



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
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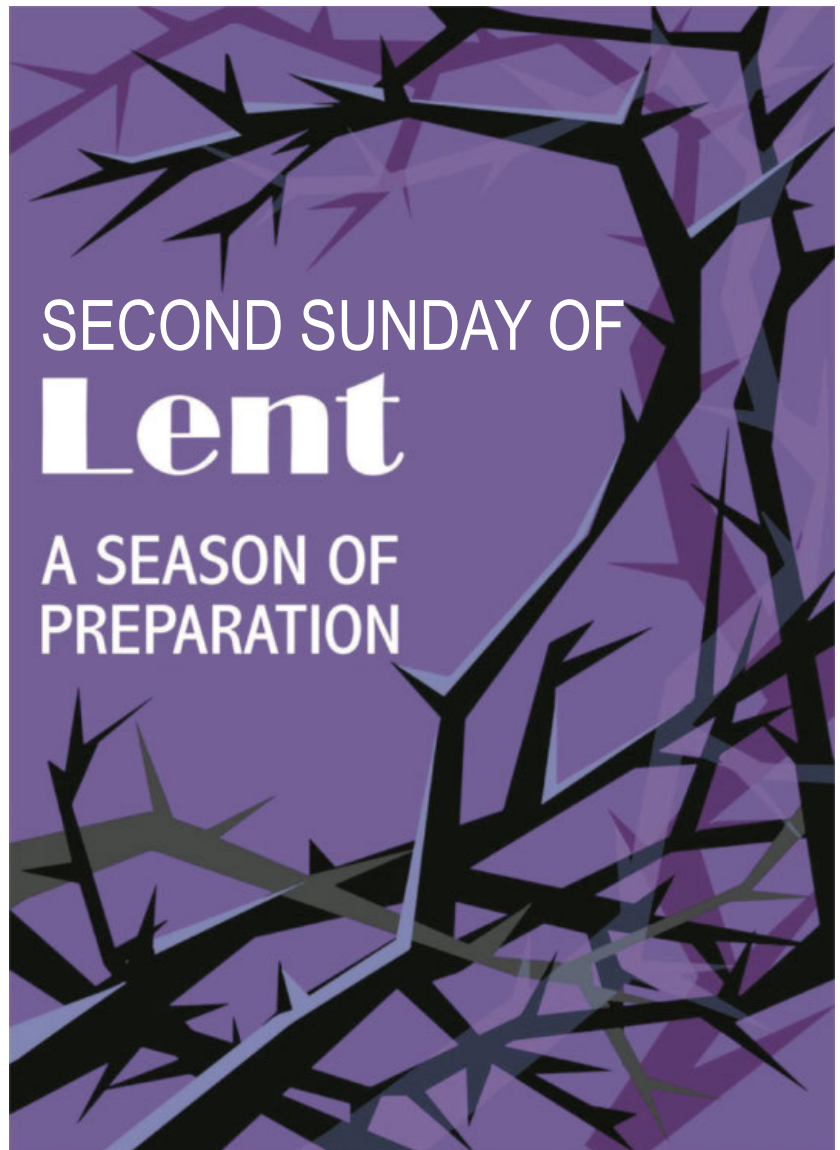
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him."

Lk 9:34-35

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL

There are those times when we just need a little encouragement. Sometimes we can feel very much alone. I think that is often the case for Catholics. We can get to feeling like we are isolated and alone in the world because our values and concerns are often not understood or appreciated. Our moral positions run the gamut of societal opinion. We are too conservative on abortion, too liberal on immigration, too open to new ideas (at the moment) and too... well, you get the idea.

It is important for us to keep the Gospel as our guidepost along the way. As we consider various issues in society, our first and last thought must be, "How does this stack up with the Gospel?" If we find ourselves arguing with God, that is a losing proposition. So we listen. We feel the Spirit. And, as the prophet Micah said, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." It doesn't help that some leading Catholics on social media seem to have forgotten this to make political points.

So it is in this mixed up jumble that it is especially encouraging to see new people coming into the Catholic Church. Here at Saint George, we have several people who have responded to the movement of the Spirit within them. Last Sunday, our Director of Life-Long Formation, Jeanne Lassandrello and I accompanied them to a packed Holy Name

Cathedral for the Rite of Election. There they were greeted by Cardinal Cupich. We prayed for them, and each of their names was called out. They met the Cardinal personally and received his blessing.

It was amazing to see all these catechumens (those preparing for baptism) and candidates (those who are coming from other Christian denominations) fill the sanctuary. Hundreds of them! The Cardinal made a point to say that this was just one of four similar ceremonies. At the Easter Vigil, there will be thousands of people in the Archdiocese of Chicago who will receive the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please keep them in your prayers over these remaining weeks prior to the Easter Vigil. They are our brothers and sisters, and we welcome them. At the Cathedral, there were several entire families who presented themselves. I wonder if we have families who have not completed these three basic sacraments. Any individual should speak to Ms. Lassandrello and she will be happy to get the ball rolling.

Next Saturday is Super Bingo! This is always a big event. IF you don't have a ticket yet, call the school and see if any are available. If not, you can participate in this event in support of our school by getting some Strike It Rich raffle tickets. The winners will be drawn at Super Bingo. Thank you for all your loving support of Saint George and our many ministries.

CARDINAL CUPICH RECENTLY SENT THIS TO ALL THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE.

March 2025

Dear Brothers,

This week the President of our Episcopal Conference, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, wrote to encourage support of Ukraine as the world marks the 3rd anniversary of the Russian invasion. He reminded us that "as Catholics, we are acutely aware that every past occupation of Ukraine has resulted in various degrees of repression of the Catholic Church in the country." We cannot let this happen again.

Since the invasion I have made two visits to this war-torn land. I have seen first-hand the suffering that this unjust violation of a nation's sovereignty has brought to the "martyred people of Ukraine", a phrase Pope Francis recently used. I heard stories of family members killed defending their homeland, of the destruction of their homes and towns, of family separation, of leaving behind their lives and livelihoods, yes even of the barbaric abduction of children. I saw mass graves containing bodies of people gunned down on streets as they foraged for food and sought shelter from rocket attacks.

Yet, amid the tragedy, I witnessed extraordinary heroism of citizens who became soldiers overnight, first responders who fought fires caused by rocket attacks and neighbors reaching out to each other to provide food and shelter.

Regrettably, we now hear powerful voices attempting to change the narrative and rewrite history by declaring that Ukraine started the war or even that Russian's invasion can be defended. What is the truth?

- 1) *Ukraine is not the aggressor in this war.*
- 2) *The invasion by Russia was unprovoked and in breach of international law and the UN Charter.*
- 3) *The violation of Ukraine's sovereignty was also a violation of the security assurances made 30 years ago by guarantor states when Ukraine agreed to turn over its nuclear arsenal, the third largest in the world.*

Yes, we need to pray for peace and for negotiations that will lead to a just peace and lasting security for Ukraine. But this can happen only if Ukraine is at the table, if the truth is told and the nations of the world honor the promises that were made in treaties signed. Ukraine has the right to its existence and its self-determination. Most of all in this moment, Ukraine has the right to be a true architect of the pathway to peace that can lie ahead.

Archbishop Broglio was right in reminding us how "every past occupation of Ukraine has resulted in various degrees of repression of the Catholic Church in the country." He is also right in tell us "we must not tolerate the forcing of our brothers and sisters underground again." Let's make it clear to our people that we stand with Ukraine.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Cardinal Blase Cupich

SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

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. 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

Flossmoor 40 Days or Life Vigil

Join the 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day now 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 any Thursday from March 20 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 runs west from Governors Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). You can schedule your vigil time at 40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/.

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).



These forty holy days are intended for us to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, Please come and begin your Lent well – pray with us!

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. On March 21, the Stations will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Music Ministry, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be sponsoring the stations on March 28.

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!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

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

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.





AN INVITATION TO SERVE THE LORD, THE ALTAR AND LINEN MINISTRY

You see the purificators during Mass that are being used by the Priests and Eucharistic Ministers. They are white, crisp, ironed and are used for the body and blood of Jesus. We have had four parishioners washing these and it has been my honor to serve for years. We now have two openings in our ranks and would like to invite you to consider serving in this honorable ministry.

We each pick up the linens, purificators, in church once a month. We soak stains out, and then wash and iron them. They are returned the same week they are picked up as they are needed for Mass.

Please consider joining our group. Just call the Saint George parish office and leave your name and phone number, and we will get back to you. When we have a few interested parties, we will meet in church, talk about how this work is done and the week you are best able to serve one time each month. Please join us. We need your help. Sincerely, Mary Cermak-Vis



THAT MAN IS YOU A LIFE OF DISSIPATION

Saturday, March 22 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

Jeff Joaquin is back this week as our TMIY presenter. We heard one aspect of Jeff's personal story last December - his relationship with his lost son, Jonathan. We witnessed his painful process of healing and forgiveness.

This week Jeff shares a more comprehensive story of conversion: his personal Prodigal Son story, pathway of poor choices, squandered dreams, and eventual return to the merciful embrace of the Father. An inspiring message! The God of Mercy wants to heal you, too!

Please join us as we continue our Lenten Journey toward salvation!

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it.

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
- 10:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)
- 11:30 AM Baptism
- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

- No School
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee (MR 3)
- 7:30 PM AI-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 6:30 PM Caregiver Support Group (MR 4)
- 6:30 PM Men's Club Mtg. (MR 3)
- 6:30 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)
- 5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, QR)
- 5:45 PM CFF Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM SPRED 1 (SC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 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 21

- 9:00 AM Confirmation Retreat (MR 1-3, G)
- 7:00 PM Bingo (GR, K)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)
- 10:30 AM Super Bingo (Strike It Rich Drawing) (O'CH, GR, NCR, K, G)
- 2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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

Please visit the Saint George Website for additional information about Saint George
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

4:00 PM Mary McClure+
Linda Cwiklik+
Arlene Bulow+

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Marilyn LaSala+
Mieczyslaw Gierat+

9:30 AM SPRED II Catechists &
Friends
Gregory Boltz+
Deceased Members of
James Gallagher Family+

11:30 AM Mass for Mothers
Peter Kiec+
Joseph Gembala+

MONDAY, MARCH 17

8:15 AM Florence Urbanek+
Pat & Jack McGeehan+

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8:15 AM Jean Fisher+
Robert G. Siriani+
Elayne Howland+

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:00 PM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Linda Cwiklik+
Intentions of Monica Barrow

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 AM Mass for All Souls
Clarita Guiang+
Holly Hesselschwardt+

9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Eugene Novak+
Dolores Compton+

11:30 AM Theodore A. Dompeling+
Josephine Landski+
Dennis A. Payonk+

+ 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, Peter Ellement, Darlene Everson, Abigail Fanscali, Joe Ficaro, 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...

Karen Taglioli, Theodore Dybas, Peggy Rogers (daughter of Ron & Shirley Auld), Jack Dorgan, Robert Tenbroeck

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 Hollendonor (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendonor (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 16

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

MONDAY: MARCH 17

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY: MARCH 18

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY: MARCH 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

THURSDAY: MARCH 20

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY: MARCH 21

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY: MARCH 22

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY: MARCH 23

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11(8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

DAILY ROSARY

Please join us to pray the rosary before the morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM.



A STORY OF HOPE FROM NIGERIA

Paying it Forward as a Lead Mother.

Amina Bukar, a mother of five, is a well-respected leader and small business owner in Muna Moforo, Nigeria. In her village nutrition

group, she teaches mothers how to prepare nutrient-rich porridge for their children to help them grow strong and healthy. This is important because in Nigeria, more than 25 million people face extreme hunger and lack access to nutritious food. Amina makes regular house visits to families in her community to provide support and knowledge for leading healthy lives.

Amina and her family used to live in their hometown of Marte. She owned a chicken farm and a store. Her husband, Garba, worked for a water and land conservation agency. But in 2014, violence in their community forced them to flee their village.



In a training session for mothers, Amina demonstrates how to prepare a nutritious porridge for children. Photo by Randy Radeno for CRS

“My husband placed me and the children in a pick-up truck and asked us to go my auntie’s house,” Amina says. “I left with just my purse, a small amount of money and the clothes on my back. I used to live well but suddenly, I lost everything. It affected me mentally.

“I used to live well but suddenly, I lost everything.” —Amina Bukar”

After arriving in Muna Moforo, Amina and her family had to start life all over again. Amina joined a Catholic Relief Services program that provided food and cooking supplies. This enabled her family to eat healthy meals as they worked to rebuild their lives and find employment.

“Before we didn’t have the money to buy sardines or even eggs to eat well,” Amina says. Now, she and her family can prepare balanced meals, like eggs and yams for breakfast.

Amina started a food grinding business to earn income. She also began preparing specialty foods to sell in the market, like hibiscus drinks and gingerbread palm fruit. She earned enough money to support her family’s needs and now provides materials to other women to help them start their own businesses.



Amina (left) led a training session showing mothers how to make a nutrition-packed porridge for their children. Photo by Randy Radeno Haniel for CRS.

“[Amina] is always here, listening to the women and their concerns,” says Garba, her husband. Because of her supportive and caring nature, Amina was nominated to be a lead mother in her village. By empowering mothers and caregivers, she is helping her community overcome the challenges of hunger so they can thrive!

Prayer for Lent: Jesus, Bread of Life, As we encounter you in the Eucharist this Lent, nourish us with your love, unite us in communion with our sisters and brothers, showing us how we are connected. Transform our hearts, that we may be moved to share bread for life with our global family and work for a world where all can thrive. Amen.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our candidates have been meeting weekly since the Fall to prepare to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, and become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Last Sunday, they experienced the Rite of Sending at the 9:30 AM Mass. During the rite, the candidates signed the Book of the Elect. They then went to Holy Name Cathedral to be recognized as the Elect by Cardinal Cupich and affirmed their faith journey to receive the Sacraments.

Their pictures and short biographies will be run for the next few weeks in the bulletin. This will give you a chance to recognize and continue to pray for them during our Lenten Season. During the last three weeks of Lent, they will experience the Scrutinies at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Dear Saint George Parish,

My name is Hunter Vail. I was born and raised here in Tinley Park. I was also baptized and made my Holy Communion here at Saint George Parish. As a young adult, I lost my faith and was not as devoted to the church as I should have been. Now thanks to the great staff and friends here at Saint George, I have renewed my faith and am now on track to making my Confirmation. I am a Stationary Engineer and a proud member of Local 399. Thank you all for having me be part of your wonderful parish.



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

On Saturday, March 8, in preparation for their First Holy Communion on May 5, the First Communion candidates took part in a retreat. As part of the retreat, the children made bread and Baptismal blankets. Deacon Greg and his wife, Dawn, also explained the meaning and use of some of the items found on the altar and in the sacristy.



AN INVITATION TO FIND HEALING IN JESUS: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - MARCH 18 AT 6:00 PM

In her book, *Restore*, a guided Lent Journal for prayer and meditation, Sister Miriam James Heidland (SOLT) shares: "The season of Lent stirs many things in our hearts, and I often wonder what is being engaged at the deeper level of our hearts. Over and over again this season, we will be reminded of God's mercy, love, compassion, and protection. We will see love poured out and a heart pierced for our offenses. And over and over again, God will invite us to turn away from our sins and idols, from fragmentation, darkness, death and all things that break us and lead us away from salvation. Jesus is inviting us into his life-how He lives, thinks, and loves. He is showing us what it means to be truly alive and truly human. Jesus is inviting us into His heart so that he can reveal ours and bring us into communion." For many, Lent is a healing journey and an intimate encounter with Jesus. During this Eucharistic Adoration Hour, we will pray Father Boniface Hicks' Litany of Healing and Repentance.

Through this litany, we will open our hearts to Jesus' healing presence. Through this litany, we will experience Jesus' invitation to come into His heart so that He can reveal ours and bring us into communion.

On March 18, this Litany of Healing and Repentance will be offered during the evening Eucharist Adoration Service. On your Lenten journey, you are invited to find healing in Jesus! Create in me a clean heart, O God... Restore to me the joy of your salvation. (Psalm 51)

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. 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").

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Bibzak - Cup
 Mary Kubick-Martino - Cup
 Mary Spengler - Cup
 Ruth Strugala - Cup
 Joyce Bibzak - Bread
 Fran Clark - Bread
 Don Clark - Bread
 Tim Framke - Bread
Lector: Bob Wyatt

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers: Christopher Barrett - Cup
 Jennifer Barrett - Cup
 Alice Graff - Cup
 Gary Ryczyn - Cup
 Pat Kukula - Bread
 Julie Newtoff - Bread
Lector: Teri Ryczyn

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Amann - Cup
 Dawn Bartos - Cup
 Ventura Quatrini - Cup
 Pina Quatrini - Cup
 Catherine Adelakun - Bread
 Thomas Kavanaugh - Bread
 Eva McCulley - Bread
 Nancy Opyd - Bread
Lector: Olatunde Adelakun

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
 Tim Doyle - Cup
 Frances Bouchard - Cup
 Linda Milazzo - Cup
 Wally Wawzener - Bread
 Diane Wawzener - Bread
Lector: Jeanine Patrick



YOUTH MINISTRY 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

CREATION CARE PRESENTATION

GodSEND Tuesday
Gathering March 18 -
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr. The SES and SSDM Creation Care Ministry will give an interactive presentation.



RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL THROUGH MARCH 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.



YOUTH-LED, LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS DEVOTIONAL PRAYER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

At Saint Elizabeth Seton on, Friday, March 21; at Brookdale Assisted Living on Monday, March 31; at Bickford Assisted Living on Thursday, April 3; at Saint George on Friday, April 4; and at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr on Friday, April 11.

We will be leading these "Through the Eyes of a Teen." There are speaking and non-speaking parts.

School or organization service hours will be signed off, if needed.

Please register via the GodSEND Website.

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>.



JOIN THE YOUNG ADULT FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP!

JAVA WITH JESUS

MARCH 22
SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL,
11046 SAINT MARY'S RD., MOKENA

- Join us for Adoration and Fellowship
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM at the Chapel
- Clancy Brothers Coffee Roaster - 8:45 AM
- Scan the QR Code for more information

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 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)

PLANNED GIVING

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

Please contact your IRA administrator for more information, or contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org, or contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995-0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

Donations can be made by credit card, debit card and electronic payments. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.



Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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

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

MARCH 1 & 2

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	19,807.78
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	3,532.78

School Fund	\$	1,830.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	466.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	200.00
Easter Offering	\$	430.00
Easter Flowers	\$	112.50
Holy Thursday - Missionary Group	\$	96.00
Good Friday - Holy Land	\$	96.00
Church in Latin America	\$	5.00
Initial Offering	\$	20.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$	10.00
Christmas Offering	\$	50.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	594,323.96
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	585,900.00
YTD Difference	\$	8,423.96

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.

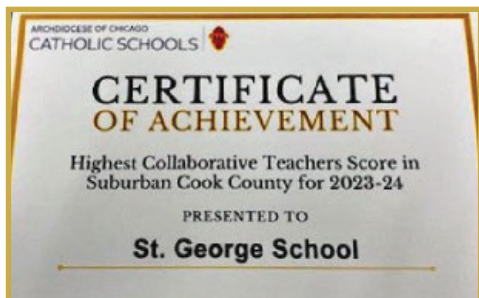
Hello Saint George!

My name is Michelle. I am a parishioner here at Saint George and am in need of your help! Do you or anyone you know live in and around Tinley Park and work in or around Lombard? I don't drive and am in need of a ride to and from work a few times a week. I can adjust my schedule to fit yours and will contribute to gas and tolls.

If you think you might be able to lend a hand please give me a call at 708- 263-5722. Please leave a message if I don't answer as your call is VERY important to me.

THANK YOU so VERY much in advance!

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



We were honored to have our School Superintendent, Mr. Greg Richmond, join us for a school Mass, at which he presented our school with a Certificate of Achievement Award. Mrs. Pratl was recognized for her dedication to our students and her commitment to excellence.



Father Paul presented bouquets of red roses to Mrs. Rojas, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Stock, and Mrs. Kavanaugh, and expressed his deep appreciation to them for keeping the school running smoothly and efficiently through Mrs. Pratl's absence.



Superintendent Richmond visited several classrooms during his visit to our school.

STRIKE IT RICH RAFFLE!

DRAWING
March 22, 2025
At our Spring Super Bingo

Grand Prize
\$10,000.00

\$20 PER TICKET

For tickets, call 708-532-2626
 www.stgeorgeschool.org

Saint George School
Tinley Park, Illinois



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.

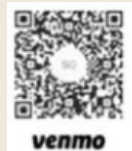
Maximum 10 guests per table
 \$15 per person if reserved in advance
 \$20 at the door

Bring your own food & drinks.

Must be 21 or older

No electronic device use during play.

Cash, checks & Venmo accepted.
 Bring payments to school office, parish office or pay at the door.



Questions text Cathy at 708-607-5959.



Saint George School
 Presents

SUPER BINGO



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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Email _____

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.

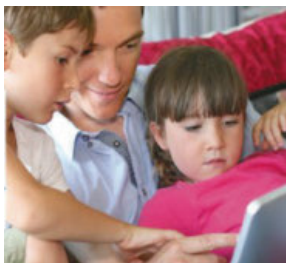
The Saturday 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass is live streamed on Facebook, then posted to the parish webpage and YouTube.

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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