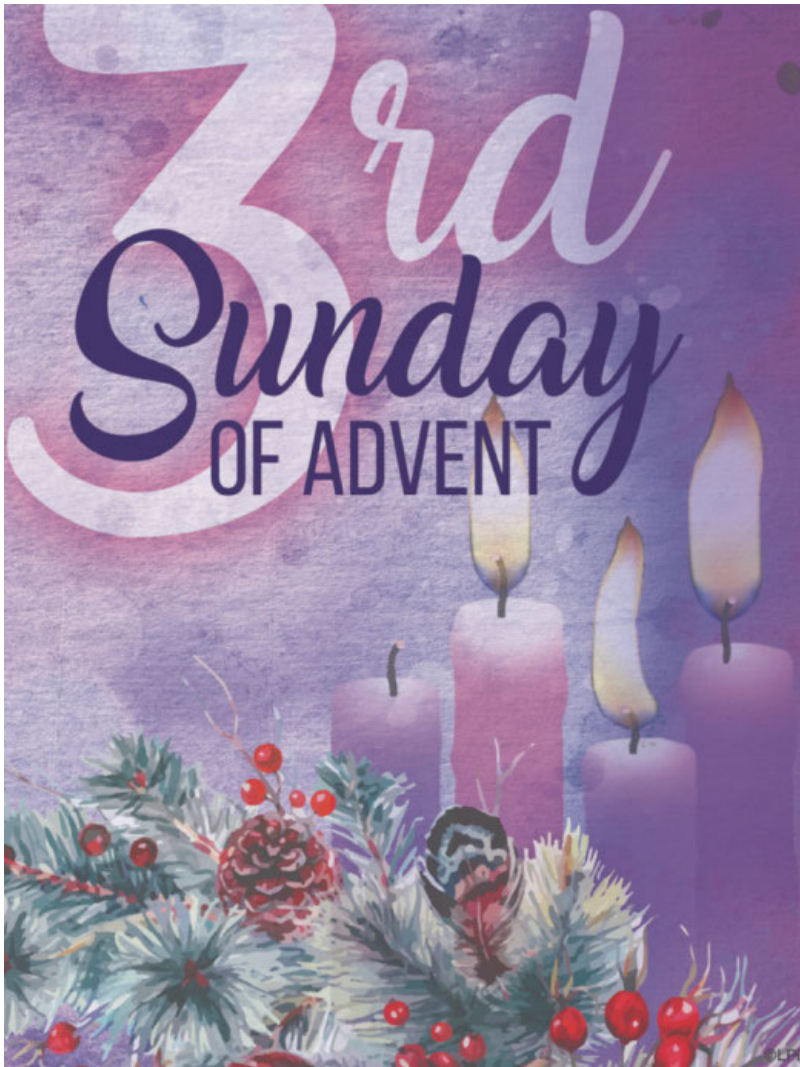




# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

DECEMBER 15, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worth to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."  
- Lk 3:16

### 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 through Friday

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**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL**

Today's Gospel touches on an issue that is very much on the mind of every person during this run-up to Christmas --- greed. John the Baptist is asked by various people what they must do to prepare for the coming Messiah. And it is an interesting bunch who ask: soldiers and tax collectors are specifically named. These are exactly the people you wouldn't expect. Soldiers were part of the Roman occupation of Palestine and many tax collectors were Israelites, considered collaborators with the Roman enemy. Traitors to their own people. Yet, here they are, asking how to lead better lives.

John gives four directives: share, don't cheat people, don't extort money, and be satisfied with your wages. All of these are intended to guide people away from greed. And here we are, preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas and at the end of time, being told all the things we absolutely have to have and all the things we absolutely have to give so everyone has a wonderful Christmas. Oh, boy.

So here's a thought. If anyone asks you what you would like for Christmas, go ahead and tell them but maybe add, "What I'd really appreciate is if you would go to Mass on Christmas." I talk

to so many people who are deeply hurt that family members don't go to Mass. Maybe asking for that as a gift would move them in the right direction and move us away from the greed John the Baptist warns against.

Bulletin deadlines are all jumbled up, so I have to write these well in advance. By the time you read this, I will have spent three days at the southern border in El Paso, Texas to see the good work the Church is doing for suffering immigrants. I'll fill you in when I can.

I want to urge everyone to join us on Monday at 6:30 PM for our parish Reconciliation Service. This is a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. We will have plenty of priests available. Please come and prepare the way of the Lord!

Finally, I ask that you join in prayer for Ms. Charlotte Pratl, our school principal. She has had some health setbacks that have kept her away from work. Ms. Pratl is very dedicated and loves our school, so it is frustrating for her not to be present for our students who she loves so much. Hopefully, she will be back to work after Christmas break. In the meantime, our school is being well-tended by Ms. Stock and Ms. Rojas. I am very grateful for the extra work they are doing and the whole staff at the school who always go at 110%.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00 PM - Children's Mass & Pageant  
(Carols begin at 2:40 PM)

5:00 PM - (Carols begin at 4:40 PM)

10:00 PM - (Carols begin at 9:30 PM)

### Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM  
(Carols begin 20 Minutes before Mass)

### The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28  
4:00 PM - Mass of Anticipation

Sunday, December 29  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

### The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 - New Years Eve  
Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1 - New Years Day  
10:00 AM

## WEEKLY ADORATION CANCELLED ON DECEMBER 24 AND 31

Adoration in church on Tuesday, December 24 and December 31 will be cancelled due to the holidays.



## 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 Saturday, December 21 from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM.



## OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Eve always has occupied a special place for those of Polish and Eastern European heritage. Probably more than any other set of customs, the tradition of the Oplatki wafers has continued to strengthen a sense of religious national identities. The Oplatki are large rectangular wafers embossed with figures of the Christ Child or other nativity scenes. Each member of the family shares a part of their wafer with those at the dinner table and wishes them a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Oplatki wafers are available at the parish for a \$5 donation.

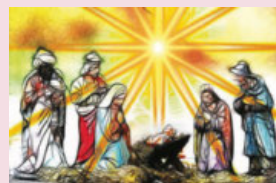
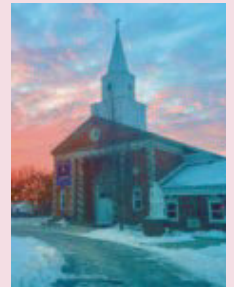
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## SAINT GEORGE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

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.



## STATIONS OF THE CRIB

On Thursday, December 19 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Saint George Church will present Stations of the Crib in Church.

Join us as our parishioner, Susan Amann, leads us through this beautiful night of reflection. This prayer experience will take us on a journey of fourteen stations through the events leading up to and following the birth of Jesus. There will be a time for silent prayer as we combine song and scripture together. This is a beautiful way to pray during the holy season of Advent.



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## PLANNED GIVING

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and [such] we are. (1 John 3:1)

### Please Remember Our Priests

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests' Health and Retirement at 708-449-8026. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit [prmaa.org](http://prmaa.org).

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## 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 708-532-2243 or [rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org). Thank you for your generosity!




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## 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.

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## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	17,114.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	839.00
School Fund	\$	1,176.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	262.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	50.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	85.00
Christmas Offering	\$	890.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	1,104.00
Fund for Religious Retirement		119.00
Easter Offering	\$	250.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$	10.00
Initial Offering	\$	50.00

### FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	379,783.80
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days- Budgeted	\$	374,325.00
YTD Difference	\$	5,458.80

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.

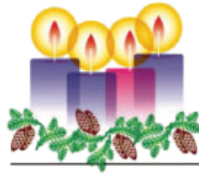
## MARIAN SHRINE COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

We hope you have found a little time to see the completed Marian Shrine. Some people have inquired if they could order a brick so we would like to offer another opportunity for those who are interested. Order forms will be available in the back of church and online. Orders will be taken until February 28 so the bricks can be installed in the spring.

## 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 or on the Saint George webpage - <http://stgworger60477.org>



## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note... In anticipation of the upcoming Holiday Season, below are the early bulletin submission due dates for the following bulletins:

Bulletin Date	Submission Date
December 29	December 19
January 5	December 23



### WE WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE SAINT GEORGE PARISH COMMUNITY

Abigail Marion, Daughter of  
Brendan & Alison (Golden) Burke

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS & GODPARENTS!**



Pastor Howie saves the third Sunday of Advent.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 6:30 PM Parish Advent Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group (MR 4)
- 7:00 PM Order of Christian Initiation (MR 2)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 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 SPRED 1 (SC)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
- 10:00 AM Art & Environment (Church)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Crib (Church)
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 7:00 AM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
- 7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass (Church)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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



Saint George would like to invite you to the first

# Family Café

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 10:30 AM  
IN THE CAHILL CENTER**

## COME FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

Join the conversation on how faith plays a role in our everyday lives. We are excited to share, learn and understand what religious and spiritual needs are important to our families. Your voice is an important part of this conversation and will help us better serve our parish families and strengthen and nurture our parish community's future.

Please visit [stgeorge60477.org](http://stgeorge60477.org) to register using SignUpGenius or contact Jeanne at [jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org)

We will have snacks, light breakfast foods, coffee, juice and great conversation. While the adults chat, the kids can play in the gym.

All are welcome.



## ALL ARE WELCOME!

ALL ARE WELCOME Do you know all the parts of the Mass? Would you be able to put them in the order we celebrate them? Would you like to learn more and share your experience of the Mass? Do you want to understand the answers to these questions and more? We are very excited to offer you this interactive opportunity to share your experience of the Mass and to listen to presenters give you details on parts of the Mass. As disciples for Christ we are to pray for one another. At our session this month we talked about and wrote our own Prayers of Petition. Each classroom did the same, and we shared them together in church.

January 8, 2025, The Nicene Creed and other prayers, Mystery Guest Presenter.

February 5, 2025 Eucharist, Deacon Greg Bartos Presenter.

Our meetings will start at 5:45 PM in the Parish Center MR 1 and 2. At 6:30 PM, we will go to church to experience that part of the Mass. Please feel free to join us at any of these and bring a friend. If you have questions or would like more information, please call the office at 708-532-8211 or email Jeanne Lassandrello at [jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org).



## THIRD GRADE FAMILY MASS

December 1, 2024



## CREATION CARE CORNER

### God With Us

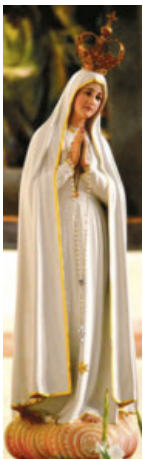
In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis reminds us how deeply present God is in our world always, reminding us of His love and commitment.

Worrying about the world's many, serious problems can take away the joy that our Lord intends for us, even during this season. On this, the Pope teaches that we can all cooperate with our Creator for a better world, and that even "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" can help heal our hearts and our planet.

The Holy Father encourages us to "come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast...Let us sing as we go," for "...the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present....he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward."

(*Laudato Si'*, para. 230, 244 & 245).

**Peace on Earth, and Good Will to all this Christmas Season!**



### PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at the home of Darlene Everson at 6307 Honey Lane, Tinley Park from Saturday, December 28 through Saturday, January 4. Rosary will be at 8:00 PM on Saturday, December 28 and 7:00 PM on Saturday, January 4.

All are invited to come and participate during this Christmas Season. Following the Rosary on January 4, we will have our annual party - games, food and fun. For further information, please call 708-532-1315. If you have never come for the Rosary, please consider coming this year to honor Jesus and Mary, His mother.

## 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](http://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.

**Interested in setting up an account?** - Email [part@stgeorgeschool.org](mailto: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

\*\*Tuesday, December 17

\*\*Due date not a Friday.

No P.A.R.T. orders on  
December 20 and December 27.  
Regular weekly orders resume  
on Friday, January 3.

Questions: [part@stgergeschool.org](mailto:part@stgergeschool.org)



## LIVE THE LITURGY

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00 PM Helen Rusnak+  
Deceased Members of the Tholl  
Family+  
Dorothy & Ray Lipinski+

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 AM Suzanne Smiley+  
Mass for Parishioners  
Annamarie Whitson+

9:30 AM Eugene Budz+  
Nick Warino+  
Matthew Berry+

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus+  
Mary Jakubowski+  
Tomas Torres, Jr.+

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 AM Paul German+  
Janet Kosmatine+  
Healing for Charlotte Pratl

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:15 AM John J. Garrison+  
Mary Giblin+  
Lindy & Mary Michelon+

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+  
Robert J. Rokos+  
Healing for Deacon Joe Panek

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 AM Margaret True+  
Gilda Gomez+  
Intentions for Rosita Lina

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:15 AM Kathleen Servin+  
Michael McGrath+  
Frederick Blohm Jr.+

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00 PM Gembala & Kiec Families+  
Larry & Geri Guzick+  
Linda Meinke+

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 AM Mass for Fathers  
Michael J. Kill+  
Thomas G. Dohm+

9:30 AM Sean Campbell+  
Keith Campbell+  
Richard Fryer+

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
Lamberty Family  
Alice F. Leswik+  
Mary Jean McLaughlin+

+ Deceased

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

### OUR SICK...

Patrick Amtman, Robert Baader, David J. Baczewski, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Walter Boreman, Angie Brady, Dominick Byrne, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Baby Eden Grace Clausius, Margaret Concannon, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Cecelia Dusek, Darlene Everson, Abigail Fanscali, Joe Ficaro, Emer Flannagan, Eugene Georges, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Marirose Grosschadl, Holly Hesselschwardt, Carole Holding, Sandra Jakala, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, Robert Klein, Dean Kosek, Donald Lavey, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Baby Ripp Mayer, Kelsey Mercado, Kathleen Mohan, Deborah Mraz, Patricia Murphy, 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...

Philip Dwornik, Jeanne Johnson, Marion Jacobson, John F. O'Reilly, Albert M. Krueger

### 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 (Air Sybiland 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, Sgt. James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), Camryn Shupryt (Army), SSgt. Alison Smallwood (Air Force), SSgt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), Sgt. FC Powell Yates (Army), A1C Andrew Yock (Air Force)

*If there are parishioners currently serving in the United States military, we would like to know. Please call the parish office and tell us the name of your dear one and he/she will be remembered in the prayers of our community and the name posted in the bulletin. Please indicate branch of service and rank.*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

### Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/  
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

### Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6  
and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

### Tuesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-  
8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

### Wednesday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/  
Mt 1:18-25

### Thursday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-  
6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

### Friday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk  
1:26-38

### Saturday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-  
3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

### Next Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/  
(4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

## 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: Tuesday 3:00 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").

## AL-ANON

Please join us at Al-Anon Family Groups - a fellowship of relatives and friends who share their experiences, strength and hope. It is a program of understanding. You have choices and Al-Anon can help. Al-Anon meets at Saint George on Mondays at 7:30 PM in O'Connell Hall.

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 - 4:00 PM

**Celebrant:** Father John  
**Deacon:** Tom Schutzius  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Kubick-Martino - Cup  
Debbie Olejarz - Cup  
Cindi Patula - Cup  
Charlene Yock - Cup  
Raymond Bibzak - Bread  
Tim McCabe - Bread  
Carey Murray - Bread  
Ron Yock - Bread  
**Lector:** Mary Spengler

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 7:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father John  
**Deacon:** Tim Keating  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kelly Conrad - Cup  
Pat Kukula - Cup  
Julie Newtoff - Cup  
Sandi Rogina - Cup  
Paul Windish - Bread  
Betsy Windish - Bread  
**Lector:** Rita Walker

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 9:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father Paul  
**Deacon:** Greg Bartos  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jennifer Barrett - Cup  
Karen Kiner - Cup  
Tim McCabe - Cup  
Nicole Olson - Cup  
Catherine Adelakun - Bread  
Susan Amann - Bread  
Nancy Opyd - Bread  
Ann Floyd - Bread  
**Lector:** Thomas Spengler

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 11:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father Paul  
**Deacon:** Greg Bartos  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Frances Bouchard - Cup  
Jean Gaytan - Cup  
Linda Milazzo - Cup  
Jim Novotney - Cup  
Diane Wawzenek - Bread  
Wally Wawzenek - Bread  
**Lector:** Tom German



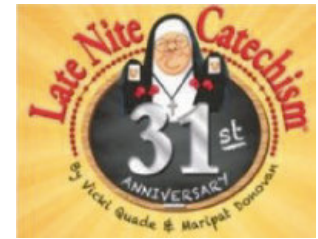
## SOUTHWEST SIMBANG GABII 2024

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Novena tradition of nine evening masses during the Advent season. It is meant to help intensify spiritual preparation of the birth of our Lord through prayer and music. Come attend this beautiful grace filled celebration!

The following parishes invite you to celebrate the annual pre-Christmas novena of Simbang Gabi. Come celebrate the gift of faith.

Date & Time	Parish	Presider
Sunday, December 15 7:00 PM	<b>Saint Francis of Assisi Parish</b> 15050 Wolf Road Orland Park, Illinois 708-460-0042 sfaorland.org	Reverend Jay Suero Celebrant
Monday, December 16 7:00 PM	<b>Saint Gerald Parish</b> 9310 S. 55th Court Oak Lawn, Illinois 708-422-0234 stgerald.com	Reverend Roy Belocura Celebrant Reverend Robert Pajor Concelebrant
Tuesday, December 17 5:00 PM	<b>Saint Fabian Catholic Church</b> 7450 W. 83rd Street Bridgeview, Illinois 708-599-1110 saint-fabian.org	Reverend Tirso Villaverde Celebrant Reverend Greg Warmus Concelebrant
Wednesday, December 18 7:00 PM	<b>Saint Veronica Parish</b> 1120 Douglas Avenue Flossmoor, Illinois 708-799-5400 stveronicaparish.com	Reverend Roy Belocura Celebrant Reverend Ron Kondziolka Concelebrant
Thursday, December 19 7:00 PM	<b>Saint Damian Church</b> 5300 W. 155th Street Oak Forest, Illinois 708-687-1370	Reverend Robert Stuglik Celebrant
Friday, December 20 7:00 PM	<b>Saint George Church</b> 6707 W. 175th Street Tinley Park, Illinois 708-532-2243 Stgeorge60477.org	Reverend Paul Seaman Celebrant
Saturday, December 21 7:00 PM	<b>Saint Albert The Great Parish</b> 8000 Linder Avenue Burbank, Illinois 708-423-0321 stalbertgreat.com	Reverend Dom Cambe Celebrant Reverend Mariusz Nawalaniec Concelebrant
Sunday, December 22 4:30 PM	<b>Saint Michael Parish</b> 14327 Highland Avenue Orland Park, Illinois 708-349-0903 saintmike.com	Reverend Frank Kurucz Celebrant
Monday, December 23 7:00 PM	<b>Saint Julie Billiart Church</b> 7399 W. 159th Street Tinley Park, Illinois 708-429-6767 stjulie.org	Reverend Bishop Robert Casey Celebrant Reverend Tirso Villaverde Concelebrant

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*From the founding of our nation, immigrants have been essential to this society's growth and prosperity. They come to our shores as strangers, drawn by the promises this land offers, and they become Americans. They continue to provide food security, health services, and many other essential skills that support our prosperous nation.*

*Our country deserves an immigration system that offers fair and generous pathways to full citizenship for immigrants living and working for many years within our borders.*

*We need a system that provides permanent relief for childhood arrivals, helps families stay together, and welcomes refugees.*

*We hope that our country can develop an effective asylum system for those fleeing persecution and an immigration system that keeps our borders safe and secure, with enforcement policies that focus on those who present risks and dangers to society, particularly efforts to reduce gang activity, stem the flow of drugs, and end human trafficking.*

*The United States should have an immigration system that protects vulnerable migrants and their families, many of whom have already been victimized by criminal actors.*

*Together, we must speak out on behalf of the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free" and ask our government to provide fair and humane treatment for our beloved immigrant brothers and sisters. It is our hope, and our prayer, that all of us can work together to support a meaningful reform of our current immigration system.*

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Your gift in the Saint 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.

## SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

### PREGNANT, NEED HELP

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

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

### PEACE IN WOMB CAROLING

Peace in Womb Christmas caroling (sponsored by Saint Mary's, Mokena) will take place at Flossmoor Planned Parenthood on Monday, December 16 at 5:00 PM. We will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 19831 S. Governor's Hwy in Flossmoor. Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th St. which goes west from Governor's Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). Share Christmas hope where it is most needed: at the abortion facility in our neighborhood.



## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

### PRAISE BAND EXPLORATORY MEETING



All 8th grade to high school age are welcome to participate in this NEW Liturgical Ministry opportunity and praise God through your God given musical talent at Parish Masses. A parent/guardian and youth exploratory meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 PM at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr, 17500 S. 84th

Avenue, Tinley Park, to discuss the let us gather, Godsend Youth Ministry and associated parish choirs, with the Brookdale and Bickford residents to lead the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season.



*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@steseton.com or 708-986-2446 or visit the GodSEND website – <https://sendyouthministry.org>.

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## TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR ADVENT AT SAINT ELIZABETH SEATON

Wednesday,  
December 18 - 7:00 PM

Taizé Prayer is to help people rest in God by experiencing the depth and simplicity of the Word of God which conveys a sense of PEACE. Through singing, chanting, silent reflection, scripture reading, prayers of intercession and praise, a meditative environment is created that gradually moves prayer from the head to the heart. Join us! Saint Elizabeth Seton Church is located at 9300 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills. All are welcome!



# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



Saint George School Honor Scholars sorted and bagged 114 pairs of pajamas that were donated for the "Good Nights for Better Days" Pajama Drive! For each pair donated, Scholastic Book Club will also donate a book. The pajamas will be donated to Aspirations of Life's Mission. These young ladies worked very hard to promote this successful fundraiser, and they truly are a reflection of God's love in the world.



I-Ready reading and math incentive drawing for the first trimester! Students received raffle tickets for completing extra I-Ready lessons. Three winners were chosen; two were absent. **Congratulations, students!**



Our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders welcomed 2nd Class Officer Allison from the Naval Academy. Allison is part of a student outreach program and provides junior high students with a presentation to help them visualize themselves as the next generation of leaders



## 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](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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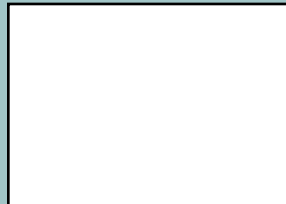
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