

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 29, 2024



He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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Message from Father Paul



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. We honor Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They give us a beautiful example of what family is meant

to be. The love and trust they had for each other was immense. Their willingness to allow God's will to work in their family was the glue that saw them through difficult times. Their faith was the source of their strength. Yes, they are a beautiful example for us. Not only can we learn from them, but we can be inspired and become rich in our own relationship with God. Let's pray for families with all their various shapes and forms, strengths and challenges.

I would like to extend a special word of thanks to all who helped make Christmas such a special and joyous time at Saint George. The Art and Environment group and maintenance team made the church look especially festive. The choir worked many hours to give us beautiful music to pray by. Our children presented the Gospel story of Jesus' birth with enthusiasm. Thanks also to our servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, sacristans and yes, even the money counters.

Our parish office staff receives many special requests for a variety of needs. They always come through with grace and efficiency. Our deacons always are willing to pitch in and assist in anyway they can. Father John brings his own brand of fun to everything we do. And thanks to all of you who joined us for Christmas Masses and brought people with you. Sometimes the ones we love need a little coaxing/urging/nagging to come but believe me, you did them a great favor and hopefully they feel the blessing.

Thank you to so many generous people who gave gifts to the priests, deacons and staff. The cards, gifts, prayers and goodies are all appreciated. Thank you! As we conclude the calendar year, I ask that you be sure to make your end-of-year gift to the parish soon so we can close out the books. Your generosity is the backbone of our financial strength.

As we walk through these days after Christmas, don't be in too much of a hurry to take all the decorations down. Christmas is not just a day, but a "season" when we take some time to just dwell in the moment. Allow yourself the time to simply sit at the manger. Reflect on your Christmas who I hope you shared with someone. And if not, know you are never alone. Let the Holy Family embrace you.

Sr. Paul



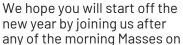
FAIR TRADE SALE Happy New Year!

Start off the New Year with some delicious comfort food and drinks! Shop for Fair Trade goodies on January 4 and 5 after the weekend Masses.

Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa Mix will be back. The Colorado Women's Bean Soup mixes can magically warm you up on these cold winter days. Brrr! Divine Chocolate is sooo delicious! What a treat!

For information or to volunteer 20 minutes a month please call Angie Brady at 708-341-3644.

JANUARY 5 - JOIN THE WISE AT FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY!





Sunday, January 5, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the icy cold of winter by featuring cool mint specialties. Here is a chance to get all those left over tempting treats out of the house so you can start that new year's diet without constant temptation! 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 stop by for a hot cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and a few minutes of fellowship with your parish family!

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4) 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

No School

7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

No School

4:00 PM Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary (Church)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

No School

10:00 AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

(Church)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

No School

9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)

7:30 PM Knight of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

No School

7:00 PM Bingo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Fair Trade Before & After Masses

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Fair Trade Before & After Masses

7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)

1:00 PM Baptism

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

ADORATION WILL BE CANCELLED IN CHURCH ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

Please visit the Saint George Website for additional information about Saint George - www.stgeorge60477.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 AM Healing for Paula Dettman

Rosita Lina+

Joseph & Geraldine Fugger+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 PM

Intentions of Elaine Lovato Sharon Swistak-Sobieck+ Carole Barnett+

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM Daniel Disab

Daniel Disabato+ Sam & Helen Baumann+

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

8:15 AM Teresa Kelly+

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:00 PM Mass for Fathers

Thomas Masian+

Donna Borzych+

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 AM Mass for All Souls

Annamarie Whitson+

9:30 AM SPRED II Catechists & Friends

Barbara Misialek+

Mass for Parishioners

11:30 AM Mary Jean McLaughlin+

Annamarie Whitson+

Paul German+

+ 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 Vander Jack, 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...

Vincent Carrig, Gregory Boltz, Lucille Tomczak, David J. Benoit

OUR MILITARY...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sqt. 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). Sqt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sgt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Spc.4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Sybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), A0AA 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), Sqt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), Sean Rio, Sqt. 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.



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

Flynn Arthur Tully, son of Jessica Los

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENT & GODPARENTS!



WE RECENTLY
WELCOMED
THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE INTO OUR
PARISH FAMILY.

Walter Hornik

William O'Brien & Helen Carroll

Eric Mohl & Stefanie Massa

Ryan Ballard & Emily Ballard & their daughter Avery



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Rooms 1 and 2. Everyone is welcome.

If anyone is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact: Pina Quatrini at 708-532-5731 or 708-606-0898, or Marybeth Kelly at 708-429-5740.

THE CHILD GREW AND THE

FAVOR
OF
GOD
WAS UPON HIM
LUKE 2:40



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Greg Bartos

Eucharistic Raymond Bibzak - Cup Ministers: Mary Spengler - Cup

> NOT FILLED - Cup NOT FILLED - Cup Joyce Bibzak - Bread Ruth Strugala - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread NOT FILLED - Bread

Lector: Naomi O'Malley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John **Deacon:** Jerry Souta

Eucharistic Julie Newtoff - Cup **Ministers:** Lynda O'Brien - Cup

> Gary Rycyzyn - Cup David Whitaker - Cup Kelly Conrad - Bread Paul Windish - Bread

Lector: Betsy Windish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul Deacon: Jerry Souta

Eucharistic Susan Amann - Cup **Ministers:** Dawn Bartos - Cup

> Tim McCabe - Cup Ventura Quatrini - Cup Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread Karen Kiner - Bread Eva McCulley - Bread Nancy Opyd - Bread

Lector: Bob Schuld

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul Deacon: Tim Keating

Eucharistic Frances Bouchard - Cup

Ministers: Tim Doyle - Cup

Fran Fancsali - Cup Jim Novotney - Cup Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread Jeanine Patrick - Bread

Lector: Nyla Unde

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PLANNED GIVING

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

You can contact your IRA administrator and request a change-of-beneficiary form to include Saint George Parish as a recipient of your good stewardship. Please consult with your account administrator for more information or contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org, or contact, 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 14 & 15, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 15,328.20
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$ 16,275.00
Difference	\$ (946.80)
School Fund	\$ 330.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 87.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 824.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 5,475.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 378.00
Campaign for Human Development	5.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 412,777.19
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 406,875.00
YTD Difference	\$ 5,902.19

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 OR

code on the

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

Saint George would like to invite you to the first



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 jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org

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



All are welcome.

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.



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 sessions 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 ilassandrello@stgeorge60477.org.

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 are offering 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.

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JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



We are excited for Jubilee Year 2025, a time of grace, renewal, and celebration for Catholics around the

world! This special Jubilee, declared by Pope Francis, calls us to reflect on God's boundless mercy and embrace our mission to live out the Gospel in everyday life.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we will join with the Universal Church in prayer and pilgrimage throughout the year. Cardinal Cupich will open the Jubilee Year locally by celebrating a special Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on December 29 at 12:30 PM. Throughout the year, from December 29, 2024 through December 28, 2025, all will be invited to participate in the Jubilee by visiting designated Pilgrimage Sites. The list of designated Pilgrimage Sites and additional information can be found at https://pvm.archchicago.org/es_MX/jubilee-2025

Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

-Pope Francis



Every year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. On this occasion, Popes generally make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings (C.S.T.). The Pope and the Vatican Church stress the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others.

This year's message is the latest in a long tradition of messages for this day that began with Saint Paul VI in 1967 and continued with Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. The theme of Pope Francis' message for the 58th World Day of Peace is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace." Hope, which also characterizes the Jubilee Year, is the primary theme of the message for 2025. Pope Francis invites us to look at the many challenges that severely endanger the survival of humanity and creation with a heart full of hope.

To do this, it is necessary to rely on God's mercy. By His forgiving our debts, we will rediscover ourselves as children of the Father, and therefore all brothers and sisters, united on the path of peace.



CREATION CARE CORNER

"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation."

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO CARE FOR CREATION

- The Pope's encyclical, Laudato Si', is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be reverenced by all.
- The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- Pope Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your Care for Creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/ Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd -4/ Jn 1:19-28

Friday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/ Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

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, January 6, 2025. 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.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:0 PM in church. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for true respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Please come to pray that our nation will be converted to a culture of life. Begin 2025 in prayer for increased respect for 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.

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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 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 VINCENT DE PAUL

The Holy Family

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families, providing in food, in gifts, and for utility and rent bills. Thank you.

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.

BREAD AND WORD

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Meeting Room 4 for Bread and Word. Bread and Word is open to all ages from middle school students to grandparents and beyond.

We open with a prayer, and then read aloud and discuss the Scripture readings of that Sunday. The discussions are fluid, and you are welcome to stop in at any point during the morning. Some people come after the 9:30 AM Mass, some leave at 11:00 AM to go to the 11:30 AM Mass. It is a very open ended commitment.

There is no special commitment to show up. You can come weekly, once / month, once / quarter, or even just a couple of times a year. No formal sign up is required. Just show up on a Sunday morning. The rest will take care of itself! For more information, contact Fran at ffatpts@ameritech.net or 708-828-1837. We hope you will give us a try!



THAT MAN IS YOU RETURNS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

The Holiday Season is almost over, and our TMIY Spring Semester begins in less than two weeks. Now is the perfect time to consider making a New Year's Resolution to "nourish" your spiritual life at our Saturday breakfast meetings!

We will meet for 13 weeks from January 11 through April 12, skipping only March 15 which is slated to be a special "Lenten Day of Reflection" for the men of Saint George Parish. Each week, our TMIY presentations and discussions will focus on how we, as Christian men, can improve our relationships and have a more positive impact within our families and community by developing a more intimate union with God.

If you weren't available last Fall, please don't let that discourage you from joining us now. You don't need to commit to attending every week; just come whenever you can. If you did attend any of our sessions last Fall, please consider inviting a friend to join you for breakfast this Spring and help them discover a great way to start their weekend!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings for breakfast in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. Breakfast is available beginning at 6:30 AM and our program starts at 7:00 AM. To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 708-614-1734 or pghendzell@gmail.com.





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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.

A parent/guardian consent form is required to play. Scan the QR Code to access the form and turn into John Sobol.

Questions? Contact John Sobol, jsjobol@steseton.com or 708-986-2446.

For additional information on GodSEND Youth Ministry, please contact John Sobol at jsobal@steaseton.com or 708-986-2446 or visit the GodSEND website — https://sendyouthministry.org.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join local Catholic Young Adults in Fellowship. For upcoming young adult events, meetings and info, please connect here: https//linktr.ee/ yafrassatifellowship.

The Young Adult Ministry Mission Statement: Help young adults become disciples of Jesus Christ, cultivate more involvement in His Church, and connect with peers to walk together on the pilgrimage to Sainthood. Our Vision is to have an actively visible Catholic young adult group in the community, who shares its spirituality through living out the Gospel and is committed to serving God and their neighbors.

Questions? Contact: Kyle Ragdowski, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator atafrassatifellowship@gmail.com



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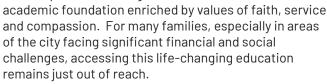
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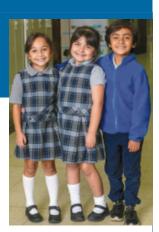
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Join Us in Making a Difference: archchicago.org/scholarships.



SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Sharing the love of Jesus... ♥ The sweet, lively voices of our students in Caring Hearts Club helped spread holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols to residents in two area retirement homes. The many smiles from the residents, along with some of them singing and clapping along, made this visit rewarding for everyone.

























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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS will take place at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of the month and at the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of the month. The family must be registered. A baptismal preparation program is obligatory in advance; please call the parish office to register and for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITATION 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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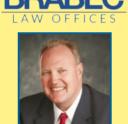


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