



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
- Lk 21:27-28

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

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:45 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday:
8:45 AM to 6:00 PM
Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Monday through Friday

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL

So how was your Thanksgiving? I hope it was a wonderful time for family and friends to get together, to catch up and to truly give

thanks for all we have. I visited the Children's Faith Formation sessions before the holiday, and I gave them homework: when you say your prayers before bed, tell God five things you are grateful for. It is a simple exercise and a very healthy one, too. People who are grateful are always aware of their blessings. People who are not grateful dwell on all they don't have. It makes a difference. It's the most joyful homework we can do!

Today we begin our time of preparation for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. Advent is a season of four weeks. Each week brings us a new angle, a new understanding of what kind of preparation we need. It makes sense that Thanksgiving comes right before Advent (even though it wasn't planned that way). What better preparation to welcome the Lord than by warming our hearts with gratitude for all we have received?

The Hand of God is a generous one. He doles out graces like the farmer who throws the seed around willy-nilly. Grace is in the air! It lands on hearts that are open and fertile. It lands on hearts that are struggling. It even lands on hearts that are completely closed off (usually because of ingratitude which is

caused by jealousy. When you look at all the rancor in society today, its roots can be found in people who feel they have been short-changed and envy those who they perceive as having something that they should have themselves. It's an ugly picture).

Grateful hearts are open. They are tender. They beat with joy and always look ahead with hope. This should not be misunderstood that all we have to do is put on rose-colored glasses. No, that is not true Christianity. The true Christian recognizes their own pain, and the pain of others. We know life has its tragedies. We even know the tragedies that would touch Jesus whose birth we await. We do not ignore these things. In fact, we embrace them, not in some weird masochistic way but rather as an opportunity to allow God's prolific grace to take root in a new way in our hearts.

I heard a priest tell a story of visiting a patient in the hospital. He offered prayers asking for healing, that the pain would be taken away, and she would be renewed in health. The priest invited the woman to offer her own prayer. She offered prayers of thanks for all her blessings. That was it. What a beautiful example for all of us. Her attitude in life was that of appreciation, humility and joy. What better way to spend Advent as we look to Christmas? Be blessed!

DECEMBER 1 - FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY

On Sunday, December 1, Saint George parishioners will gather to celebrate the season of Advent at Family First Sunday. Once you have finished celebrating the week with your family, come celebrate with your parish family. While we are awaiting the celebration of Jesus's birth, let us share the good cheer of the season with the wonderful spices and flavors of the season.

Bring all your best Christmas treats of ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and maybe even some peppermint, as well as your smiles and your appetites, to our buffet table! As always, the Parish Life Center doors will open by 7:15 AM for early birds wishing to drop off contributions on their way to 7:30 AM Mass. A free will basket will be available for those who prefer to help defray costs of the non-donated items. We hope you will join us!

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SAINT GEORGE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

10 for \$10.00

Inside message: May the blessings of the Holy Family be with you and your family this Christmas!

Pick up your Christmas cards in the Parish Office.



FAIR TRADE SALE

Celebrate Christmas with Fair Trade goodies! Prepare a gift basket for friends and those you love. When you buy Fair Trade, you help farmers have a better life with a sustainable living and the ability to care for their families.

Fair Trade Sale

Saturday and Sunday,
December 7 and 8
After the Weekend Masses

Items with expiration dates
will be on sale for great prices.

When you give Fair Trade gifts, you give a gift twice.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3)
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 9:30 AM Family Mass (Church)
- 1:00 PM Baptism (Church)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 5:00 PM NCCL Dinner (MR 4, TR)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)
- 4:00 PM Women of Purpose (MR 2)
- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 7:00 PM Order of Christian Initiation (MR 2)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)
- 5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR)
- 7:00 PM Secret Santa Shop (MR 1-3)
- 7:00 PM SPRED I (SC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 7:00 AM Secret Santa Shop (MR 1-3)
- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Mass (Church)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 7:00 AM Secret Santa Shop (MR 1-3)
- 7:00 PM Bingo (GR, K)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

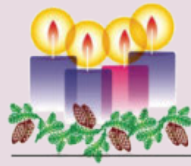
- Fair Trade Before & After Masses
- Retirement Fund for Religious
- 6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- Fair Trade Before & After Masses
- Retirement Fund for Religious
- 7:00 AM Breakfast with Santa (O'CH, GR, K)
- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)



ADVENT WREATH SIGN UP



As we wait in joyful hope this Advent for the birth of Jesus, our Light and Savior, let us take turns lighting the Advent Wreath at Saint George. Please sign up on the easel in the Narthex.

ADVENT MUSICAL PRAYER SERVICE Friday, December 13



The Music Ministry office of Saint George will present a musical prayer service, offering music, scripture and inspirational readings, silence for reflection and meditation, and fellowship on Friday, December 13 at 7:00 PM.

For more information, talk to Tim in the music area after Mass or email at tquistorff@stgeorge60477.org.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Feel free to bring guests.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Saint George Parish Advent Reconciliation will be held on Monday evening, December 16 at 6:30 PM.



We encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis, but particularly in the seasons of Advent and Lent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on the following Saturdays during Advent:

December 7- 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM
December 14 -3:00 PM to 3:30 PM
December 21 - 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday; however, we urge all of our Catholic families to celebrate the feast by participating in Mass. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 8:15 AM.

EUCHARIST ADORATION SERVICE HONORING THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AS WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD



Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, instructed him to visit his bishop and ask that a temple be built on the site of her appearance, so that she would have a place to hear petitions and to heal the suffering of the Mexican people. After repeated visits to the bishop, without success, on December 12, when Juan Diego makes another visit to the bishop, he opened his tilma in his presence, and roses fell to the ground. The bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. Our Lady of Guadalupe had this to say to Juan Diego: "I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."

In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), the Eucharist Adoration Service on December 10 will be dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the adoration service, we will join together to pray Pope John Paul II's Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us as we pray to Our Lady for peace in our world!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note... In anticipation of the upcoming Holiday Season, below are the early bulletin

Bulletin Date	Submission Date
December 8	November 29
December 15	December 5
December 22	December 10
December 29	December 19
January 5	December 26

Please visit the [Saint George Website](http://www.stgeorge60477.org) for additional information about Saint George - www.stgeorge60477.org.

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SAINT GEORGE GIVING TREE



Each year the Christmas Giving Trees provide Saint George Parish with a unique opportunity to work with the entire community by coordinating resources to meet the needs of families who may not have the ability to share in the spirit of the holiday season.

One of the ways you can support our Parish Christmas Giving Tree Ministry is by taking an ornament off one of our three Giving Trees located at each entrance of Church. By taking an ornament, you can select an individual to bless this Christmas Season and help a person in need. We will also have monetary donation envelopes titled "Christmas Giving Tree" if you are unable to shop.

You are invited to take a gift tag from one of the trees that has information about the recipient of the gifts. You can also pick up a tag during the week by coming to the Parish Office (Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM, or Tuesday and Thursday between 8:45 AM and 6:00 PM). Please check your tag as the dates to be returned are different for each group. Don't forget to attach the gift tag to the gifts.

Saint George Parish will be sharing gifts with:



Saint Coletta's Group Home Supply Drive

This yellow star shaped gift tag will help residents who are provided with educational and vocational services to men and women with developmental disabilities. Specific items are requested and some additional items for men and women are unisex hats, gloves, scarves, art supplies and extra long twin sheets. Gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 8. Wrapping is unnecessary.



Lord of Mercy (formerly Saint Gerard Majella)

The Purple Angel shaped gift tag will help children from our sharing parish. The suggested gift amount is \$25. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 8.



Saint Vincent De Paul

The Red Heart shaped gift tags will help Saint Vincent De Paul families from our parish who are going through a difficult time due to illness, job loss or other unforeseen circumstances. This Christmas help a family in need; buy a gift for their child (ren), food for their holiday table or alleviate the burden of fulfilling a basic need. We are asking for gift cards, purchased through our P.A.R.T. program in the amount of \$25 for each tag. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 8.



The Women's Center

The Pink and Blue gift tags will help The Women's Center who has saved children from abortion. The suggested gift is a \$25 gift card. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 1. Wrapping is not necessary.

Thank you for giving to those in need this Christmas Season!

Fr. C.C. Boyle
Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday,
December 8
8:00 AM -
11:00 AM
O'Connell Hall



Join us for an "all you can eat" breakfast: eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee and juice.

Adults (12 years and older) - \$10
Children (5 years to 11 years) - \$5
Children under 5 - Free

To help us with preparing for the breakfast, please respond by December 1 to vipr1561@gmail.com and let us know how many in your family are expected to attend. You are welcome to attend if you don't respond, but it would help us with ordering.

We will accept payment at the breakfast, no advanced payment necessary - cash only!

Any questions please email Don Clark, at vipr1561@gmail.com or text 630-461-6541.



"The Sunday school teacher says this'll be a true test of my acting ability. What does she mean by that?"

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO


**MINISTRY COMMISSION PRESENTS
LITURGY TRAINING**

Description of presentation: These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees attend Monday, December 3 evening's Scriptural foundation, an overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry. Wednesday, December 4, evening session, through prayer, reflection, and practice, participants will explore what it means to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. On Tuesday, December 10, evening session, participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass.

Day and Date of Presentation:
Initial Training for Liturgical Ministers

All Liturgical Ministers, everyone must attend
Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Part I
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saint Paul VI (Mater Christi site),
2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside, Illinois

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Part II
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saint Paul VI (Mater Christi site),
2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside, Illinois

Lectors

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Part II
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saint Paul VI (Saint Mary)
105 Herrick Rd., Riverside, Illinois 60546

Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart is a Chicago-area teacher, writer and spiritual guide. On faculty at the Institute for Life Coach Training Saint Xavier University, she also serves as Director of Education for Thriving Together, the Catholic Theological Union's Ministerial Coaching program; she has written numerous books and articles on Christian spirituality and publishes a weekly E-letter on the liturgical readings, Sunday BibleTalk. You can learn more about her at www.elizabeth-annestewart.com.

Contact: Elizabeth Kos at ebkos@stpaulviparish.org. All are welcome! There is no cost to attend, but for planning purposes please register at: <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>.

SAINT GEORGE P.A.R.T. PROGRAM

What is P.A.R.T.? - A program where you can purchase gift cards and you and the school can both earn money back on that purchase. You purchase cards at face value, school then purchases the cards at a discount price, the difference in price gets split 50/50 with you and the school.

What can you buy? - Hundreds of gift cards are available. You can view them at www.raiseright.com. We also have local venues available, such as Culver's, Ed n Joe's, and Gatto's.

How can I buy them? - Each Friday by 9:00 AM, you can submit a paper order to the parish office or an online order. Pick up will be the following week.

Interesting in setting up an account? - Email part@stgeorgeschool.org.

P.A.R.T. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Weekly Orders Due

Physical Card Orders

Due by 9:00 AM on the dates listed below

** Monday, December 2

Friday, December 6

Friday, December 13

** Tuesday, December 17

** Due date not a Friday.

No P.A.R.T. orders on
November 29, December 20 and December 27.

Regular weekly orders resume on
Friday, January 3.

Questions: part@stgergeschool.org


**WINTER
GOAT DRIVE**

Saint George parish working together with Saint Damian will be holding a winter coat drive this November.

Coats and other winter clothing items (slightly used or new) can be dropped off at church.

Coats will be distributed to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and Pro Laborie Dei.

Thank you for your kind and generous spirit.



THAT MAN IS YOU

MY SON, JONATHAN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
6:30 AM TO 8:00 AM

Our TMIY Men's Breakfast returns next weekend as we approach the end of our 13-week Fall Semester. Only two sessions remain until our winter holiday break. Nonetheless, this may be the most powerful session yet.

Jeff Joaquin, a TMIY core team leader for well over a decade, shares his story - ultimately, a story of God's unfathomable mercy. The session will no doubt end with silence because it may not be possible to speak for a few minutes. It's hard to even begin to describe - you'll just have to experience it for yourself!

Build the Kingdom - Bring a Friend! Do you know someone who needs healing? Give them a smile, a tap on the shoulder and a friendly invitation.

Hoping to see YOU there!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings for breakfast in O'Connell Hall at St. George School. ALL men are invited and encouraged to attend whenever their schedules permit.

DON'T MISS OUT ON HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Another year will soon be ending. Before it does, take a break from your regular routine and make a visit to Holy Family Chapel. 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: Wednesday 7:00 PM and Thursday 3:00 PM need new regular adorers. 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 - Noon, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM; Tuesday - 2:00 PM; Wednesday - Noon, 1:00 PM, 7:00 PM, Thursday - 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM; Friday - 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM. If making a regular hour is difficult because your schedule changes, please consider becoming a substitute adorer by pressing "Become a Sub" (under "Weekly Commitment").

SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

HEALING THE SHOCKWAVES OF ABORTION

The loss of one child to abortion impacts everyone involved; the mother and father, the grandparents, the siblings, family and friends, even the abortion clinic workers and abortionists, and even pro-life advocates who can't save every child.

If you (or a person you know) needs to talk to someone to seek reconciliation and healing from abortion, people are available who are ready to help. 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.

Depending on the location that would be more convenient, 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). If there is 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.

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, December 2. 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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

NOVEMBER 16 & NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	13,327.94
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	(2,947.06)
Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development	\$	1,734.00
School Fund	\$	75.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	60.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	30.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	30.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	332,255.30
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	341,775.00
YTD Difference	\$	(9,519.70)

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 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 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.

Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

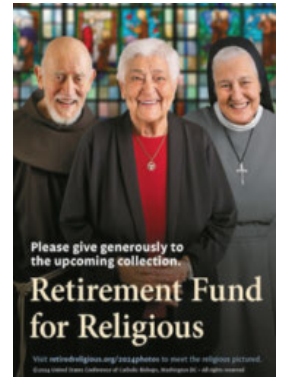
Saint George Church does not "pass the basket" during the offertory. Instead, please drop your contributions in the collection boxes located near the pews in church.

SECOND COLLECTION - DECEMBER 7-8

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80.

Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Next week we have a second collection. Please be sure to use the envelope provided in the packet sent home. If you don't have it, please use the envelopes in church and mark accordingly.



PLANNED GIVING

Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays you Back.

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a fantastic way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life—benefitting you today and our parish in the future. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga. To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.



SUPER BINGO

Our fall Super Bingo was a super success! Fun, laughter, and prizes filled the rooms. Hope to see you at our spring Super Bingo!



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Elizabeth O'Barski+
John Jones+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 AM Annamarie Whitson+
Paul German+
Ann Czaja+

9:30 AM David McCulley+
SPRED II Catechists & Friends
Barbara Misialek+

11:30 AM Gembala & Kiec Families+
Mass for Parishioners
Patrick W. Sullivan+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15 AM Fred & Paula Konchan+
Michele M. Melody+
Flordelina Marcos+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:15 AM Mass for All Souls
Frank Carlson+
Helen M. Williams+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:15 AM Elaine Mulcahy+
Irene Baske+
Ann Czaja+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:15 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Pat & Jack McGeehan+
Tom Nolan+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15 AM Stella Wiencek+
Eleanor Karwoski+
Paul German+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 PM Nancy K. Gatto+
Pauline Goodman+
Alan Filewicz+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 AM Mass for Mothers
Barbara Mary Morton+
Concepcion Agting+

9:30 AM Thomas Glaser+
Nancy K. Gatto+
SPRED II Catechists & Friends

11:30 AM Alice F. Lesnik+
Mass for Parishioners
Steven Julia+

+ Deceased

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK...

Patrick Amtman, Robert Baader, David J. Baczewski, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Walter Boreman, Angie Brady, Florence Budz, Dominick Byrne, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Baby Eden Grace Clausius, Margaret Concannon, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Cecelia Dusek, Philip Dwornik, Darlene Everson, Abigail Fanscali, Joe Ficaro, Emer Flannagan, Eugene Georges, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Marirose Grosschadl, Holly Hesselschwardt, Carole Holding, Sandra Jakala, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, James Kiner, Sr., Robert Klein, Dean Kosek, Donald Lavey, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Baby Ripp Mayer, Kelsey Mercado, Kathleen Mohan, Judy Nelson, Gwen Norvilas, Brian O'Connor, Deacon Joe Panek, John Polley, Charlotte Pratl, Betty Prusaitis, Jack Ramey, Eunice Robey, Kanchana Saetang, Gerald Sanchez, Jay Scott, Dennis Shub, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, V. Patricia Sullivan, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Marge Thomas, Tammy Thomas, Dennis Torii, Marlene Torii, Leslie Vaicik, Stella Vaicik, Kathy VanderJack, Tom Vander Sanden, Shirley Wydra

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

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Michael Sliwa, William Blackstone, James Cassidy, Nancy Masters, Arlene Bulow, Michael McGrath, Mary Joan Ryan

OUR MILITARY...

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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 DECEMBER 1

Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Olejarz - Cup
 Ron Yock - Cup
 Charlene Yock - Cup
 Jack Yock - Cup
 Joyce Bibzak - Bread
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread
 NOT FILLED - Bread
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Lector: Tim Framke

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Kavanaugh - Cup
 Lynda O'Brien - Cup
 Sandi Rogina - Cup
 Gary Ryczyn - Cup
 Ray Schulze - Bread
 Jim Walker - Bread
Lector: Teri Ryczyn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Adelakun - Cup
 Nicole Olson - Cup
 Ventura Quatrini - Cup
 NOT FILLED - Cup
 Dawn Bartos - Bread
 Karen Kiner - Bread
 Eva McCulley - Bread
 Nancy Opyd - Bread
Lector: Olatunde Adelakun

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
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 Diane Wawzenek - Cup
 Tim Doyle - Bread
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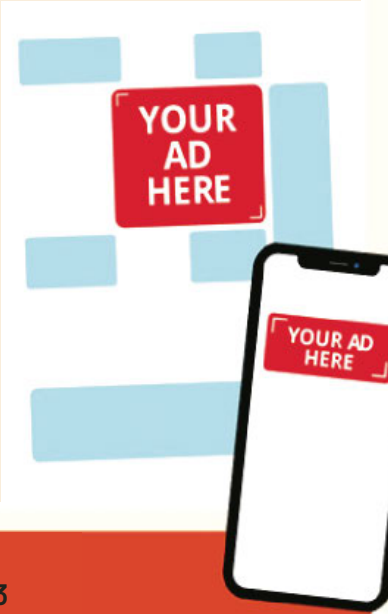
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We're Going Caroling

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 22—2:00 PM
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For additional information on GodSEND Youth Ministry, please contact John Sobol at jsobol@steaseton.com or 708-986-2446 or visit the GodSEND website — <https://sendyouthministry.org>.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus tells us to "be vigilant at all times." Advent is a time of watchfulness. Things are moving and shifting and changing — in our souls, in heaven, on earth. It's a time of great consequence. Great trial. Great hope. So, look to Jesus. He is coming

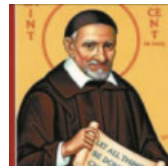
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Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love. The Saint Vincent de Paul poor boxes are located inside the inner church doors at all exits.

If your family or someone close to you is in need, please contact us at 708-532-2243 Ext. 515. A representative will return your call as soon as possible to arrange a confidential conversation. Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our ministry.

VICARIATE V, DEANERY E - ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFERINGS

Our Lady of the Woods, Saint Damian, Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint George, Saint Julie Billiart, Saint Michael, Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr, united as One Body in Christ, and all that lead us to the Eucharist.

Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 West 131st St., Orland Park, 60462, Ph. 708-361-4754, ourladyofthewoods.org/

- Advent Reconciliation Service - Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM, There will be English and Polish Speaking Priests.
- Adoration - Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 AM.

Saint Damian, 5250 West 155th St., Oak Forest, 60452, Phone, 708-687-1370, www.stdamianchurch.org/

- Christmas Craft Fair - Sunday, December 8, after all Masses and until 5:00 PM.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe - Saturday, December 14, 9:00 AM Mass followed by Festivities
- Advent Reconciliation Service - Monday, December 16, 7:00 PM
- Simbang - Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM

Saint Elizabeth Seton, 9300 West 167th St, 60487, Phone, 708-403-0101, steseton.com/

- Advent Reconciliation Service - Sunday, December 1, 3:00 PM
- Southwest Symphony Orchestra, Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 15, 4:00 PM
- Taize Service of Light Prayer Service - Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 PM

Saint Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, Phone, 708-460-0042, www.sfaorland.org/

- Return of the Legend: Celebration of Saint Nicholas— Sunday, December 1, 5:00 PM
- Advent Reconciliation Service - Saturday, December 14, 9:00 AM
- Simbang Gabi - , Sunday, December 15, 7:00 PM
- Advent Reconciliation Service - Monday, December 16, 7:30 PM

Saint George, 6707 West 175th St., Tinley Park, 60477, Phone, 708-532-2243, www.stgeorge60477.org/

- Advent Taize Musical Prayer - Friday, December 13, 7:00 PM
- Advent Reconciliation Service - Monday, December 16, 6:30 PM
- Stations of the Crib - Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM
- Simbang Gabi - Friday, December 20, 7:00 PM

Saint Julie Billiart, 7399 West 159th St., Tinley Park, 60477, Phone 708-429-6767, www.stjulie.org/

- Candlelit Advent Reconciliation Service - Monday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration - Sunday, December 8, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- Simbang Gabi Culmination Mass and Reception - Monday, December 23, 7:00 PM - 10:00 pm.

Saint Michael, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, 60462, Phone 708-349-0903, www.saintmike.com/

- Advent Reconciliation Service - Monday, December 9, and Tuesday, December 10, 6:15 PM
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Spanish Mass - Thursday, December 12, 5:00 AM
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Spanish Mass with an Apparition Narrative - Thursday, December 12, 6:45 PM
- Simbang Gabi - Sunday, December 22, 4:30 PM

Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr, 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park, 60487, Ph. 708-342-2400, www.ststephentinley.com/

- Artwork of the Vatican - Saturday, December 7, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- Southwest Symphony Orchestra, Christmas Concert - Friday, December 13, 7:30 PM
- Polish Advent Mission - Sunday, December 15, 12:30 PM Mass; Monday, December 16, and Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 , AM Mass, and 7:00 PM Speaker
- Advent Reflection led by Father Tom McCarthy and Reconciliation Service - Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 PM
- Individual Confessions, English and Polish - Thursday, December 19, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friday, December 20, 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM

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 FOR 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 additional information.

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: To make arrangements, please call the parish office at 708-532-2243.

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 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.

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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