



# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

### 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

### PARISH OFFICE

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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

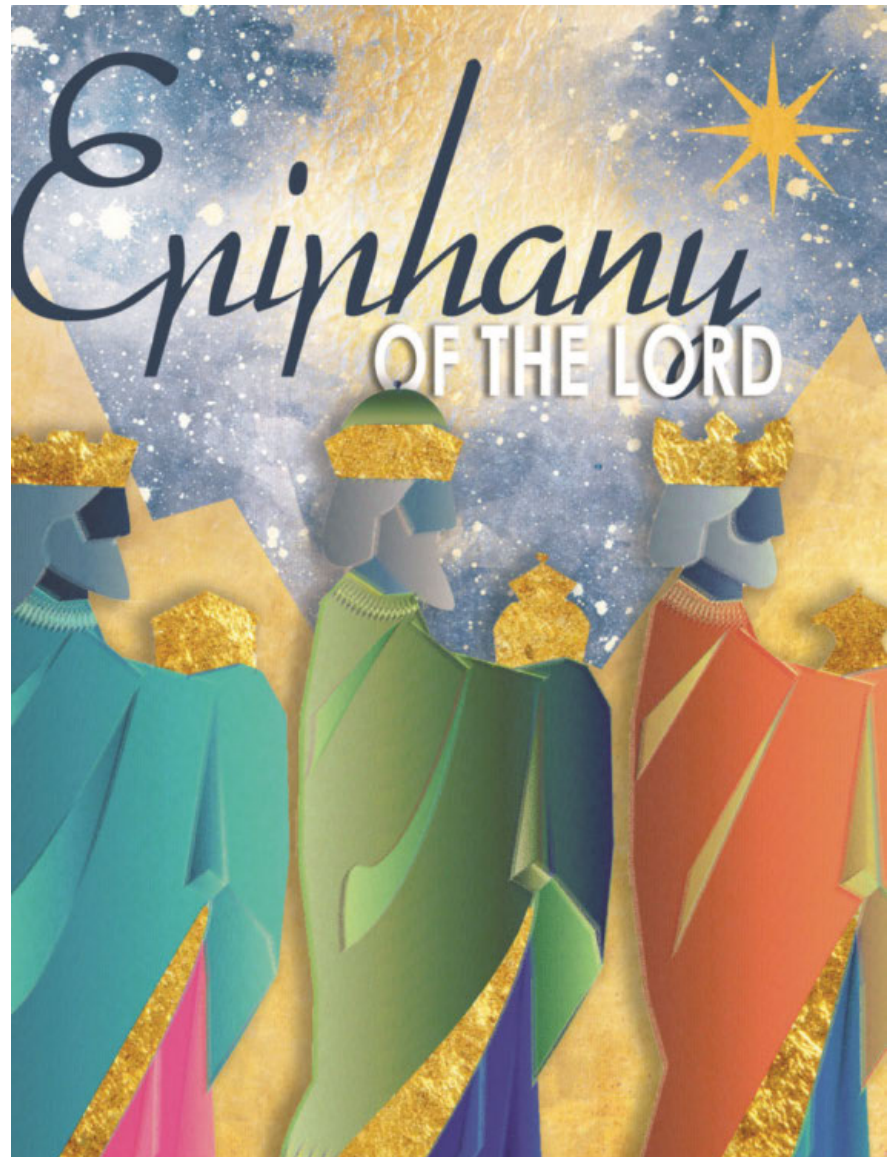
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON  
ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS  
MOTHER. - MT 2:10

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**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL**

Blessed 2025 to you! The New Year is off and running. We can look back on the past year and make our own assessments about the world, our country and our own lives. Each of these, I think, should be evaluated through the lens of our faith. If we do so honestly, and courageously, all of us should feel challenged but always with a sense of hope. If we find that things, including ourselves, have not gone in the direction we would like, we know we still have a chance to make things right.

Turning the page of a calendar does nothing, other than give us the veneer of some new possibilities. But there is nothing new about it. Those possibilities are there for us every day of every year. Maybe resolutions are best made one day at a time. Too often we can feel defeated by a single failure in some unrealistic pursuit. Sometimes the best way to make progress in our Christian life is to be gentle with ourselves.

Are there situations in your life or in the wider world that make you anxious or unsettled? That may mean you are looking at life

realistically and seeing wrongs that need to be righted. And that's a very good impulse. But sometimes we need to retreat into a quiet place where we can regenerate our spirits and refresh ourselves in God's grace. We do that through prayer, reflection, meeting good friends, helping someone, maybe a nice cup of hot chocolate!

As much as we would like to, we can't fix everything. We have to come to peace with that. Our anger or anxiety or depression won't change anything, except take us further down that rabbit hole. But there are things we can change to influence our own little corner of God's green earth. We don't have to convert anyone or cajole anyone into our way of thinking. We first have to love. That's it. We simply have to love and see things through the eyes of Jesus Christ.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany. Three Wise Men came in search of the newborn king. Seeking Jesus will take us on a road that will be surprising, beautiful and sometimes rocky. If our eyes are always fixed on the radiant love of Jesus, we will share that love with everyone we meet. And 2025 will truly become a year of Our Lord. Happy New Year to you!

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

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



All are welcome.

## FAIR TRADE SALE - JANUARY 4-5



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.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

### 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)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

6:00 PM	Cornerstone Dinner (MR 1)
6:30 PM	Bible Study (MR 4)
7:30 PM	Al-Anon (O'CH)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:30 PM	CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR)
7:00 PM	SPRED I (SC)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 AM	CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
6:30 PM	Grief Support Group (MR 4)
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 PM	Bingo
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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 AM	TMIY (O'CH)
8:30 AM	Lay Carmelites (MR 4)
8:30 AM	Missionary & Prayer Group Mtg. (MR 1)
1:00 PM	Private Baptism (Church)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (Gym)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
10:30 AM	NCCL Family Café (MR 1-3)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (G)

## FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY - JANUARY 5

We hope you will start off the new year by joining us after any of the morning Masses on 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!



## CALLING ALL MEN!

**TMIY! Returns Next Saturday - January 11**  
**Join Us for Breakfast - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM**  
**O'Connell Hall at Saint George School**

After a three-week "Holiday Break", our TMIY Winter/Spring Semester is about to begin. Now is the perfect time to make a fresh start for 2025 with a New Year's Resolution to "nourish" your spiritual life at our weekly breakfast meetings.

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 your schedule allows!

There is no "course fee" for the TMIY program. We only ask that those attending make a free-will donation toward the cost of the breakfast items provided.

Even today, it's the "wise men" who go out of their way to find Jesus! Hoping to see YOU there!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. All men, 18 and over, 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.

## 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 last 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 - The Nicene Creed and other prayers, Mystery Guest Presenter

February 5 - Eucharist, Deacon Greg Bartos, Presenter

Our meetings start at 5:45 PM in the Parish Center MR 1 and 2. At 6:30 PM, we 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 [jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org).

## THANK YOU SAINT GEORGE!

Thank you to all for the wonderful donations to the PORT MINISTRIES. Your generous donations benefited every ministry of the PORT. Since its inception, The PORT MINISTRIES has evolved into an organization by praying and providing assistance through their Soup Kitchen, Bread Truck, Medical Clinic, Home Visitation Program, After School Tutoring, and Supplemental Education. God's goodness is shared with your helping hands.

"Our goal is to put faith-in-action to address the underlining issues that plague and limit the potential of these under-resourced and under-served communities and their residents."



Bread Truck Soup Kitchen



Free Medical Clinic



After School Programs

Thank you to the helpers who assisted Anthony in loading the Bread Truck after the 11:30 AM Mass. Your time and helping hands made less work. Father John and Deacon Greg also sprung into action to help too.





## SATURDAY AFTERNOON - BARE BONES BUNCO!

Sponsored by Women of Purpose

Come for an AFTERNOON of fun and fellowship!  
Nothing fancy!

Saturday, January 18, 2025  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

*(time to attend 4:00 PM Mass after Bunco if you wish)*

Since seating is limited -  
RSVP and pre-pay by Tuesday, January 14.

Adult friends and family welcome.  
Feel free to bring your own fun beverages and/or a  
dessert to share.

Any questions, please contact Joan at 708-227-0028.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMEDY SHOW

The annual Knights of Columbus Comedy Show is back for this year and will be held on Saturday, February 8 at Saint George in O'Connell Hall. Doors open 6:30 PM. Dinner will start at 7:00 PM, and the show will start at 8:00 PM.

The comedians are Jake Hovis, Matt Somerfield from Zanies, and Mike Maxwell who appeared on Laughfest. They are professionals and will keep to an upscale show throughout the evening. The show normally lasts about two hours.

Tickets are \$55 per person. Ticket price includes the show, dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Please note that we cannot allow alcohol to be brought in. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. You may bring in snacks.

For tickets and information, please use the Knights of Columbus website: [www.knights4698.org](http://www.knights4698.org). We will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system this year. If you have ticketing questions or need additional information, please call Rob Mertens at 708-247-6387, or email Rob at [knights4698@gmail.com](mailto:knights4698@gmail.com).

We anticipate tickets to go fast so start planning for reservations now. We will have open seating this year. To reserve a table of eight, please contact Rob Mertens.

We look forward to seeing you again for a fun filled evening.

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 - 4:00 PM

**Celebrant:** Father Tirso Villaverte

**Deacon:** Tom Schutzius

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Debbie Olejarz - Cup  
Sue Stanton - Cup  
Ruth Strugala - Cup  
Ron Yock - Cup  
Carey Murray - Bread  
Mary Spengler - Bread  
Jack Yock - Bread  
Charlene Yock - Bread

**Lector:** Sandra Novotney

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 - 7:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father John

**Deacon:** Greg Bartos

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Donna Kavanaugh - Cup  
Karen Lyons - Cup  
Gary Rycyzyn - Cup  
Ray Schulze - Cup  
Sandi Rogina - Bread  
David Whitaker - Bread

**Lector:** Kay Keating

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 - 9:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father John

**Deacon:** Tim Keating

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup  
Karen Kiner - Cup  
Nicole Olson - Cup  
Nancy Opyd - Cup  
Catherine Adalakun - Bread  
Susan Amann - Bread  
Dawn Bartos - Bread  
Eva McCulley - Bread

**Lector:** Erin Peterson  
Kara Peterson

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 - 11:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father John

**Deacon:** Tim Keating

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim Doyle - Cup  
Linda Milazzo - Cup  
Jeanine Patrick - Cup  
Diane Wawzenek - Cup  
Eric Susnis - Bread  
Wally Wawzenek - Bread

**Lector:** Tim McCabe

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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+

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 AM Reverend Alfons Gorney+  
Roy Stambaugh+  
Marilyn Greenwood+

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+  
Joseph Chlopecki+  
Mary M. Feyerer+

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 AM Ellyn Margaret O'Neill Bard+  
Bert Reaney+  
James Kosiba+

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15 AM Margaret Soich+  
Thomas Dujmovich+  
Chester & Ruth Perlinski+

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15 AM Mary Ann Dwornik+  
Fred Braun+  
Michael Perry+

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:00 PM Flora Schultz+  
John Jones+  
Raymond Marchi+

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 AM Mass for Mothers  
Mary Feyerer+  
Intentions of Helen Menos

9:30 AM Angeline Magiera+  
Frank Climack+  
Janet Kosmatine+

11:30 AM Raymond, Rose Marie &  
Deceased Members of the  
Lamberty Family+  
Mass for Parishioners

+ 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, 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, Edward Worner, 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...

David J. Benoit, Lucille Tomczak

### 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 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), 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.*

## 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 Vincent de Paul

### Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-2

*I may not be a "wise man," but at least I never got so lost I had to ask Herod for directions.*



## PLANNED GIVING

### Have You "Insured" Our Parish?

A life insurance gift is a powerful and simple way to provide future support for our parish. Here are two ways to give a gift of life insurance to Saint George Parish:

1. Name our parish as a beneficiary of the policy. Simply update your beneficiary designation form with your policy holder and list the beneficiary as: "Saint George Parish, The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole"

You can name our parish as the primary beneficiary for a percentage or a specific amount, or make us the contingent beneficiary so that we will receive the balance of your policy only if your primary beneficiary doesn't survive you. This is a great option if you want to have access to the cash value of the policy if you ever need it or if you want to retain the right to change the beneficiaries of a policy depending on family circumstances.

2. Make an outright gift of an existing policy. You can irrevocably name our parish as owner and beneficiary of a policy with accumulated cash value that you and your family no longer need. You qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction when you itemize on your taxes. Also, if you continue to pay premiums on the policy, each payment is tax deductible as a charitable gift, if you itemize.
3. For more information on making a gift of life insurance to our parish, we recommend you consult with your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. Please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or [rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org) or contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995.0686 or [gvogt@archchicago.org](mailto:gvogt@archchicago.org) with any additional questions.

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## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2024

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	14,814.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	(1,461.00)
School Fund	\$	2,171.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	165.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	170.00
Christmas Offering	\$	8,532.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	180.00
Initial Offering	\$	105.00
Church in Latin America	\$	25.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	25.00

### FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	427,591.19
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	423,150.00
YTD Difference	\$	4,441.19

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.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Give Central is an option more people are choosing. You can go to our website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://www.stgeorge60477.org) to learn how to make your weekly or monthly donations or use the new archdiocesan universal offertory website at: [www.archchicago/support](http://www.archchicago/support). Your weekly donation can also be made by clicking on the QR code on the right.



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](http://www.stgeorge60477.org) or scan 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 [beemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:beemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org). Thank you for your generosity!



## MARIAN SHRINE COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

We hope you have found some time to see the completed Marian Shrine. Some people have asked if they could order a brick so we are offering another opportunity for those who are interested. Order forms are 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 P.A.R.T. PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

## 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.

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

## 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. 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 6:00 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.

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# YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

## 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

### TUESDAY GATHERINGS

Tuesday Gatherings will resume on January 7 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.

For additional information on GodSEND Youth Ministry, please contact John Sobol at [jsobol@steaseton.com](mailto:jsobol@steaseton.com) or 708-986-2446 or visit the GodSEND website – <https://sendyouthministry.org>.

On Sunday, December 22, GodSEND Youth, the three parishes' choir members, clergy, and music directors visited Brookdale and Bickford Assisted Living Centers to entertain the residents with Christmas carols. There was a great representation from all three parishes.



### RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

#### CO-ED YOUTH, 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Starting January 16 to the End of March

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](mailto:jsjobol@steseton.com) or 708-986-2446.



### YOUNG ADULT FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP



### GAME NIGHT

January 23 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
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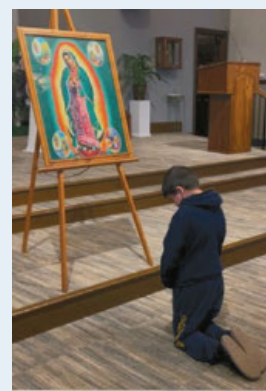
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# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, many of our third and fourth graders felt inspired to crawl on their knees to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where they offered prayers of Thanksgiving and needs to her.



Mrs. Lavin taught the students the art of sewing a pillow. Some of the completed pillows were presented as gifts, and the others were kept by the students for snuggling. The pillows were beautifully made, and the students developed a wonderful skill.



In science class, fourth grade students learned how cooking and science are closely related. They made creamy butter by simply shaking heavy cream and a pinch of salt. It was a fun way to see science in action!



## PARISH INFORMATION

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

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS** is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

**WEDDING** arrangements must be made four months in advance of the wedding date. You must be a registered parishioner for six months prior to making arrangements. Please schedule your church date before reserving your hall.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK / RECONCILIATION** can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office to have a priest celebrate the sacraments with the person who is seriously ill or homebound.

**HOSPITAL VISITS** can be made by our priests or deacons, if notified by family members or friends. Although sacramental needs of patients are administered by the hospital chaplain or by a local priest, in an emergency, Saint George clergy will respond to sacramental needs.

**MINISTRY OF CARE:** Mandated Agape Ministers of Care are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the parish office when this service is needed.



**REGISTRATION:** We welcome new members with open arms. Please call the parish office for additional information.

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

**STEWARDSHIP** involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the parish office for assistance in getting started in any of the Parish's ministries and organizations. Please remember Saint George Parish when planning your estate or preparing your will.

**MASS:** Each week, we celebrate a Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM, and three Masses on Sunday – 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM, as well as a weekday Mass Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM.

The 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday are broadcast via 101.7 FM to the parking lot. Please park on the east side of the parking lot by 175th Street. Communion will be brought to your car.

The Saturday 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass is live streamed on Facebook, then posted to the parish webpage and YouTube.

**RECONCILIATION:** Every Saturday from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Please join us to pray the Rosary before morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM.

**ADORATION AND PRIVATE PRAYER:** In church every Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. 11:00 AM to Midnight Monday through Friday in the Adoration Chapel. You may come and go as is convenient for you during this time.

**BULLETIN** Information provides updates on parish and Archdiocesan events. Please submit articles or recommendations to [bulletin@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:bulletin@stgeorge60477.org) by 4:00 PM on the Friday ten days before publication date. Because of space limitations, articles regarding Saint George activities and information, as well as Archdiocesan events and news will take priority. All articles are subject to editing and will be published at the discretion of the Pastor. No guarantees can be made as to size or placement of the articles.

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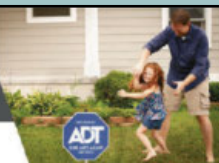
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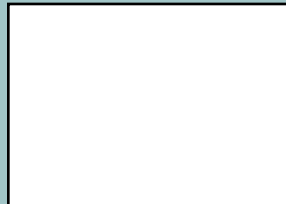
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