

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

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34A

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple. He is presented to the Lord. It was a typical

Jewish ceremony and one that was very important. Our closest ceremony is in the Sacrament of Baptism. At our baptism, we are presented to the Lord to be incorporated into the Body of Christ. Last week, we heard the words of Saint Paul, as he reminded us that every part of the Body of Christ has a role to play, each is valuable and each essential. That means every one of US has a role to play, is valuable and essential.

Do you ever think of yourself in that way?

Maybe not, and that is unfortunate because it is one of the central truths of our relationship to God and each other. In Jesus, we are made one --- vitally connected, inextricably joined and undeniably interconnected. No man is an island. No Christian can live in isolation.

At our baptism, we are given three roles: Priest, Prophet and King. We don't think of ourselves in that way, either. A king stands in defense of his people, and we are called to stand in defense of our brothers and sisters. A prophet speaks truth, even when painful or dangerous, to help others remain on the path to God. A priest is a bridge, a liaison, between people and God. And each of us is called to be all three.

I was "presented" to the Lord for baptism on January 25, 1959, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, at Assumption Church. Father Michael Cepon baptized me. My Aunt Alma and Uncle Bill were my Godparents. It was an interesting day in history. On that very day, Msgr. George Heimsath, died. He was the pastor of Saint Pascal Church, where I would become pastor in 2005. That same day was the first transcontinental nonstop jet flight from New York to Los Angeles. Chicago lost some of its charm that day, as movie stars and celebrities no longer needed to make a stop. And Saint Pope John XXIII called for an ecumenical council, which we know as Vatican II.

So how about you? Do you know the date of your baptism? Your Godparents? The parish and priest? What was going on in the world? I'd urge you to do some research about this pivotal moment in your life. It is the day you were given your identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ, made one in His Body, the Church.

I also want to invite everyone to come to our parish mission, February 17 – 19 with Father Tom McCarthy, OSA. Father Tom is a familiar figure on the South Side, but he has also preached missions all across the country. This will be a tri-parish mission. Saint George, Saint Elizabeth Seton and the host parish this year, Saint Julie, are all throwing in together for a wonderful spiritual event. This mutual support among parishes has been going on all over the Archdiocese of Chicago, and here among our local parishes. Please mark your calendar for February 17 – 19 and join us for an enriching and enjoyable tri-parish mission!



7:00 PM EACH NIGHT

Saint Julie Billiart Church

7399 W. 159th St.

Tinley Park

Hospitality offered each

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Join us and bring a friend!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CATHOLIC TODAY?

PRE-LENTEN MISSION

SPONSORED BY: SAINT ELIZABETH SETON, SAINT GEORGE AND SAINT JULIE BILLIART PARISHES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The Saints: Are they heroes

of our faith?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Prayer: Is it worth it? (Reconciliation offered)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

The Family of Faith: What is my

role in being an active part of this family?

SPEAKER: FATHER TOM McCARTHY, OSA

As an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director, and parish mission preacher, Father Tom shares God's love with everyone he meets.

"As Catholics, Jesus is the center of our lives, especially through the Eucharist and the Sacraments. My goal is to preach the love and mercy of Jesus and to let people know how much they are loved." Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.



DISCIPLES: STUDY AND PRAYER - THE BOOK OF ISAIAH



In the early church, disciples met daily for bible study and prayer. Each week, Saint George disciples follow in the

footsteps of our ancestors in faith. On Monday evenings at 6:30 PM and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM, the disciples meet for Bible study and prayer. On February 3 (Cahill #1) and on February 4 (Cahill #3), we will study the Book of Isaiah. The early Church Fathers referred to the book of Isaiah as the "fifth gospel" due to its significance for the New Testament, which cites Isaiah more than any other book of

the Hebrew Bible, except the book of Psalms. The study books are available in the church office, for a donation of \$15.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" insisted Saint Jerome – a strong exhortation from a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church to Christians, urging them to pay attention to serious Scripture study. This is a must, not a luxury option.

An open invitation is extended to all Saint George disciples to join us for our Bible study and prayer.

Questions: please contact Deacon Jerry at: jsouta@stgeorge60477.org or jsoutajr@att.net, or call him at 708-574-6093.



LEARN THE PARTS OF THE MASS

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 in December, we talked about and wrote our own Prayers of Petition. Each classroom did the same, and we shared them together in church.

Father Dan Korenchan did a wonderful job helping us all to learn more about the Nicene Creed on January 8. Our 7th Grade class attended and they will continue from where he left off on studying the Creed. On February 5, Deacon Greg Bartos will offer us his insight on the Eucharist, and on March 12, Father Paul will discuss the Triduum.

The meetings start at 5:45 PM in the Parish Center MR 1 and 2. At 6:30 PM, we may go to church to experience the part of the Mass that we discussed. 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.

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WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/ Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b -4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11



A KNIGHT TO SKATE!

Saturday, March 1 - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tinley Park Roller Rink, 17658 S. Oak Park Ave.

Sponsored by: Fr. C.C. Boyle Knights of Columbus Council 4698 Through the Generosity of Tinley Park Roller Rink www.tinleyrink.com

Tickets Available at the Door Adults (18 years and up) -\$13 (Includes skate rental) Kids (10 years to 17 Years) -\$10 (includes skate rental) Under 10 years free.

Concessions Available for Purchase

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 see the Knights of Columbus website: 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 knightsofcolumbus4698@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.



A CUP OF LOVE... A SPIRITUAL SPA DAY

Saint George women and their friends are invited to A Cup of Love-a Women's Day Retreat sponsored by Saint George Women of Purpose. Whether you are an "empty cup", a

"half-full" cup, or a "chipped cup", at the end of the afternoon you will find your "cup" overflowing with gratitude, God-ness & God's blessings!

Saturday, February 22 - 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM Saint George Parish Life Center, Rooms 1, 2 and 3 Facilitated by Janice Keenan, OSF

\$30 per person, pre-paid, includes continental breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea, water and retreat materials.

All monies must be received by Monday, February 17 at 1:00 PM.

To prepay, place your money in an envelope with your name (and the name of your friends), Women of Purpose and Women's Retreat on the envelope. Drop the envelope off at the parish office or put it in the collection basket.

Any questions, please contact Kay at 708-651-0089 or mrsdcntim@yahoo.com.

Please detach and enclose this order form with your registration fee.

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	Pre-Order Sandwich Lunch Menu
NAME:	
BREAD:	Wheat Marble Rye Wrap
MEAT: CHEESE	D: Mayo Yellow MustardHorseradish Beef Turkey Tuna Salad E: American Swiss Cheddar btato Salad Italian Pasta Salad Broccoli Salad
We will	label each box with person's name and selection.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

tacklehunger.org

This Super Bowl weekend Saint George Parish will once again take part in the

Souper Bowl of Caring collection at all the Masses. All monies raised are kept here in the parish and used to defer costs for meals which our parish prepares and serves at Daybreak Shelter in Joliet on a monthly basis.

With the official end of the pandemic, the population at Daybreak has increased, with close to 90 men, women and children staying on a regular basis. As food prices have risen, our Saint George volunteers have been able to maintain serving through your generosity. With your help again this year, we can continue to show God's Mercy to those in need.

No amount is too great or too small to drop into one of our soup pots to help the cause. If you are attending Mass virtually and dropping off your offerings at the parish office, please mark your donation as "Souper Bowl of Caring" and place it in the key deposit slot along with your regular weekly offering.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued prayers for those we serve!



THIS MAN IS YOU JUST A GUY IN THE PEW

Saturday, February 8 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

TMIY is back next weekend with an incredible story from just a regular guy in the pew! He could be you, or he could be the man sitting next to you. He could be your friend, neighbor or co-worker. There is no doubt - he is out there, right now, in need of the Lord and a band of brothers!

A new speaker, John Edwards of "Pew Ministries", joins us this weekend at TMIY! (google him).

Our discussions will examine.

- Peer Acceptance
- The Descent into Debauchery
- Reconciliation with Family
- The Power of Vulnerability
- Becoming the Man God Made You to Be

This promises to be a good one! Please join us and bring a friend!

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@qmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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)

9:30 AM Family Mass (Church) 1:00 PM Baptism (Church)

3:30 PM Musical Rehearsal (Church)

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM Bible Study (MF 3)
6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)

7:00 PM Order of Christian Initiation (MR 4)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)

5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K,

MR 1-4, BR, QR)

7:00 PM SPREDI(SC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 PM Pack the House (Gym)
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 PM Bingo

7:00 PM Musical Prayer Service (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Super Bowl of Caring Collection

Youth Group Candy Pick-Up

6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)

8:30 AM Lay Carmelites (MR4)

8:30 AM Missionary & Prayer Group (MR 1)
11:30 AM First Reconciliation (Church)
2:00 PM Year-Two Confirmation Formation

(MR 1-3)

3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

5:30 PM Knights of Columbus Comedy Night

(O'CH, NCR, GR, K)

7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30 AM

Super Bowl of Caring Collection

Youth Group Candy Pick Up Bread & Word (MR 4)

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

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tim Keating

Eucharistic Raymond Bibzak - Cup **Ministers:** Sue Stanton - Cup

> Ron Yock - Cup Charlene Yock - Cup Joyce Bibzak - Bread Fran Clark - Bread Carey Murray - Bread Mary Spengler - Bread

Lector: Family Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John Deacon: Greg Bartos

Eucharistic Lynda O'Brien - Cup **Ministers:** Sandi Rogina - Cup

Gary Rycyzyn - Cup Teri Rycyzyn - Cup Alice Graff - Bread Karen Lyons - Bread

Lector: Rita Walker

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul Deacon: Jerry Souta

Eucharistic Catherine Adelakun - Cup

Ministers: Ann Floyd - Cup

Karen Kiner - Cup Ventura Quatrini - Cup Susan Amann - Bread Dawn Bartos - Bread Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread

Eva McCulley - Bread
Lector: Bob Schuld

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul Deacon: Jerry Souta

Eucharistic Frances Bouchard - Cup **Ministers:** Jean Gaytan - Cup

> Jim Novotney - Cup Wally Wawzenek - Cup Eric Susnis - Bread Diane Wawzenek - Bread

Lector: Tom German

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Presentation of the Lord

In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart – the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

Is God calling you to join the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul?

Your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust. As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well

pleased".

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

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

SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

Flossmoor 40 Days for Life Vigil

Please mark your calendar to join the 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day from March 5 through April 13. Thursday is a known abortion day, so that would be a good day for on-site prayer for the victims of abortion. Join other Saint George parishioners from 10:00 AM to 11:00 am on any Thursday from March 6 through April 10, or choose any hour from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (ending at 5:00 PM) for prayer on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor at 19831 S. Governors Highway.

This vigil is part of the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion running from March 5 through April 13 and is one of over 650 in 30 nations. You can schedule your vigil time at 40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor.

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, February 3. 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. Show your concern to protect our teenagers from Planned Parenthood. Pray for the conversion of Planned Parenthood's staff. Contrary to their claims, Planned Parenthood's birth control and sex education programs always lead to more unplanned pregnancies and more abortions, not less.

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, Tom Heenan, Carole Holding, Paul Hosso, Sandra Jakala, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, 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, Jay Scott, 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...

John Hanlon, Melanie Stapleton-Zarobsky, Holly Hesselschwardt, Colin Dincher

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), 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), Sqt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), Sean Rio, Sqt. James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), Camryn Shupryt (Army), SSqt. Alison Smallwood (Air Force), SSqt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), Sqt. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:00 PM Stephen Rusnak+

Walter "Bud" Cokeley+ John (Jack) Zanzig+

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 AM Jim Schmitt+

Mass for Parishioners

9:30 AM Nancy K. Gatto+

Donna Borzyck+

SPRED II Catechists & Friends

11:30 AM Mary Jean McLaughlin+

Thomas Hernon+ John Bones+

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:15 AM Cecelia Hage+

Maura Carrig+

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:15 AM Sol Guiang+

Ron Jablonski+ Dolores M. Compton+

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:15 AM Rosemary Kelly+

James Kosiba+ Anne A. Uhrina+

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:15 AM Fr. John J. Doyle+

Helen M. Williams+ Pat & Jack McGeehan+

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:15 AM Esther Calzavara+

Victoria Kasper+

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:00 PM Barbara Goltz+

Janet Kosmatine+ Mary McClure+

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

Audrey B. Dombrowski+

Cynthia Aguilar+

9:30 AM Barbara Misialek+

Rachele Hartog+ Ron Jablonski+

11:30 AM Josephine Landski+

Rickey W. Plachta+

Tim Cassidy+

+ Deceased

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FAMILY CAFÉ NEWS (NCCL PILOT PROGRAM)

What a fantastic morning we had with our first Family Café. Thank you to all who came out! Over 35 people attended along with and their children. We had some great discussions and shared our personal experiences as well as challenges about sharing our faith with our children. Some of the starter questions we used are listed below. These are good questions for each of us to use to help recognize how we see our role in handing down our faith to our own children and to those we encounter.



What are the most important values you want to instill in your children?
What are some of the things you do as a family to support your values?
What are some of the things you do as a family to live your faith in everyday life?
What is one way the church can support you as a parent?
What is one way the church can help your family practice faith?

Our plan is to have more of these events. However, if you feel you would like to contribute sooner you can share your responses via email to Jeanne Lassandrello at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org. On January 25. we took the results of the survey and the results of this event with us to a full-day workshop. This is a three year process, and we feel like we have already identified new things as we move toward building discipleship!











SAINT GEORGE SPRED

Saint George SPRED (Special Religious Development) would like to thank Father Paul and Father John for allowing us to be an active part of a recent 9:30 AM Mass. After Mass, we met for a great lunch at Little Joe's restaurant.

We hope we sparked your interest in our SPRED Program. After five decades of a SPRED Ministry, we are eager to attract more volunteers to SPRED and continue into the future. Our parish chairperson, Liz Paller, is happy to answer all questions



and set up a time for you to meet all of us and see firsthand how our sessions run. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you into our SPRED family.

Call Liz at 708-373-6517 or Scan the QR Code for more information



THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a prayer in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary. As we know, our Blessed Mother is the Patroness of our Country. Each morning (Monday through Friday), we gather in church at 7:45 AM to pray the Rosary as a group. Consider joining us to pray for our Country, our Church and, of course, your own personal intentions.

PLANNED GIVING

Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays You Back

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a gift to the Church that pays you back – a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga. To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-5404 or kcampbell@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 rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243..

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.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENT FOR 2024

2024 contribution statements are available and will be provided upon request. Please contact the parish office at 708-532-2243 or email Kathy Rubino at krubino@stgeorge60477.org to request your statement. Please put 2024 Tax Letter in the subject line.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

JANUARY 11 & 12, 2025

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 14,221.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$ 16,275.00
Difference	\$ (2,054.00)
	224.22
School Fund	\$ 281.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 146.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,065.00
Initial Offering	\$ 340.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 105.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 75.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 497,705.15
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 488,250.00
YTD Difference	\$ 9,455.15

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.



MUSICAL PRAYER SERVICE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The Music Ministry of Saint George will be presenting a musical prayer service offering music, scripture and inspirational readings, silence for

refection and meditation, and fellowship. The service will take place on Friday, February 7 at 7:00 PM in Church. The theme will be Three Images of Christ: Jesus the Suffering Servant, Jesus the Good Shepherd, and Jesus the Healer. 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.

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TUESDAY GATHERING, FEBRUARY 4

For the month of February, all Weekly Tuesday Gatherings will take place in the SSDM Youth Room at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr, 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park. from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.



RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CO-ED YOUTH, 8TH GRADE -HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball continues on Thursday, February 6.

Games are played on Thursdays, starting at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 West 131st Street, Orland Park. The season will continue through the end of March.

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

MISSION TRIP TO CINCINNATI, OHIO (JULY 6-12)

Interested in the journey? Graduating 8th graders - high school seniors to be, 2026 graduating class, parents / guardians and youth are encouraged to attend an exploratory meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 5:00 PM at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr, 17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park.

Together We can Make a Difference!



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PRESENTATION

A secular based presentation

regarding a serious topic that can be a reality in a teen's life will be given by a certified social worker from Safe Start of South Suburbia, Tinley Park. The Primary Audience is 7th to 12th graders, and parents/quardians are welcome to attend.

The presentation will take place at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish, 17500 South 84th Avenue., Tinley Park on Thursday, February 20 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

If your child will attend, a completed parent/
guardian consent form is required and can be
downloaded using the QR Code. The
completed form should be emailed
to John Sobol, jsobel@steseton.com
or handed in the night of the event.

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.





VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to midnight to provide an opportunity to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. 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.

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, 2:00 PM; Tuesday - 2:00 PM; Wednesday - Noon, 1:00 PM; Thursday - 2:00 PM, 9:00 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").





RAFFLE BASKETS

Dear Friends and Supporters of Saint George School,

Spring Super Bingo will take place on March 22. This fundraiser greatly benefits our school. If you have any new or unused items you do not want, we would gladly accept them to use in our raffle baskets. Please bring them either to the school office or to the rectory. Thank you so much!

The Saint George School Board



Saturday, March 22 Games Begin at 12:00 PM Doors Open at 10:30 AM

\$35.00 Ticket

Price includes: One 9-On, a Dauber, a Dessert Ticket, a Dragon Drop Ticket and a Door Prize Raffle Ticket

Multiple Pull Tab Games
Raffle Games - Split the Pot Games
Stop in the Dragon Drop Raffle Room!!

Thank you for your generous support. Best of luck to all our players.

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JOIN US FOR THE SAINT GEORGE ATHLETICS.

PACK THE HOUSE!

Thursday - February 6, 2025

6:00 PM - 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Game

7:15 PM - 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony

7:30 PM - Boys 7-8th Grade Basketball Game Saint George Gym.

No Charge for SGS Students Dress Down Passes for those who attend





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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

January 26 - February 1





Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School 9250 W. 167th St., Orland Hills 708-403-6525, www.cjbschool.org

Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Ave., Westchester 708-562-2258 www.marymotherofdivinegrace.org/ school

St. Albert the Great School 5535 W. State Rd., Burbank 708-424-7757, www.satgschool.com

St. Alexander School 7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights 708-448-0408 www.stalexanderschool.com

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School 20 W. 145 Davey Rd. Lemont 630-783-2220, www.stats-stpats.org

St. Catherine of Alexandria School 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn 708-425-5547, www.scaoaklawn.org

St. Christina School 3333 W. 110th St., Chicago 773-445-2969, www.stchristina.org

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St. George School 6700 W. 176th St., Tinley Park 708-532-2626, www.stgeorgeschool.org

St. Gerald School 9320 S. 55th Ct., Oak Lawn 708-422-0121, www.school.stgerald.com

St. Germaine School 9735 W. Kolin Ave., Oak Lawn 708-425-5063

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Facebook@stgeorgeschool. Call for a tour at 708-532-2626.



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TRANSFORM LIVES

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Chicago's Archdiocesan Catholic schools provide a strong

academic foundation enriched by values of faith, service and compassion. For many families, especially in areas of the city facing significant financial and social challenges, accessing this life-changing education remains just out of reach.

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All of our Catholic schools serve our communities generously, but some schools face significant financial needs. These schools serve diverse, vibrant communities where families often face financial hardships. Your support directly impacts these families, helping to ensure that more children have access to the quality education they deserve... regardless of their economic situation.

Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program:

- **Provides Access**: Removes financial barriers for families in need.
- Transforms Lives: Gives children the tools they need to succeed academically and spiritually.
- Strengthens Communities: Builds neighborhoods with a focus on faith, service and care for one another.

Please consider supporting schools where the need is greatest. Every dollar you give helps ensure that Catholic education's values and teachings reach those who will benefit from them most

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Dear Saint George School Parishioners and Families.

Last week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your continued support of Saint George School. Your generosity, prayers, and commitment make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the prayers and support you've offered during my time away. Your kindness has been a source of strength, and I am deeply touched by the care you've shown. I look forward to being back with you all soon and continuing our shared mission of providing a nurturing, faith-filled education to our children.

Having celebrated Catholic Schools Week, I would like to highlight an important opportunity for all of us to give back to our school community. Our Scholarship Fund plays a crucial role in helping more families afford a Catholic education, and your generous contributions ensure that our doors remain open to children who may otherwise not have the means to attend. I encourage you to consider supporting this fund so that we can continue to provide a transformative, faithcentered education to as many children as possible. Contact the school office or the parish office for more information on our Scholarship Donation plan.

In addition, I want to thank you for your ongoing participation in our fundraisers. Your support has been invaluable, and we have two exciting events on the horizon: our Super Bingo and Strike it Rich Raffle. These events are vital to sustaining our programs and supporting our students, and I am confident they will be a great success with your help.

During Catholic Schools Week, we were able to reflect on the blessings we have received and the many ways we can continue to serve others. Thank you for your unwavering support of Saint George School and our mission. Together, we are making a profound impact in the lives of our students, and I am truly grateful for each one of you.

With deep appreciation and blessings,

Have a Blessed Day,

Mrs. Charlotte Pratl Principal Saint George School Page 14 February 2, 2025

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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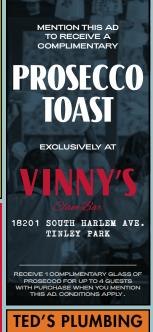
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