



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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Monday through Friday

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A GOOD TREE DOES NOT BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.

LUKE 6:43



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2, 2025

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43m 45

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes an obvious connect between the heart and the mouth. The heart is the place of feelings, emotions and reactions. The mouth is where those things come out in the form of words. These words can have a tremendous impact on other people and our relationship with them. I have heard it said about a commentator, "He never had an unpublished thought." The meaning being that the author didn't stop to do a vital piece to stop, weigh, evaluate and consider his comments. In other words, he didn't stop to think. To think! That cherished uniquely human ability to reason.

How many times have you or I had to apologize for words we spoke that hurt someone, and we said, "I'm sorry, I didn't stop to think!" How many times have we regretted something we said (or wrote on social media)? The human mind can be a marvelous fount of wisdom, if we choose to use it. Simple things like slowing down our reactions to comments or events can help us offer more measured, caring responses. "Shooting from the hip" can mean a person is direct and up-front with their feelings. It can also mean they are a verbal bull in a china shop, unthinking of what their comments may mean to someone else.

In the wonderful play and movie, "Harvey," the main character, Elwood P. Dowd, has a beautiful line of reasoning. He says, "My mother always told me, in this world, Elwood, you must be oh so smart or oh so pleasant. For years I was smart. I recommend pleasant." Maybe more of us should listen to Elwood's mother.

This has been a full week. As I write this, our Holy Father Pope Francis is in critical condition in a hospital in Rome. Please keep him in your prayers. Pope Francis has had a tumultuous reign but he has maintained his warmth and humor. May God bless Pope Francis.

Closer to home, we welcomed our school principal, Mrs. Pratl, back to work. She has undergone a series of operations that significantly extended her time away. On Monday, we welcomed her back to work with flowers, songs and cheers. She is pacing herself as she is still in recovery. God bless you Mrs. Pratl. And thank you to Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mrs. Rojas and Mrs. Stock. They are a great team who kept our school on track.

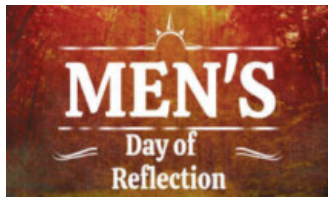
We also want to extend our sincere condolences and prayer to Mrs. Jennifer Blauhsiak, our eighth grade teacher, whose mother passed away. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Finally, Ash Wednesday is this week. Please join us for Mass and ashes as we enter into Lent. Let the ashes be a sign of our faith and our desire to live it out more fully.

MARIAN SHRINE COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Final deadline for brick paver orders!

Orders are due in the parish office by the end of the day on Monday, March 3. Unfortunately, no late orders will be accepted. Order forms are available in the back of church or online on the parish website.



Men of Saint George
Please join us!
MARCH 15

It is "Men's Day of Reflection"

Speaker: Dan Welter,
Former Chancellor of Chicago Dioceses
Starts at 8:30 AM with Continental Breakfast.

Lunch will be served.
The day will end at 3:30 PM

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

All women are invited to experience "Mary's Way of the Cross" on Friday, March 14 at 7:00 PM.

Mary's Way is a special Stations of the Cross, that follows Jesus on His journey to Calvary through Mary's eyes with a mother's love and deep faith. If you would like to be part of this special evening by reading one of the Stations, please call Leslie Vaicik at 708-502-0243 or Nancy Opyd at 708-439-0261 for further details.

All are welcome to attend this special evening.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

On Wednesday, March 12, Father Paul will discuss the Triduum. The meeting will start at 5:45 PM in the Parish Center MR 1 and 2.

All are welcome. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call the office at 708-532-8211 or email Jeanne Lassandrello at jllassandrello@stgeorge60477.org.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 2,

Annual Catholic Appeal
Fair Trade Before & After Masses
Rice Bowl / Little Black Book at Masses
7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)
8:00 AM Paczki Pick-Up (PLC)
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)
5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

MONDAY, MARCH 3

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

10:00 AM Art & Environment (Church)
10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 4)
6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection
8:15 AM Ash Wednesday Mass w/ Ashes (Church)
3:30 PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service w/ Ashes (Church)
5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR)
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass w/ Ashes (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 PM Bingo (GR, K)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)
8:30 AM Lay Carmelites (MR 4)
8:30 AM Missionary & Prayer Group (MR 1)
9:00 AM First Communion Retreat (O'CH, K)
2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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



On Wednesday, March 5, we begin the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday provides an opportunity for everyone to come to pray and receive ashes. These forty holy days are intended for us to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as the readings on Ash Wednesday teach us. That day, the collection will go to Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe per archdiocese instructions. Please come and begin your Lent well – pray with us!

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5

Masses with ash distribution will take place at 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM. A prayer service with ash distribution is scheduled at 3:30 PM.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM on Friday evenings during Lent. The Men's Club, Ushers and Greeters will be sponsoring the evening on March 7. The Women of the Parish will be sponsoring the Stations on March 14.

Let us walk together in the footsteps of Christ.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 PM.

Private reconciliation is scheduled on Saturdays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Church, and Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to Midnight in Holy Family Chapel



**Soup and Theology, 2025:
Bishop Barron's "The Sacraments"**
Tuesday Evenings in the Parish Life Center
6:30 Soup and Fellowship
7:00 Video and Discussion

The great sacraments of the Church—Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders—have endured for thousands of years and structured countless lives. Everything in the Church's life comes from and returns to them. But there is far more to these ancient rites than meets the eye. Bishop Barron looks at the great sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise. The Sacraments will help you understand these signs and channels of grace and discover the secret behind their persistence down the ages: the presence and power of the Savior himself. We hope you will be able to join us!



"My whole family is giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies. Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

VICARIATE V, DEANERY E, LENTEN SEASON OFFERINGS

The parishes of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Damian, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart, St. Michael, St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, united as One Body in Christ, and all that lead us to the Eucharist.

Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 West 131st St., Orland Park, 708-361-4754, ourladyofthewoods.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM - Distribution of Ashes in the Church, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Stations of the Cross and Soup during Lent, Fridays, 6:30 PM
- Taize Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 7, 6:30 PM
- Parish Mission, "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered," led by Father Mike Foley, March 10, 11, and 12, 6:30 PM (Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday, March 11)
- Fish Fry, Friday, April 11, 4:30 - 7:00 PM
- Communal Reconciliation Service, Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM (Confessions ministered in English and Polish)

St. Damian, 5250 West 155th St., Oak Forest, 708-687-1370, www.stdamianchurch.org

- Women's Club - Fat Sunday Bingo, March 2, 12:30 - 3:30 PM
- Ash Wednesday (March 5), Masses, 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM
- Ash Wednesday Prayer Services with Ashes distribution, 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, 7:00 PM
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Monday, March 31, 7:00 PM
- Parish Mission, April 6th and 7, 7:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton, 9300 West 167th St., Orland Park, 708-403-0101, steseton.com

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses, 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM
- Prayer Services with Ashes distribution, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:30 PM.
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Wednesdays, 9:30 AM, Fridays, 7:00 PM
- Adoration and Confession, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM and Fridays, 8:00-8:55 AM, and Saturdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM.
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Sunday, March 23, 2:00 PM
- Peter the Rock, Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 PM
- Men's Club Fish Fry, Friday, April 11, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, 708-460-0042, www.sfaorland.org

- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, 3:00 and 7:00 PM
- St. Peregrine Novena, Mondays (except March 24, and April 14), 7:00 PM
- Rosary for Life, First Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM
- Lenten Mission, "Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given: Understanding the Mystery of our Salvation in the Eucharist," led by Fr. Paul Shelton, Sunday, March 23, and Monday, March 24, 7:00 PM
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Saturday, April 12, 9:00 AM, and Monday, April 14 7:30 PM
- Tenebrae Service, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM

St. George, 6707 West 175th St., Tinley Park, 708-532-2243, www.stgeorge60477.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses, 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM / Prayer Service with Ashes Distribution, 3:30 PM
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, and April 4, 7:00 PM
- Soup and Theology, Tuesdays during Lent, 6:30 PM
- Parish Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 PM.
- Musical Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 28, 7:00 PM

St. Julie Billiart, 7399 West 159th St., Tinley Park, 60477, 708-429-6767, www.stjulie.org/

- Ash Wednesday (March 5th) Masses, 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Continuous Ashes distribution from 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Word Services w/Ashes at 12:00 PM, 4:30 PM
- Wednesday Lenten Evening Masses, 6:30 PM each week in the Chapel
- Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Wednesday, March 26, depart 8:30 AM. (Call St. Julie to register / maximum 30 pilgrims)
- Filipino Pabasa Devotion with Continuous Chanting of the Passion of Christ, Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

St. Michael, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, 60462, 708-349-0903, www.saintmike.com/

- Ash Wednesday Masses (March 5) English: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM; Spanish: 6:00 PM / Distribution of Ashes, 10:00 AM, 4:00 PM
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, English: 4:00 PM; Spanish: 6:00 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour, Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 PM; Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 PM; Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 PM
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8, 6:15 PM
- Concert Series, James Adams presents a History of Ragtime, Friday, March 21, 7:00 PM

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park, 708-342-2400, www.ststephentinley.com/

- Ash Wednesday Masses (March 5) English: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 6:00 PM; Polish: 7:30 PM
Prayer Services (English) with Ashes Distribution, 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross: (English), 8:30 AM, 6:30 PM; (Polish) 7:30 PM (No evening Stations March 7 and April 4)
- Solemnity of St. Joseph Masses, March 19, (English) 8:00 AM / (Polish) 7:00 PM
- Lenten Mission (English), "What We Receive," led by Deacon Allen Tatara, March 23, 24, 25, 7:00 PM
- Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions, Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 PM
- Lenten Mission (Polish), led by Monsignor Jerzy Karbownik, April 6, 12:30 PM; Mass; April 7, 8 and 9, 7:00 PM
- Shrine of Christ' Passion, St. John, IN., Saturday, April 12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, \$55.00/pp includes transportation and lunch. (Call St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish office to make a reservation.)

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

4:00 PM Nancy K. Gatto+
Nancy Bishop+
Janet Kosmatine+

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 AM Julie Davis+
Lucas Menos - Special Intention
Eden Donegan - Special Intention

9:30 AM SPRED II Catechists & Friends
Karen Pisano+
Rachele Hartog+

11:30 AM Terri & John Koppers+
Linda Lamberty & Deceased
Members of the Lamberty Family
Mass for Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 3

8:15 AM Marguerite Brennan+
Robert J. Rokos+
Maria Wilczek (75th Birthday)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 AM Antoinette Zaro+

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners
3:30 PM Prayer Service
5:45 PM CFF Mass
7:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

8:15 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Pat & Jack McGeehan+

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

8:15 AM James Jaeger+
Ricky Bozzo+

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

4:00 PM Stanley & Mary Mikos+
Leo & Jane Davis+
Joseph Labuda+

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Reverend Blaise Coelho+

9:30 AM Sikorski-Wojack Family
Delores Thompson+
Rachele Hartog+

11:30 AM Jimmy Kosiba+
Diane Marie Kulpin+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+

+ Deceased

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK...

Patrick Amtman, Arlene Astrowski, Robert Baader, David J. Baczewski, Charles Baez, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Walter Boreman, Angie Brady, Dominick Byrne, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Baby Eden Grace Clausius, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Loretta Corcoran, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Cecelia Dusek, Ted Dybas, Peter Ellement, Darlene Everson, Abigail Fanscali, Joe Ficaró, Emer Flannagan, Eugene Georges, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Marirose Grosschadl, Martha Hayes, 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, Bri and Baby Omatto, Deacon Joe Panek, Pat Paul, John Polley, Charlotte Pratl, Betty Prusaitis, Jack Ramey, Eunice Robey, Theresa Schultz, 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, Colette Verdun, JoAnne Wojcik, 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...

Virginia Schaffer, Deborah Schmitt

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. Guerinó (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.

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY: MARCH 2

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

MONDAY: MARCH 3

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/
Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY: MARCH 4

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and
23/Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,
14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY: MARCH 6

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk
9:22-25

FRIDAY: MARCH 7

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY: MARCH 8

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk
5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY: MARCH 9

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-1

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK - LENT 2025

Books will be available at
Masses this weekend.



How to use the "Little Black Book"

This Little Black Book is your companion for Lent. It's an old-fashioned "vadamecum" (pronounced vahdmaykum).

That's Latin for "travel with me" and the name was used for a book that was a constant companion—perhaps a condensed book of rituals and prayers for traveling priests.

The Little Black Book travels easily in your pocket, purse, or glove compartment. The idea is to find quiet time every day during Lent, and walk through this Little Book a page at a time. It's an investment that will pay big returns. The key is the right-hand page, which will walk through the Passion according to John, with explanations and reflections along the way. It's an ancient

way of praying the Scriptures—called lectio divina. God speaks to us "live" through sacred Word. If you will consciously stay open to the Lord present in these words, you will be surprised by the thoughts that come. On the Sundays of Lent, the right-hand page will take us through different forms of prayer.

The left-hand page has a variety of quotes, information and timely thoughts, many of which are centered around the virtue of hope. (If pressed for time, go directly to the right-hand page and spend your time there.)

We will not start reading the Passion until Ash Wednesday. But we will begin preparing on Sunday, March 2 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday), and spend three days getting ready for Lent.

We need to use these three days to ask for God's help in making some course corrections in our lives.



JOIN US FOR
CRS RICE
BOWL'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY!

You are invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Lenten program through Catholic Relief Services. It's an opportunity for us to recommit to coming together as a community to put our faith-in-action for our sisters and brothers in need around the world. At this very moment, millions of people are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger for every community around the world—but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity. Throughout these 40 days, we will encounter families in Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bangladesh through CRS Rice Bowl.

We'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching and ways we can put them into action. Furthermore, participating in the program will help us engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We invite you to pick up your rice bowl, take it home and use it to collect your family's alms. You'll also receive a calendar that offers short reflections for each day. You can visit crsricebowl.org for stories, meatless recipes, prayers and more to enrich your Lenten journey. We are excited to take this journey with our community, and to connect our prayer and reflections to our global community of faith. Please pick up your Rice Bowl today at the entrances of church for your family.



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, March 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.

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. Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th Street which goes west from Governors Highway, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Highway behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood).

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. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation (e.g. make extra visits to Holy Family Chapel and/or attend weekday Mass). You can schedule your vigil time at 40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/

Bus Trip to Illinois Pro-Life March

Saint Mary's in Mokena is sponsoring a bus trip to the Illinois Pro-Life March scheduled in Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The bus trip begins at 7:30 AM with return around 6:00 PM. Activities include the Noon rally, 1:00 PM march, and Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The bus will leave Springfield at 3:00 PM. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Bill Beckman at 708-429-2762 or email at beckman17631@yahoo.com



THAT MAN IS YOU

THE DARKNESS OF MODERN CULTURE

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

Steve Bollman returns for a third and final session as our TMIY guest speaker. In the past two weeks, we've crossed some difficult terrain. Souls are at stake. Everything is at stake! Against this backdrop, we have a decision to make. Do we continue to pursue our own interests or strive for the common good?

No matter how far we've fallen individually, or as a society at large, the merciful heart of the Father continues to pursue us with his unfailing love. Our pathway is clear. Our homes must be transformed into schools of love.

When we transform our hearts and our homes, we will transform the world. We must build a civilization of love!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. Breakfast is available beginning at 6:30 AM and our program starts at 7:00 AM.

We are hoping to see YOU there!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

In 1971, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist were first permitted in the United States. At that time, the Congregation of the Sacraments responded to a request of the American bishops to allow laypersons to assist priests in giving Holy Communion.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are first and foremost a member of the Body of Christ, one of the holy people of God. In Baptism, we all were claimed by Christ as one of Christ's own and marked with the sign of the cross. Through the waters of Baptism, we died with Christ to all that was not of God and were cleansed of all that could separate us from God. In Confirmation, we were anointed with Chrism as one who shares in the priestly, prophetic and royal ministry of Jesus, the Anointed One, the Christ.

As Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, we are called to further service of the Body of Christ, the Church, as we share the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ with God's people. Like all ministries, this is a great honor and a great responsibility. We undertake it with the intention to grow in our devotion to the liturgy, to the Church that celebrates it, and most importantly, to the Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom we live and move and have our being. We are called to a most beautiful ministry. As a witness and a sign of the "Eucharist", you represent the local faith community, the parish, and the universal church.

We are in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve at our weekend liturgies. Becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion is a great way to become involved in the life of our parish. The time commitment is minimal and your assistance would benefit our parish community.

To become an Extraordinary Minister of Communion you must be: a Catholic in good standing having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation); have a love for the Eucharist and Confirmation, a desire to share your faith through this ministry and have an acceptance of this call as a gift and an opportunity to be of service.

This ministry is always welcoming anyone who would be willing to commit themselves in sharing the most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ to others. If interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact Teri at 815-469-1634. There will be a training session in church on **Monday, March 10 at 6:30 PM.**



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindi Patula - Cup
 Sue Stanton - Cup
 Ron Yock - Cup
 Charlene Yock - Cup
 Don Clark - Bread
 Mary Spengler - Bread
 Ruth Strugala - Bread
 Jack Yock - Bread
Lector: Joe Schulte

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers: Kelly Conrad - Cup
 Donna Kavanaugh - Cup
 Julie Newtoff - Cup
 Ray Schulze - Cup
 Christopher Barrett - Bread
 Jennifer Barrett - Bread
Lector: Lynda O'Brien

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Adalakun - Cup
 Ann Floyd - Cup
 Eva McCulley - Cup
 Nancy Opyd - Cup
 Dawn Bartos - Bread
 Tim McCabe - Bread
 Nicole Olson - Bread
 NOT FILLED - Bread
Lector: Erin Peterson
 Kara Peterson

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Frances Bouchard - Cup
 Fran Fancsali - Cup
 Diane Wawzenek - Cup
 Wally Wawzenek - Cup
 Tim Doyle - Bread
 Jeanine Patrick - Bread
Lector: Tom German



YOUTH MINISTRY 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY GATHERINGS

The next Tuesday Gathering will take place from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on February 25 in the Youth Room at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr, 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park.



SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOSEPH DAY CELEBRATION

GodSEND Tuesday Gathering on March 11 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr.

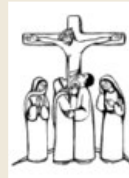
Corned beef with the fixings and pasta will be served. Feel free to bring a dessert to share. Play Saint Joe and Saint Pat trivia for prizes to the top 3 winners.



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

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.



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday evening, our teens will present the Living Stations of the Cross at Saint George Church. These will feature reflections with contemporary music between stations. We need Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, Pilate, Roman soldiers, and crowds both for and against Jesus as He makes His way to Calvary. There will be an organizational meeting in the Teen Room on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM. All other practices will be held in Saint George Church (enter at the East side door by the organ).

You are welcome to join us even if you cannot make every practice. Please help us by taking part. No lines to memorize. *Saint George First and Second year Confirmandi please note: This can be used as a service experience for your parish in your Confirmation Service Journal.*

For more information, call Fran Fancsali, 708-429-3979 or email (ffatpts@ameritech.net) or leave your name in the CFF office.

- Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Teen Room)
- Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Church)
- Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)
- Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Church)
- Friday, April 18 Possible Dress Rehearsal at 10:30 AM (Church)

VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

How about making a Lenten resolution to take a break from your regular routine and visit 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.

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.

Thursday at 9:00 PM needs a new adorer. 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").



Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Together we bring hope," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

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

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	12,734.75
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	(3,540.25)

School Fund	\$	246.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	87.00
Initial Offering	\$	13.00
Church in Latin America	\$	35.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	35.00
Easter Offering	\$	50.00
Easter Flowers	\$	10.00
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$	10.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	559,808.18
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	553,350.00
YTD Difference	\$	6,458.18

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.



**THANK YOU,
SAINT GEORGE PARISH!**

On behalf of all the current and future residents of Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, our Daybreak volunteers want to thank all those who contributed to this year's Souper Bowl of Caring collection on the weekend of February 8 and 9. Our parishioners donated over \$4,900 to help defray the cost of groceries that our group will purchase, cook, and serve at the center in the upcoming year. It will go a long way in allowing us to continue to provide healthy, delicious meals throughout 2025. God bless you for your generosity!

WELCOME BACK MRS. PRATL!

Mrs. Pratl, the heart of our school, is back where her heart lies - with the children of Saint George. After a four month absence due to surgeries and recovery, during which time she kept on top of things working from home, Mrs. Pratl has returned to her school family. She was greatly missed, and welcomed back with balloons, flowers, posters, smiles, and open arms filled with love!



SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

WHY I LIKE SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL BY: CARTER OSHIPITAN, 5TH GRADE

Did you know that Saint George School has won numerous awards for being the best school in the Southland? I love Saint George because of its friendly community, field trips and recess. We take our religion very seriously so be prepared to learn about it.

People in the school are really kind and nice. When I needed a pencil my friend gave me one which was nice of her because she only had 2. If you're upset they will cheer you up.

Some schools don't have recess but our school does and if it's too cold to go outside you can play on your computer or play board games or something else. When we can go outside you can play games like red light green light, tag, football and soccer. All of this is under adult supervision.

Field trips are fun too. We can go to museums, zoos and maybe even aquariums. If you sign up for a Caring Hearts Club near Christmas we sing Christmas songs in nursing homes for the elderly which I enjoy doing.

The teachers are also nice, always pushing you to do your best. They also try to explain things in the most simplest way and most of the time they succeed in doing that. This is why I love Saint George School. Maybe you should come try it out.

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To learn more about our school and why Saint George would be the best fit for your family, visit us at www.stgeorgeschool.org or follow us on Facebook@stgeorgeschool. Call for a tour at 708-532-2626.

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SAINT GEORGE TRIVIA NIGHT



SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Gym doors open at 6:00 PM
Question rounds begin at 7:00 PM

Cash prizes & Split the Pot Raffle

Reserve your table in advance.

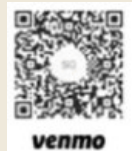
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Questions text Cathy at 708-607-5959.

Name _____

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I would like to reserve a table _____
(no need to reserve a table if already reserved by another team member)

Team Coordinator's Name _____

Number of guests _____
 (\$15 per person)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Don't have a full team? Not a problem! We will match you with others.



RAFFLE BASKETS

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

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.

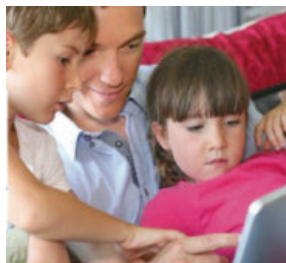
The Saturday 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass is live streamed on Facebook, then posted to the parish webpage and YouTube.

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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