



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

DECEMBER 8, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the Salvation of God."

- Lk 3:5-6

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:
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Monday through Friday

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" He was announcing that finally the Messiah had come in Jesus Christ. John must have been quite a sight, certainly an eccentric. But he had a message to convey and he did it forcefully, with conviction. Each of us is called to be a John the Baptist, too. We are to be heralds of good news, that Jesus is real and alive in our hearts and world. He is more than just an historic figure who said nice things. He is the Lord of our lives! He lives and is moving among us... and he wants us to feel Him deeply within our hearts, so He can heal our souls and fill our lives with goodness. That's our message to the world today, so go ahead --- be a little eccentric! Jesus needs us to speak for Him!

Today we have a second collection for the Retired Religious. All those priests, brothers and sisters who taught so many of us. Their work was extraordinary, and it continues today in us and in those who followed their footsteps. Please be generous and be sure to use an envelope for that collection when you drop it in the box.

Please be sure to read the Pro-Life article today. It refers to a particularly heinous bill in the Illinois legislature to legalize assisted suicide. There are already about nine states where this practice is legal. We hold that all human life is sacred and a gift from God. It is not for us to reject

this gift.

I know the pain many people experience watching a loved one suffering. And there is nothing morally wrong with withdrawing medical care when it becomes evident that the body is no longer able to function and there is no hope for meaningful recovery. Sometimes you may hear older people say, "I don't know why I am still here." Every person has meaning and a purpose. Perhaps the reason some people continue to live even when burdened with illness is to bring something better out of us. Maybe through sick people, God is trying to draw out more and deeper love from us.

I am convinced that God has a special place in heaven for caregivers. It is an act of generosity and sacrifice like few others. But even caregivers need support and a break. We have such a group here at Saint George. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM. If you are a caregiver, you are most welcome to join us.

This week I will be going on a mission trip with the Catholic Extension Society which does so much good work in the mission fields of our own country. I will be in El Paso, Texas to see the important work the Church is doing at the border.

Saint Paul says in the second reading today, "I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you." Those words echo my feelings for the people of Saint George. Thank you for your kindness, your generosity and inspiration.

Fr. C.C. Boyle
Knights of Columbus

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**



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

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

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

Cash only!

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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

**PARISH
REGISTRATION**

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.

The Saint George Parish Registration Team is happy to announce that registration for new parishioners will take place next Sunday, December 15, AFTER the 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Life Center, Meeting Room 1.

Join us for coffee and a light breakfast as we welcome you into the Saint George Parish Family!

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 22	December 10
December 29	December 19
January 5	December 23

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:30 PM Bible Study (MR 4)
- 6:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul (BR)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- Daybreak Shelter
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)
- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 6:30 PM Baptismal Prep (MR 3)
- 7:00 PM Order of Christian Initiation (MR 2)
- 7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service (Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 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)
- 5:45 PM CFF Advent Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 PM SPRED 1(SC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7:00 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
- 2:00 PM SGS Band Concert (Church)
- 6:30 PM Grief Support Group (MR 4)
- 7:00 PM SGS Band Concert (Church)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 7:00 AM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
- 7:00 PM Musical Prayer Service (Church)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

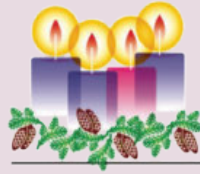
- 6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)
- 8:30 AM Lay Carmelites (MR 4)
- 8:30 AM Missionary & Prayer Group (BR)
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

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

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>



ADVENT MUSICAL PRAYER SERVICE Friday, December 13

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME! Feel free to bring guests.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

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



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

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

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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

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



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

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

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.



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.

Beautiful Custom Made

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.



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.

WINTER GOAT DRIVE

Saint George parish is working together with Saint Damian holding a winter coat drive.

Coats and other winter clothing items (slightly used or new) can be dropped off at church. Coats will be distributed to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and Pro Laborie Dei.

Thank you for your kind and generous spirit.



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

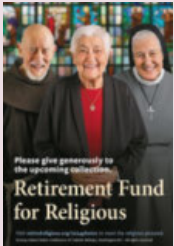
Tuesday, December 31 - New Years Eve
Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 PM

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

WEEKLY ADORATION CANCELLED ON DECEMBER 24 AND 31

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





SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, parishes throughout our Archdiocese will participate in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on our individual faith journeys. Their faithful and devoted service has impacted our archdiocese, inspiring and guiding us as we continue to grow in faith.

We are called to recognize that most senior vowed religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I am aware that you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at Masses this weekend. Most importantly, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupic
Archbishop of Chicago

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

NOVEMBER 23 & NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	30,414.50
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	14,139.50
School Fund	\$	1,401.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	236.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	1,055.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	170.50
Christmas Offering	\$	1,042.50
Christmas Flowers	\$	55.50
Fund for Religious Retirement		25.50
Easter Offering	\$	15.50

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	362,669.80
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	358,050.00
YTD Difference	\$	4,619.80

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.

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.

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

Please visit the Saint George Website for additional information about Saint George - www.stgeorge60477.org.
Like us on Facebook.



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



Thank you for your generosity!

PLANNED GIVING

Legacy Gifts for Our Parish

Please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. A well-coordinated estate plan typically includes: (1) financial power of attorney, (2) will, (3) beneficiary designations, (4) charitable beneficiary designations and (5) health care documents, such as a living will and a health care power of attorney.

Create or update your estate plans today by contacting your estate attorney and financial advisor. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or visit myimpact.archchicago.org/resources. For a free step-by-step guide to reviewing your estate plan, please contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995-0686 or gvogt@archchicago.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.

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



P.A.R.T. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Weekly Orders Due

Physical Card Orders

Due by 9:00 AM on the dates listed below

** Friday, December 13

**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



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15 AM Jan Kosmatine+
Robert J. Rokas+
Gilda Gomez+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15 AM Robert Anderson+
Teresa Kelly+
Mark Schumaker+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:15 AM Rosalie Sian+
Janet Kosmatine+
Mary Jo Henry+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:15 AM Janet Kosmatine+
Bernard Constantine+
Georgia Dirksen+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:15 AM Jack Ramsey (86th Birthday)
James Malone+
Intentions for Rosita Lina+

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.+

+ 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...

Arlene Bulow, Michael McGrath, Mary Jane Ryan, Dolores Michalski, Philip Dwornik, Jeanne Johnson, John F. O'Reilly

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.



THAT MAN IS YOU LIKE WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 — 6:30 AM TO 8:00 AM

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat..." (Matthew 13:24-25).

Father Leo Patalinghug returns for this final session of our Fall Semester! As he did in Session #2, he will offer us food for both the body and the soul! Learn how to feed your family both spiritually and physically! What weeds do we need to uproot in our own lives, and in our own hearts?

Stay hungry for God! Please join us for a hearty breakfast beginning at 6:30 AM.

After this session, we will not be meeting for the next three weekends. Our TMIY Winter/Spring Semester is scheduled to begin on January 11. 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 whenever their schedules permit.



TINLEY PARK FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable food for the Tinley Park Food Pantry can be brought to Saint George Church on the third weekend of each month.

The next collection will take place next weekend (December 14-15). Thank you for your generosity!

Some suggested items that might be included are: canned soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, packaged side dishes (rice and noodles), cereal, oatmeal, coffee/tea, cake and brownie mix, boxed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, boxed pasta, macaroni and cheese, ketchup and dish soap.

Please note: We cannot accept food items that are past the expiration date or partially opened.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at the home of Darlene Version 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 PRO-LIFE

VIGIL AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN FLOSSMOOR

Please plan to join the monthly vigil to be held at the Flossmoor Planned Parenthood abortion facility. We will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 19831 S. Governor's Hwy in Flossmoor. This vigil will take place from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 12,

Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th Street which goes west from Governors Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). Express your prayers and concerns about an abortion facility located in our own neighborhood.

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

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
Brookdale Assisted Living & Memory Care
16051 S. LaGrange Rd.

Sunday, December 22 - 4:00 PM
Bickford Assisted Living & Memory Care
17301 S. 80th Ave.

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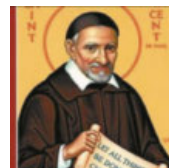
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

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

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 14 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Bibzak - Cup
Sue Stanton - Cup
Ruth Strugala - Cup
NOT FILLED - Cup
Joyce Bibzak - Bread
Carey Murray - Bread
Jack Yock - Bread
NOT FILLED - Bread

Lector: Joe Schulte

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Barrett - Cup
Alice Graff - Cup
Paul Windish - Cup
Betsy Windish - Cup
Christopher Barrett - Bread
Karen Lyons - Bread

Lector: Marybeth Kelly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Amann - Cup
Eva McCulley - Cup
Nancy Opyd - Cup
NOT FILLED - Cup
Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread
Karen Kiner - Bread
Tim McCabe - Bread
Nicole Olson - Bread

Lector: Stephen Amann

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tom Schutzius
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The St. George Student Council met and planned their agenda for the year. First on their list was decorating the school lobby for Christmas, including the Giving Tree and the beautiful Nativity scene. Many activities are planned for the year, beginning with Dragon Mart opening on December 6th!



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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