Eucharist. When we process up the aisle to receive Communion, we are taking on a sacred responsibility and God has given us a sacred trust: We bring God into the world.

So we go! We come into church so we can be sent out of the church. Equipped with God's Word and the Eucharist, we are sent on mission. And as we can imagine with any missionary, our mission may take us to new and strange places where we may not know what to do. It's not about foreign lands. It is about encounters with people, friends and strangers, who present us with missionary possibilities. These missionary possibilities are moments God gives us to share our witness of faith, whether that be through words or actions. When done in Christ's Name, they give Him glory.

I want to thank all those who helped plan our mission, especially those who helped with hospitality. Our hospitality at Saint George is the first thing people see. Everyone has a role to play in it, whether it be giving out snacks, making room in a pew or giving someone a break in the parking lot.

Last weekend, we blessed the image of the Risen Christ, our newest addition to Saint George. It was given to us by the people of Saint Emeric Church which was recently closed. Many folks from Saint Emeric have found a new home here. Imagine the many prayers offered before this image. Now in its new home, we pray the Risen Christ will hear our prayers as well.

Finally, thank you to everyone who have made their pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. At the Finance Committee meeting, we all made predictions on the outcome. Always the optimist, my guess is the highest. Maybe it isn't optimism.....! Just know the people of Saint George!



*F. Paul*

Mark your calendar for the

# BIG EVENT

April 21

Watch the bulletin for details.



## March 3 is Your Lucky Day! Parish Family First Sunday!

Whether your family celebrates March with shamrocks and soda bread or with cannoli and pizzelles or with kolacki and perogies, you are invited to start the month of festivities by joining us after one of the morning Masses on Sunday, March 3.

Feel free to wear your best green attire and carry your shillelagh, or your best shades of red and white, and stop by for a wee bit of breakfast before you set out on your Sunday journey. As always, contributions to our breakfast buffet are encouraged and appreciated. The Cahill Center will open by 7:15 AM for anyone wanting to drop off their soda bread and more prior to heading over to Mass. Hope to see all ye lads and lassies there!



## Women of Purpose

Women of Purpose will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in Meeting Room 4. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Please plan to join us!

## This Week at Saint George

### Sunday, March 3

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

### Monday, March 4

- 6:20 AM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 PM Acts of Faith Mtg. (QR)
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

### Tuesday, March 5

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)

### Wednesday, March 6

- 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)
- 7:00 PM Vision Council Mtg. (MR 4)
- 7:00 PM Women of Purpose Book Club (MR 1)

### Thursday, March 7

- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1)
- 12:30 PM SGS Band Practice (MR 1 & 2)
- 6:30 PM Women of Purpose (MR 4)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)
- 7:30 PM Kentucky Derby Planning (MR 1 & 2)

### Friday, March 8

- 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 9

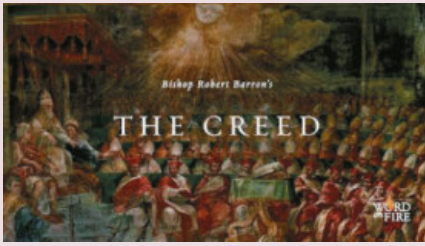
- 6:30 AM That Man is You (O'CH)
- 10:30 AM Llay Carmelites (MR 4)
- 2:30 PM Missionary & Prayer Group (MR 1)
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 65496 Mtg (MR 3)
- 2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

### Sunday, March 10

- 7:00 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 2:00 PM Peace Prayer Service (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)



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



## 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 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 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 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

A 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.

## 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 the webpage below: Lenten resources <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/lenten-resources>.

## Readings for the Week of March 3

### Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/  
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Jn 4:5-42  
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/  
Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and  
7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-  
20/Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 11:14-23

### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-  
11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-  
21ab/Lk 18:9-14

### Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3,  
4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

## Healing the World of Violence Prayer Service

On Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 PM, Saint George will be hosting a prayer service for Healing the World of Violence.

Please come and join us as we lift up our world in prayer and become more aware of the suffering endured by so many.



## Saint George School's Easter Fundraiser

*Fannie May*  
FINE CHOCOLATES SINCE 1920



School receives 30% profit from all orders!  
No sales tax! Save a trip to the store!

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

## 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, 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.

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday, March 9, 2024

Celebrant: Father John  
Deacon: Jerry Souta  
Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Olejarz - Cup  
Jack Yock - Cup  
Charlene Yock - Cup  
Ron Yock - Cup  
Joyce Bibzak - Bread  
Raymond Bibzak - Bread  
Tim McCabe - Bread  
Mary Spengler - Bread

Lector: Joe Schulte

### Sunday, March 10 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
Deacon: Greg Bartos  
Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Newtoff - Cup  
Lynda O'Brien - Cup  
Sandi Rogina - Cup  
Ray Schulze - Cup  
Karen Lyons - Bread  
Jim Walker - Bread

Lector: David Whitaker

### Sunday, March 10 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
Deacon: Tim Keating  
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Amann - Cup  
Ann Floyd - Cup  
Nancy Opyd - Cup  
NOT FILLED - Cup  
Karen Kiner - Bread  
Nicole Olson - Bread  
Ventura Quatrini - Bread  
NOT FILLED - Bread

Lector: Olatunde Adelakun

### Sunday, March 10 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John  
Deacon: Tom Schutzius  
Eucharistic Ministers: Frances Bouchard - Cup  
Jean Gaytan - Cup  
Linda Milazzo - Cup  
Jeanine Patrick - Cup  
Wally Wawzenek - Bread  
Diane Wawzenek - Bread

Lector: Bill Beckman



## A Giant Thank You!



Yum, Yum! The Paczki Sale was wonderful with 960 Paczkis being sold. All of the profits are being used for the Crossroads Missions Home Build Event to be held on June 21-22. We invite you to help build walls for two homes. Join 300 volunteers to help with this wonderful event to "Help Build Hope." Watch the bulletin for registration information. All are welcome.

A special Thank You to the ladies who made distribution of the Paczkis easy work and fun.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community

## 5th Annual Multi-Parish MISSION PROJECT

"Let Us Build A House  
Where Love Can Dwell"

June 21-22, 2024

On the campus of  
Incarnation Saint Terrence

**Hosted By Parishes  
of Vicariate V**

Saint Elizabeth Seton

Sqint Francis of Assisi

Saint George

Saint Julie Billart

Saint Michael

Saint Stephen  
Deacon & Martyr

Incarnation Saint Terrence



## 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 Billart, 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 Parish Church Doors (14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL), 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, we will 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).



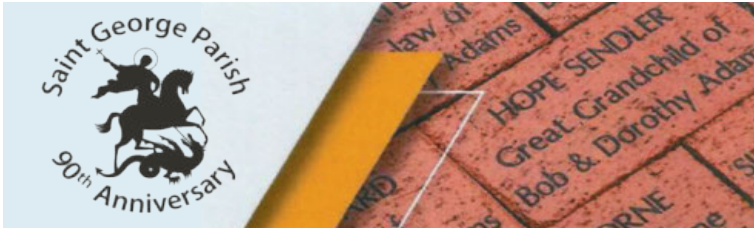
In addition to our local parish support, we have authorization from the Archdiocese of Chicago Legal Department and Insurance Company, as well as the Orland Park and Cook County local law enforcement agencies. Orland Park and Cook County Law Enforcement Agencies will provide police escorts and assistance 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.



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

**Remie Michael Grossi**  
Son of Robert & Kaitlin (McKeon) Grossi

**Charlie Paige O'Neill**  
Daughter of Kevin & Lauren (Mangin) O'Neill

**Congratulations to the Parents & Godparents!**

## That Man Is You THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Saturday, March 9-  
6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

At our last session we were brought face to face with the abandonment of our covenant with God. Modern culture is suffering the consequences of war, famine, and death. If we look closely, we will see that God is giving us signs to call us back to Him.

Steve Bollman returns this week to present the "Three Ideologies of Evil" and discuss the mistakes we make in equating technological progress with human progress.

"But my people did not listen to my voice ... so gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. O that my people would listen to me...I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes" (Psalm 81:11-14).

The will of God will be accomplished. We have two options - collapse or convert. Which will you choose?

We hope to see YOU there!

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.

**"What do John the Baptist and Rosie the Riveter have in common?"**



**"Their middle name."**



St. John the Baptist was a few months older than Jesus, his cousin. St. John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus' arrival his whole life, even from the womb!

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday - March 2

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the  
Payonk Family+  
Mass for Parishioners  
Geri Biel+

### Sunday, March 3

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

9:30 AM Karen Pisano+  
Ted & Janice Knuckey+  
Czesław-Jadwiga Kolb+

11:30 AM Bill Scott+  
Linda Lamberty, Theresa & John  
Kobbers, Deceased Members  
of the Lamberty Family+

### Monday, March 4

8:15 AM Antoinette Hausner+

### Tuesday, March 5

8:15 AM William Nelson (Special Intention)  
Kay Reisch (Special Intention)

### Wednesday, March 6

8:15 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+  
Mark Oboikovitz

### Thursday, March 7

8:15 AM Pat & Jack McGeehan+  
Robert Nelson (Special Intention)

### Friday, March 8

8:15 AM Ann & Sebastian Budz+

### Saturday, March 9

4:00 PM Rose Marsden+  
Thomas Doyle+  
Daniel Disabato+

### Sunday, March 10

7:30 AM Marilyn Lasala+  
Mass for Parishioners  
Aquilino Guiang+

9:30 AM John & Janice Clough+  
Audrey Dombrowski+  
Richard Arlen+

11:30 AM Robert Anderson+  
Diane Marie Kulpin+  
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 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, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Kelsey Mercado, 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, Jay Scott, Karen Singer, Burt Stewart, Delores Stewart, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Stoecker, Tony Streeter, Lorraine Szara, Zbigniew Szylar, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Tammy Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Dennis Torri, Marlene Torri, Elsie Tragnitz, Leslie Vaicik, Judy Vock, Shannon Wallace, Sandra Wickeham, Pat Woollet, Bob Wyatt, Shirley Wydra, Antoinette Zaro, Richard & Mary Zdun

*If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put your name on the prayer list. Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless we are notified the person has not recovered.*

### Our Deceased...

Baby Beckett Plunkett, Richart Furlong, Ellen Hallahan, Brian Cassidy, Julie Davis, Beatrice Muller

### 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.*



## Stewardship Update

### February 17-18, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	15,737.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	15,196.00
Difference	\$	541.00
School Fund	\$	186.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	95.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$	877.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	20.00
Parish Mission Group—Holy Thursday	\$	10.00
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	10.00
Easter Offering	\$	10.00

### Fiscal Year 2023 Year-to-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	537,687.52
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	516,664.00
YTD Difference	\$	21,023.52

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.

## Planned Giving

**"LORD, you have the words of everlasting life." (John 6:68)**

As stewards of our faith, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. If your family's needs are being met, you may wish to include our parish as a beneficiary. By naming <insert name of parish> as a beneficiary, you'll provide crucial financial support to our parish and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

You can contact your IRA administrator and request a change-of-beneficiary form to include (insert parish name) as a recipient of your good stewardship. Please consult with your account administrator for more information, or contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-848-3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

## 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!

## 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](mailto:krubino@stgeorge60477.org) to request your statement. Please put 2023 Tax Letter in the subject line.

## Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please note: Due to the schedule for Holy Week and Easter, we have some early bulletin deadlines. Articles for the March 24 (Palm Sunday) must be submitted by Friday, March 15. Articles for the March 31 (Easter) bulletin must be submitted by Friday, March 22.

## You Can Help at Mass

At each Mass, the bread and wine are brought to the altar by parishioners for consecration. You can do this by simply signing up in the folder where the gifts are at the intersection of the church. This is especially meaningful when the Mass falls on a special day for you or your family. It is simple and we need this help. Thank you!

## Saint George Pro-Life

### PRAYER VIGIL IN ORLAND PARK

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

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

### 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 from February 29 through March 21, or choose any hour from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (ending at 6:00 PM) for prayer on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor, Illinois at 19831 S. Governors Highway. Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th Street which goes west from Governors Highway or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Highway behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood).

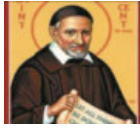
This vigil is part of the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and is one of nearly 600 in 30 nations. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation (e.g. make extra visits to Holy Family Chapel and/or attend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

### SPEAK OUT ILLINOIS 2024

The Speak Out Illinois conference will take place on 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 Vincent de Paul Society

### Third Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

Your almsgiving in the Saint Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. 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.



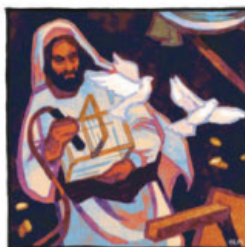
## Living a Prayerful and Contemplative Lifestyle through Spiritual Direction

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

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



## Live the Liturgy



Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

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## Domestic Violence

### Did You Know?



- Domestic violence happens to people of every educational and socio-economic level.
- Domestic violence occurs in all races, religions, and age groups.
- It happens behind closed doors on the street where you live.
- It happens to someone who sits near you in church each week.

The Saint George Domestic Violence Outreach aims to: Build awareness; Connect victims to services; Conduct and support prevention activities and initiatives.

### Help Wanted...

We are a small group with great hopes of helping families out of the bondage of domestic violence. But we need the help of caring and compassionate people like you. Our work is neither difficult nor time-consuming, but the rewards are infinite.

Please join us at our next meeting.

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM  
Cahill Center Meeting Room 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.

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").



### Story of Hope El Salvador

In Sandra Amaya's home in Morazán, El Salvador, everyone helps with the chores. Early in the morning, Sandra lights the firewood to cook, prepares coffee and sweeps the chicken coop. Oscar, her eldest son, helps make breakfast before walking nearly two hours to his high school. Nine-year-old Gamaliel grinds corn and, after having breakfast, goes to school accompanied by his father Santos and his little brother, Caleb.

Santos, Sandra's husband, is a farmer, but longer droughts and unpredictable rains have reduced his harvests and, therefore, his income. Seeking to earn extra money, Sandra began selling bread, tamales and empanadas. When she heard about a Catholic Relief Services project on raising chickens, Sandra didn't hesitate to join. She learned about preparing food for chickens and that they eat better if they are in a pen. She also learned how to vaccinate and take care of them if they get sick.

As soon as Sandra received some chickens from the project, she began to apply her knowledge. Now her family has access to their own eggs, which saves them money on food, especially now that prices are so high. In addition, her family eats healthier because they can eat a variety of foods, instead of just beans or tortillas with salt.

Sandra wants to keep learning and Santos supports her. "I made the decision to be a promoter because I wanted to have new knowledge; no one can take knowledge away from you," she says. "I discussed it with my husband and he agreed." When she travels far to attend a training, Santos takes care of the children. Upon her return, Sandra enjoys supporting other families by teaching them everything she learned.

Our Catholic faith teaches us how important it is to live in community for our growth and fulfillment. We believe that all people should participate in society, seeking the well-being of all, especially that of our sisters and brothers in need, just as Sandra does.

**Lent, time of...  
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# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Saint George School Student Council sponsors a fundraising event every year during Catholic School's Week. This year, our school had a "Penny War" contest. We are proud to say that we collected \$1,000.00 to donate Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is an organization that sends cards and care packages to cancer patients throughout the patients' treatments.



Student Junior High took it very seriously as they tried to sabotage each other for the sake of the charity for which they have been collecting.



## Penny Wars



Fifth and second grade buddies spent an afternoon together, playing bingo and watching a movie, on Student Appreciation Day during Catholic School's Week.

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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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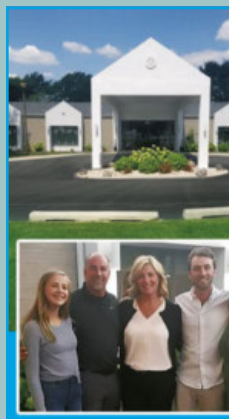
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