



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

SILENT NIGHT!
HOLY NIGHT!



SON OF GOD,
LOVE'S PURE LIGHT...

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 25, 2024

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

Merry Christmas, everyone! May God bless you in a very special way. Jesus Christ is born! He is Wonder Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace! He is Emmanuel, "God is

with us!" And yet, Jesus is also our brother and advocate. By His birth, He fulfills the promises of God, that He would send us a savior. Jesus is God incarnate. He is the Word of God made human. This is a great mystery of our faith and a great blessing to our souls.

I pray this will be a beautiful Christmas for you and your family. As you gather, I hope you will feel the sense of just how important each person is in your life. And I hope they appreciate how important you are as well! We are precious players to each other, each of us with a role to play for a time. So have some fun and enjoy each other. Time with family is often underrated. Think of it this way: when you recall your favorite Christmases past, no one ever thinks about how this or that team did or what was the latest movie or toy. What we do remember is how young the children were or how close Grandma squeezed us or that delicious meal. These are things that we remember because it's all about the people that matter.

Naturally, Jesus was told about the day of His birth by Joseph and Mary. The angels. The Shepherds. The three mysterious men who came to visit. I suppose they also told Jesus about some of the less pleasant things like the cold, the smell of the animals and the rejection at the inn. Imagine if that innkeeper had found room for the Holy Family. He would be the patron saint of hospitality workers. Think of how many churches would be named for him!

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of spending time with several other priests from around the country to see the work of the Catholic Extension Society in El Paso, Texas, right on the southern border. These days were some of the most inspirational of my priesthood.

We met a sister from Belgium who was in the resistance during World War II. Later, she ministered in Argentina and Paraguay during the dictatorships in those countries. She had some harrowing experiences. She is now 91, having started her current ministry in El Paso at age 80. We met a Franciscan priest who at age 91 is ministering to indigenous people who are Catholic but still maintain some of their old traditions. These are just a couple examples of melding cultures.

We had a special insight into this on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We met Bishop Mark Seitz who has done heroic work in trying to help immigrants, some of whom walked 3,000 miles to come to America. Many look through the border wall only to see the freedom they long for.

It would be impossible not to connect the dots between the Christmas story and the issues at the border. Setting aside the political issues, we cannot help but recognize the humanity of each person and see how their stories are not terribly different from the stories of our own families.

So today is all about families --- the families God gave us, the family we create, our family of faith, the human family. All of these link us together in the beautiful tapestry of God's Family, where all are welcome, all are loved and all share in our mutual humanity. Many these and many other blessings come to you as we celebrate Christmas together.

Merry Christmas!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In this holy season of Christmas, words from the Book of Wisdom echo in our hearts: *For while all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word leapt down from Heaven from Thy royal throne, as a fierce conqueror into the midst of the land of destruction.* (Wisdom 18:15).

We have many reasons to think of our world as “the land of destruction.” Today, so many people across the globe suffer the ravages of war and violence, the burden of illness, crushing poverty and displacement, and natural disasters that are often weather related.

Our faith affirms that the Eternal Word of the Father took our flesh, shared our human condition in all its troubled dimensions and then as “a fierce conqueror” lifted us up into new life. This mystery at the center of our faith gives us renewed hope and encouragement as we make our pilgrim way in this wounded world. Indeed, across the coming Holy Year, we celebrate the hope that only the Lord in His goodness can give us. It is hope, Saint Paul tells us that *will not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that as been given to us.* (Romans 5:5)

As you gather with family and friends in this holy season, I will pray for you and for a renewal of your hope. May the upcoming Holy Year with its theme Pilgrims of hope be an opportunity for all of us to learn how to be signs and instruments of hope for our struggling and burdened world.

As I celebrate the Eucharist in this holy season, I will ask the Lord to help you and your loved ones to cling to His word of promise that is the true source of our hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago





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
(There will not be an 8:15 AM Mass on
December 31)

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.



If you are new to our church or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our parish. You may register at 10:30 AM on the third Sunday of every month in the Parish Life Center. If this is not convenient, please contact the parish office.



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.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note... In anticipation of the upcoming Holiday Season, articles for the January 5 bulletin must be submitted by December 23.



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.

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 www.stgeorge60477.org to register using SignUpGenius or contact Jeanne at jllassandrello@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!

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 jllassandrello@stgeorge60477.org.

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.

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



Thank you! Thank You!
Thank You! Thank you
to everyone who
participated in our

Christmas Giving Tree by making monetary donations and shopping for gifts for Saint Coletta, Lord of Mercy, Saint Vincent DePaul and The Women's Center!

Because of you, our generous and giving parishioners, we were able to collect enough gifts to make Christmas beautiful and special for many children and families this Christmas Season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

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. Lesnik+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 AM Don Graff+
Margaret Quitter+
Michael J. Kill+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
5:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
10:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:15 AM Adam & Ann Wimunc+
Ellyn Bard+
Elizabeth Shigley+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:15 AM Margaret Quitter+
Donald Ade+
Michael Gibbons+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Sam & Helen Baumann+
John & Margaret Whalen+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Bridget Dougal+
Michael Palombi+

9:30 AM Olatunde & Catherine Adelakun
(22nd Wedding Anniversary)
SPRED II Catechists & Friends
Barbara Misialek+

11:30 AM Robert Anderson+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+
Audrey Dombrowski+

+ 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, Ted Dybas, 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, Pat Paul, 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, Vincent Carrig, Gregory Boltz

OUR MILITARY...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: P03 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), P02 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.

PLANNED GIVING

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

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

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 or contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995-0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	17,665.19
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	1,390.19
2nd Collection: Fund for Religious Retirement	\$	2,647.00
School Fund	\$	425.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	234.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	10.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	50.00
Christmas Offering	\$	2,220.00
Christmas Flowers		1,341.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	397,448.99
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	390,600.00
YTD Difference	\$	6,848.99

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.



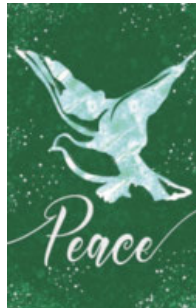
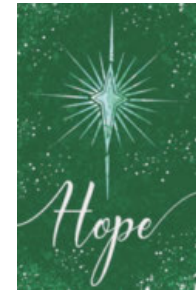
Did you know that you can give your Christmas Offering to Saint George electronically with Give Central. Just go to the Parish Website - www.stgeorge60477.org. or scan the QR code on the

right. Donations can be made by credit card, debit card and electronic payments. Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

	Tuesday, December 24 3:00 PM	Tuesday, December 24 5:00 PM	Tuesday, December 24 10:00 PM
Celebrant	Father John	Father Ken	Father Paul
Deacon	Tom Schutzius	Tim Keating	
Eucharistic Ministers	Christopher Barrett - Cup Jennifer Barrett - Cup Nicole Olson - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Tim Framke - Bread Karen Kiner - Bread Sue Stanton - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread	Betsy Windish - Cup Paul Windish - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Fran Clark - Bread Fran Fancsali - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread	Catherine Adelakun - Cup Frances Bouchard - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Joyce Bibzak - Bread Jack Yock - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread
Lector	Rita Walker	Kay Keating	Olatunde Adelakun



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

	Wednesday, December 25 7:30 AM	Wednesday, December 25 9:30 AM	Wednesday, December 25 11:30 AM
Celebrant	Father John	Father Ken	Father Paul
Deacon		Greg Bartos	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers	Alice Graff - Cup Tim McCabe - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Ray Schulze - Bread Jim Walker - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread	Susan Amann - Cup Dawn Bartos - Cup Nancy Opyd - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread	Karen Kiner - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread
Lector	Mary Spengler	Stephen Amann	Cynthia Tongsy

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

	Saturday, December 28 4:00 PM	Sunday, December 29 7:30 AM	Sunday, December 29 9:30 AM	Sunday, December 29 11:30 AM
Celebrant	Father Paul	Father Paul	Father John	Father John
Deacon	Jerry Souta	Tom Schutzius	Tim Keating	Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers	Raymond Bibzak - Cup Mary Spengler - Cup Ruth Strugala - Cup Charlene Yock - Cup Joyce Bibzak - Bread Debbie Olejarz - Bread Cindi Patula - Bread Ron Yock - Bread	Donna Kavanaugh - Cup Teri Rycyzyn - Cup Gary Rycyzyn - Cup David Whitaker - Cup Alice Graff - Bread Phyllis Hendzell - Bread	Christopher Barrett - Cup Karen Kiner - Cup Ann Floyd - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Catherine Adelakun - Bread Eva McCulley - Bread Ventura Quatrini - Bread Rebecca Schutzius - Bread	Frances Bouchard - Cup Tim Doyle - Cup Jean Gaytan - Cup Linda Milazzo - Cup Jeanine Patrick - Bread Eric Susnis - Bread
Lector	Bob Wyatt	Bob Page	Denise Iggins	Naomi O'Malley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9,
10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk
1:67-79

Wednesday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,
27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-
12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1,
2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,
9-14

Thursday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,
6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn
20:1a, 2-8

Saturday:

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-
8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-
6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/
Lk 2:41-52

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Another year will soon be here. Make a New Year's resolution to take a break from your regular routine and visit to Holy Family Chapel. Your visit offers the opportunity to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. You will receive the grace and love radiating from Jesus present in the Sacred Host. It will not take long before you feel peace and love while in front of Jesus in the Eucharist. Even if you are not certain how to pray, just know that you are before Jesus who knows you inside-out. You might even decide to join fellow parishioners as a frequent visitor, or by taking a regular hour each week. 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. 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").

SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

Celebration of Christmas provides a strong foundation for defending the value of human life. Consider some of the implications of the infancy narrative from Saint Luke's Gospel. How advanced was her pregnancy when Mary visited Elizabeth? Read the familiar passages from Luke chapters 1 and 2 carefully, and note the timeframe cited by Luke. Mary might hardly have reached the point where most mothers realize they are pregnant when she greeted Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her child in utero both recognize the presence of Jesus as both God and man at this very early point in His human development. Without the benefit of ultrasound or modern biology, Luke clearly proclaims the personhood of Jesus. This insight must equally apply to all unborn children. They are all children of God for whom He sent Jesus to be their Savior. May the beauty of Christmas help us all recognize the meaning and value of all human life, to advance a culture of life.

ACTION NEEDED: DANGEROUS ILLINOIS BILL SB 3499

Please contact your state senator and representative now to express your opposition to Senate Bill 3499, a proposed piece of legislation that seeks to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. Many of you may have Senator Michael Hastings (815-464-5431) and Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin (708-833-7010).

The proponents of this bill are actively urging lawmakers to pass SB 3499 during the upcoming Lame Duck session, which begins on January 2 and concludes on January 8, when the 104th General Assembly is sworn into office.

Laws permitting assisted suicide pose significant risks to the poor, marginalized, and disabled, who may face pressure to end their lives rather than receive the care and compassion they need and deserve. There are documented cases from states where assisted suicide has been legalized, where individuals with rare or life-threatening conditions were denied necessary medical treatment and were instead offered life-ending prescriptions.



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE



CHICAGOLAND YOUTH MINISTRY YOUTH MINISTRY PARTY!

Where: Scene 75 in Romeoville (460 Weber Rd.)

When: January 2 - 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Cost: \$25 Per Student

4 Hours Unlimited Attractions!!

Go Karts, Mini Golf, Laser Tag, Batting Cages, Air Dodgeball,
Air Basketball, Slide Zone, Lazer Maze

\$45 game card for arcade games

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Parent / Guardian Consent Form Required

For more info / to sign up, contact: Deacon John Sobol,
jsobol@steseton.com or 708-986-2446

TUESDAY GATHERINGS

Tuesday Gatherings will resume on January 7, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

During the month of January, all Weekly Tuesday Gatherings will be at the Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Youth Room, 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park.



RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Starting January 16 to the End of March 2025

Games are played on Thursdays, starting at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 West 131st Street, Orland Park

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Questions? Contact John Sobol,

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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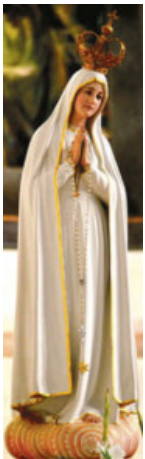
CREATION CARE CORNER

In Laudato Si' on the Incarnation

In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (*Laudato Si'*, 11)

Further, he reflects, "In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ's creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word 'became flesh' (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy." (LS, 99)

Joy to you, and to the whole world, 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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

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 (G)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- No School
- 10:30 AM Art & Environment (Church)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- No School
- 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- No School
- 7:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
- 9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
- 11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- No School
- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 7:00 AM No School
- No Bingo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

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



SAVE THE DATE... FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Women of the Parish and Friends... Come and enjoy a cup of love - A Women's Day Retreat sponsored by

Women of Purpose. More info to follow.





SOUTHWEST SIMBANG GABI 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 22 4:30 PM	Saint Michael Parish 14327 Highland Avenue Orland Park, Illinois 708-349-0903 saintmike.com	Reverend Frank Kurucz Celebrant
Monday, December 23 7:00 PM	Saint Julie Billiard Church 7399 W. 159th Street Tinley Park, Illinois 708-429-6767 stjulie.org	Reverend Bishop Robert Casey Celebrant Reverend Tirso Villaverde Concelebrant

After Mass fellowship will be held only on the last night of Simbang Gabi. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

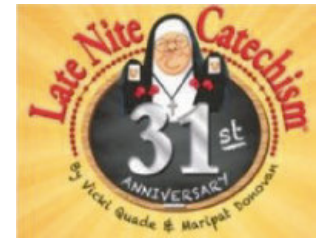
Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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.



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SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Student Council collected over 50 boxes of food during the Thanksgiving season and from Trunk or Treat. Thank you Saint George School and Saint George Community for being so caring and generous to those in need. We appreciate your support!

We are collecting hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for those in need in our community until January 7. Please send them to the school and they will decorate our tree in the lobby.



Saint George Student Council members sponsor Dragon Mart every Friday, a place where students can purchase small needed school supplies plus miscellaneous "fun" items.

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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