



# 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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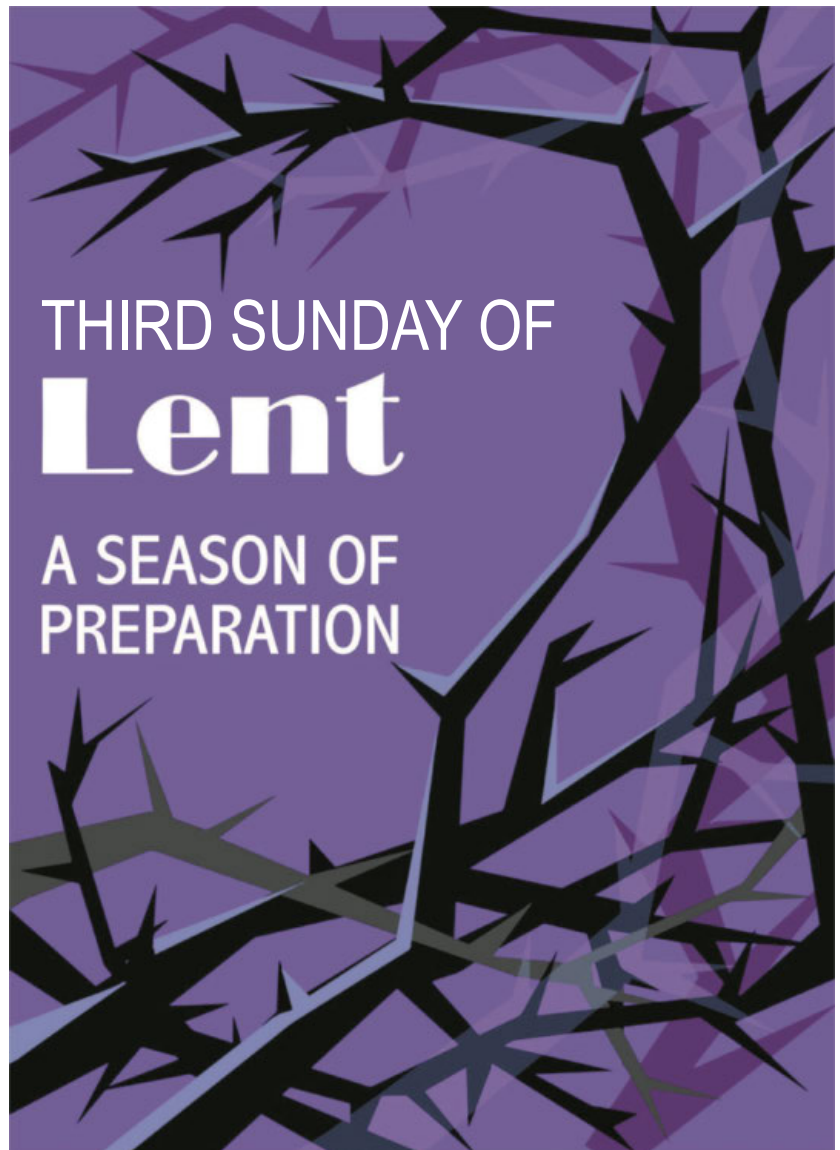
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:  
8:45 AM to 3:00 PM  
Tuesday & Thursday:  
8:45 AM to 6:00 PM  
Office Closed: 12:00 PM  
to 1:00 PM  
Monday through Friday

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 23, 2025

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" -  
Lk 13:2-3

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**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL**

Today I would like to offer a brief summary of terms we use in the Church which we use, I think, for no other reason than to confuse people...

This weekend we begin the first of three scrutinies with our catechumens and candidates. Lost yet?

Let's start with the people. Catechumens are people who have never been baptized who now seek to become Catholic. They have felt the movement of the Holy Spirit within them to live life on a deeper level in their relationship with God. Candidates are those who have already been baptized in some Christian church. We do not re-baptize people. As long as they have been baptized in water in the Name of the Father of and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church recognizes it as a valid baptism. They have heard the call to live out their Christian Faith with the Catholic Church.

The Scrutinies are what they sound like. When you scrutinize something, you examine it closely. At the 9:30 AM Mass for these three weeks, we as the Catholic People, will ask questions of the catechumens and candidates, to affirm their calling to the Catholic Church. The 9:30 AM Masses will use special readings. This Sunday, we hear of the story of Jesus meeting a woman at a well. Next week will be the story of the blind man regaining his sight. And the final week we hear of the raising

of Lazarus from the dead. Each of these stories show us a process of conversion. Stay tuned. They are great stories!

Our faith is completely focused on the Holy Triduum. Huh? The Triduum is the three days when we celebrate the central mystery of our faith --- Holy Thursday (the day of the Last Supper); Good Friday (the day Jesus died on the Cross); and Easter Sunday (the day of Resurrection). That's The Pascal Mystery --- short-hand for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the center of our faith. It is the whole reason we are Catholic!

This year it happens we don't have any catechumens, but we do have candidates. At the great Easter Vigil, they will affirm their faith in Christ through the Catholic Church. They become a part of our community. They will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. It is a beautiful liturgy, and I urge you to join us.

After they have been received into the Church, our candidates will enter into a period of Mystagogy. Don't worry. It's not as painful as it sounds. It is merely the time when our new Catholics (neophytes) through meditation in the Gospel, participation in the Eucharist and acts of charity and justice, make progress in understanding the Paschal Mystery. Please pray for our candidates!

So there you have it. There's a sampling of our "Catholic jargon."



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. The Music Ministry, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be sponsoring the stations on March 28. On April 4, the Stations will be sponsored by the GodSEND Youth Ministry.

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

### Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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+

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

8:15 AM Healing for Carmen Ponce+

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

8:15 AM Pat & Jack McGeehan+

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:15 AM Margaret Quitter+  
Lawrence Kelly+

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:15 AM Catherine Brennan+

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:15 AM Jack Dorgan+

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

4:00 PM William E. Shanahan+  
Joseph & Jean  
Perlikiewicz+  
David Smith+

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 AM Richard Borrmann+  
Anthony F. Ponziano+  
Mass for Fathers

9:30 AM SPRED II Catechists &  
Friends  
Tomas Torres, Jr.  
Nancy Sikorski+

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners  
John B. Klein+  
Anna Bowlds+

+ 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, Brittany Clausius, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Loretta Corcoran, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Cecelia Dusek, 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, David Murray, Judy Nelson, Gwen Norvilas, Brian O'Connor, Kathy O'Malley, 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...

Delia Knox, Marlene Mehmel

### OUR MILITARY...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sgt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSgt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sgt. Robert Brennan (Army), Bradley Brunod (Navy), Capt. Michael Caddigan (Army), SSgt. Brad Clemmer (Air Force), SSgt. Heidi Currie (Air Force), Lt.Col. Kevin Currie (Air Force), Maj. Patrick Currie (Air Force), SSG Matthew Daliege (Army). Sgt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sgt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Spc.4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Daniel Hollendonner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendonner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Sybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), AOAA Zachary Kovalcik (Navy) Spc. Martin McCarthy (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner (Navy), Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell (Army), Alexandra Novak, Lt. Charles W. Novak (Marines), HM3 Elizabeth O'Neill (E6 Navy Corpsman), Sgt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), Sean Rio, Sgt. James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), Camryn Shupryt (Army), SSgt. Alison Smallwood (Air Force), SSgt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), Sgt. FC Powell Yates (Army), A1C Andrew Yock (Air Force)

*If there are parishioners currently serving in the United States military, we would like to know. Please call the parish office and tell us the name of your dear one and he/she will be remembered in the prayers of our community and the name posted in the bulletin. Please indicate branch of service and rank.*

# 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.

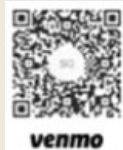
Maximum 10 guests per table  
 \$15 per person if reserved in advance  
 \$20 at the door

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.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

### 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)

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

- 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
- 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
- 6:30 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

- 3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)
- 6:30 PM Parish Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 PM SPRED 1 (SC)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)
- 10:30 AM Year One Confirmation Formation Day (MR 1-3)
- 2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
- 6:00 PM SGS Trivia Night (G)
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
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- 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

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



## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - 4:00 PM

**Celebrant:** Father Paul  
**Deacon:** Tom Schutzius  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim Framke - Cup  
 Cindi Patula - Cup  
 Ruth Strugala - Cup  
 Jack Yock - Cup  
 Joyce Bibzak - Bread  
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread  
 Fran Clark - Bread  
 Don Clark - Bread  
**Lector:** Family Mass

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 7:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father Ken  
**Deacon:** Jerry Souta  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phyllis Hendzell - Cup  
 Lynda O'Brien - Cup  
 Sandi Rogina - Cup  
 David Whitaker - Cup  
 Donna Kavanaugh - Bread  
 Ray Schulze - Bread  
**Lector:** Kay Keating

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 9:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father Ken  
**Deacon:** Tim Keating  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Amann - Cup  
 Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup  
 Karen Kiner - Cup  
 Nicole Olson - Cup  
 Dawn Bartos - Bread  
 Ann Floyd - Bread  
 Ventura Quatrini - Bread  
 Pina Quatrini - Bread  
**Lector:** Stephen Amann

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 11:30 AM

**Celebrant:** Father John  
**Deacon:** Greg Bartos  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup  
 Tim Doyle - Cup  
 Jean Gaytan - Cup  
 Jim Novotney - Cup  
 Frances Bouchard - Bread  
 Linda Milazzo - Bread  
**Lector:** Jeanine Patrick



## THAT MAN IS YOU WORKING IN REDEMPTION

### Saturday, March 29 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

Michael ("Gomer") Gormley, who visited us for two sessions back in October, returns as this weekend's presenter.

We will take a unique look at the sacramental, incarnational identity embedded into the mission of Christ. Our discussions will examine why so many "Christians" view the Catholic Church and the Sacraments as unnecessary additions to a life devoted to following the message of Jesus.

Please join us as we continue our Lenten Journey toward God's Kingdom!

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.

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## LENTEN RESOLUTION: 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.

Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11am to midnight to provide that opportunity. Use this link to get more information and to register for an hour that works for you: <http://stgeorge60477.org/eucharistic-adoration/>

Choose "Click Here To Sign Up" below the monstrance image, press "Weekly Commitment," select the hour you prefer, and enter the requested contact information. Press "Signup" to complete your registration. If you do not have electronic access, please call Bill Beckman at 708-429-2762 to register your hour.

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").



**OTIS SPUNKMEYER  
COOKIE DOUGH AND  
AMISH SOFT  
PRETZEL FUNDRAISER**

Support the St. George PTL by ordering some cookie dough or soft baked pretzels, just in time for Easter! Order forms are available at the entrances to the church, and are due in the school parish office by March 28 and will be available for pick up on Monday, April 14 between 3:15 PM and 3:45 PM. Orders arrive frozen and are ready to bake.



For information, contact Nicole at 708-341-5997.

**FATHER C.C. BOYLE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS 47TH ANNUAL "225" CLUB  
DRAWING**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual raffle dinner on Saturday, April 5 at 6:00 PM in O'Connell Hall. You are invited to participate in the chance to win the top prize of \$10,000.

The purchase of a ticket includes dinner for two, dessert, beer, wine and mixed drinks along with soda and water. There will also be live entertainment. The price of a raffle ticket is \$150, and only 225 tickets will be sold.

You are permitted to get a group together to go in on a ticket, but unfortunately, only two people per ticket will be able to attend the event.

The price of a raffle ticket is \$150. Only 225 tickets will be sold which increases your chances to win a prize. See the ticket below for the other prizes.

Other prizes include: 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$400, 4th - \$300, 5th - \$200, and 6th through 10th - \$150 each. Winner need not be present.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or have any questions, Please contact Don Clark via text or call at: 630-461-6541 or by email at vipr1561@gmail.com.

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

**DONATE BLOOD**

**SAINT GEORGE CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE  
SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4698**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

Saint George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park

Appointments appreciated, Walk-ins welcome!

Please make your appointment on line @<https://tinyurl.com/yrzehj79> or scan the QR Code --->

Questions about eligibility? Call Versiti at 800-786-4483. For questions about the blood drive, contact Tim @708-567-2605 or timsy68@gmail.com.

Every donor will save up to 3 lives! Donate blood to support 62% of area patients who require blood products at 85 Chicago-area and NW Indiana hospitals.

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donation. Photo ID is required.

Call 800-786-4483 with any eligibility questions.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday -  
May 17, 2025!**

We will be celebrating Father Paul's 40th and Father John's 21st Anniversary of their Priesthood.

More details to follow.



## 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. On March 9, 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  
Community,

My name is Ryan Ingram, and I am honored to be writing to you today.

I grew up in Barrington, Illinois and was raised in the Episcopal faith. However, after experiencing a family loss, I drifted away from religion. In 2024, after getting engaged, I felt called to reconnect with my faith to build a strong foundation for my life, marriage, and future family.

In December 2024, I moved to Frankfort and transitioned from the Old Saint Pat's OCIA program to Saint George. This journey has been both personal and transformative, and I am eager to deepen my faith within this welcoming community. I am grateful to the Saint George family, friends, and staff for their support as I take this step.

I look forward to growing spiritually and sharing this journey with all of you. Thank you for your warm welcome—I am excited to be part of this faith-filled community.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Ingram



## CREATION CARE CORNER



*"...the future of the human family depends also on how we safeguard—both prudently and compassionately... the gift of Creation ..."* – Pope Francis

### Weekly Stewardship Recommendation Connecting the Dots

From time to time, questions arise about what the connection is between the Catholic faith and the environmental sustainability recommendations presented in this column. Care for God's Creation is one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops links stewardship efforts to our faith when saying: "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation." Care for Creation is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. The Bishops tell us, "The environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

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### WALKING WITH JESUS AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE: A LENTEN REFLECTION

Friday, March 28th 7:00 PM  
Mount Assisi Convent- 13900 Main St., Lemont

As we walk through the difficulties and challenges of life, we can still be pilgrims of hope.

Join the Sisters of Saint Francis of Christ the King on Friday, March 28 at 7:00 PM at the Mount Assisi Convent for a Lenten Reflection followed by social time with the Sisters.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 24 to Bernie at [smigielskibernadette@gmail.com](mailto:smigielskibernadette@gmail.com) or 630-257-7844 ext. 223.

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## AL-ANON

Please join us at Al-Anon Family Groups - a fellowship of relatives and friends who share their experiences, strength and hope. It is a program of understanding. You have choices and Al-Anon can help. Al-Anon meets at Saint George on Mondays at 7:30 PM in O'Connell Hall.



**WEEKLY READINGS**

**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

**MONDAY: MARCH 24**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**TUESDAY: MARCH 25**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**WEDNESDAY: MARCH 26**

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY: MARCH 27**

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**FRIDAY: MARCH 28**

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY: MARCH 29**

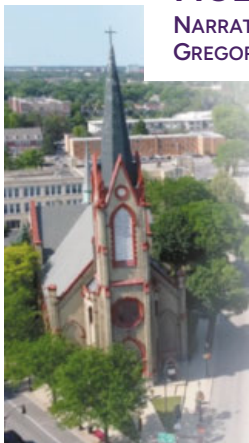
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**NEXT SUNDAY: MARCH 30**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**HOLY GROUND**

NARRATED BY FATHER GREGORY SAKOWICZ



Enrich your faith by learning Chicago's Catholic history in the film, Holy Ground.



SCAN TO WATCH FOR FREE.

**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 GUATEMALA**

**Nutritious Meals Help Children's Growth**

Ana Belén and her husband, José, have four children and a baby on the way.

They live in a small house in Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala. Francisco, their 9-year-old son, says his neighborhood is, "a very happy place to live, but sometimes it's also very hard to live here." He is not wrong. In their community, malnutrition affects over half of the population mainly because people can't afford to put food on the table.



Ana Belén (second from the left) with her children Francisco, 9, Joseph, 1, Dylan, 6, and Fiderlia, 4. Photo by Oscar Leiva/Silverlight for CRS

Almost five years ago, when the COVID-19 pandemic started, José lost his job as a driver. This created serious challenges for the family. Even after the pandemic, things never went back to normal. Food prices went up and eggs became twice as expensive. Bad weather made things worse—strong rains damaged the crops, causing the prices of vegetables, including tomatoes, onions and corn to go up.

When Ana Belén went to the market, she could barely buy anything. The little money she had wasn't enough to buy even the basics. "Sometimes I would cry because I didn't have anything to give my children," she recalls.

Now the family participates in a Catholic Relief Services project that helps fight hunger in places where people don't have enough food. Through the project, Ana Belén goes every other week to her children's school to receive food such as corn, beans, rice, vegetable oil and eggs. "It made me happy when they started giving me eggs," she says.

Her children really like eggs, especially hard-boiled with beans, so they make sure to remind their mom when it's time to pick them up. Ana Belén's family now eats nutritious meals every day. She also makes sure to take her children for monthly health check-ups, as part of the project.

Having enough nutritious food is very important to help children grow healthy and gives them the energy they need to learn and play, just like Francisco, who loves playing ball with his cousins and at school.

This Lent, try black bean soup, a meatless dish commonly eaten in Guatemala.

**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.



Ana Belén walks with two of her sons to their school where she receives eggs and other food rations for her family. Photo by Oscar Leiva/Silverlight for CRS

## SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

### Women's Center Life Luncheon

The Women's Center invites you to join them at their annual life luncheon on Saturday, April 12 at 11:00 AM. The luncheon location is: Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, Illinois. The guest speaker will be Alex Jones, co-founder of Hallow. Details and registration are located at [www.gotwc.org](http://www.gotwc.org) For help, call 773-794-4777 or email [ivelazquez@gotwc.org](mailto:ivelazquez@gotwc.org). Register by March 28 to get early bird pricing.

### Action Needed on Dangerous Illinois bills: HB 1328 and SB 9

HB 1328 and SB 9 will each allow "medical assistance in dying" (assisted suicide) in the state of Illinois. It will allow doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to anyone diagnosed with a terminal illness. Doctors should not be asked to assist in suicide. Doctors need to have the trust of their patients. That trust would be threatened by assisted suicide. Contact Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin (38th District) by calling either 217-558-1007 or 708-833-7010 to ask her to oppose HB 1328 and SB 9. Contact Senator Michael Hastings (19th District) by calling either 217-782-9595 or 815-464-543.

### Flossmoor 40 Days for Life Vigil

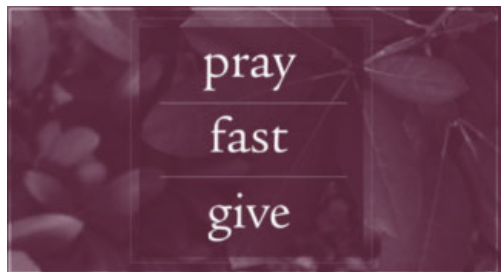
Join the 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day now through April 13. Thursday is a known abortion day, so that would be a good day for on-site prayer for the victims of abortion. Join other Saint George parishioners from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on any Thursday from March 27 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 St. which goes west from Governors Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). You can schedule your vigil time at [40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/](http://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).



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Margaret Gertos



## YOUTH MINISTRY 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

### TUESDAY GATHERING, MARCH 25TH, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

For the month of March 2025, all Weekly Tuesday Gatherings will be at the SSDM Youth Room.

All meet at SSDM, 17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park



### 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 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.

### SAINT ELIZABETH SETON MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY - SETUP, SERVING AND CLEANUP

At Saint Elizabeth Seton's McBrady Center, 9300 W. 167th Street, from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Starting at 3:30 PM is requested but staying until 7:30 PM is not. School or organization service hours will be signed off on, if needed, by Bruce Hall, Men's Club Fish Fry coordinator. If interested parent should contact John Sobol.

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>.



## 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 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

### Please Consider "Insuring" Our Parish

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include Saint George Parish as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy.

It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community.

For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. If you have additional questions, please contact 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](http://www.stgeorge60477.org) to learn how to make your weekly or monthly donations or use the new archdiocesan universal offertory website at: [www.archchicago/support](http://www.archchicago/support). Your weekly donation can also be made by clicking on the QR code on the right.

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](mailto:krubino@stgeorge60477.org) to request your statement. Please put 2024 Tax Letter in the subject line.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### MARCH 8 & 9

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	20,282.25
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	4,007.25
School Fund	\$	430.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	240.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	1,058.00
Easter Offering	\$	75.00
Easter Flowers	\$	205.00
Church in Latin America	\$	20.00
Initial Offering	\$	50.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	10.00

### FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	614,606.21
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	602,175.00
YTD Difference	\$	12,431.21

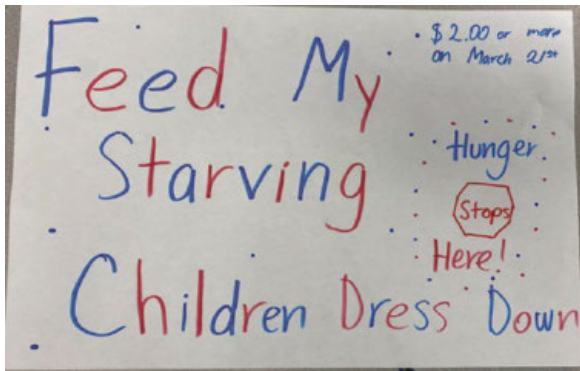
We are grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you! Your support is deeply appreciated and needed.

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.



"Hey, could we have some volunteers to stay and help clean up?"

# SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



The Saint George Honor Scholars are diligently working on their next fundraising endeavor. In April, these students will volunteer to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children. They will host a \$2.00 - or more - dress down day on Friday, March 21, and are hoping to raise enough money to make a substantial donation to provide meals for more children.



Some students in Caring Hearts Club displaying toys that were collected during their recent Toy Drive.



The Kindergarten class had fun on their scooters in PE class!

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

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

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK / RECONCILIATION**

can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office to have a priest celebrate the sacraments with the person who is seriously ill or homebound.

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

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

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

### **FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:**

To make arrangements, please call the parish office at 708-532-2243.

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

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

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

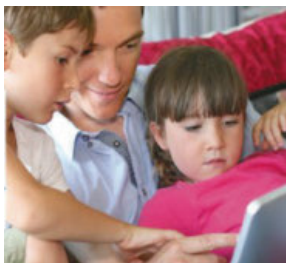
The Saturday 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass is live streamed on Facebook, then posted to the parish webpage and YouTube.

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

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

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

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



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