

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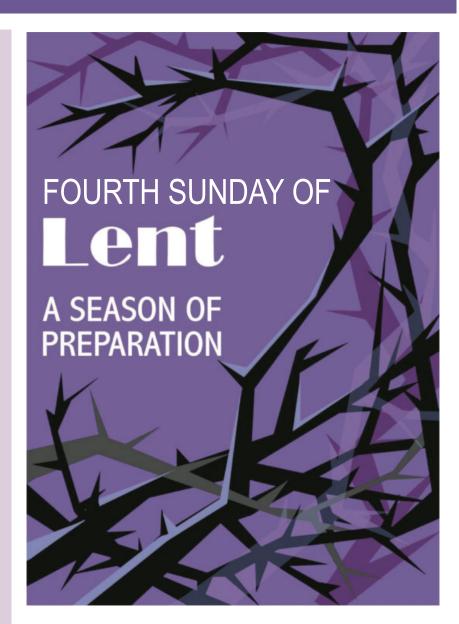
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM to 6:00 PM Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 30, 2025

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a PAGE 2 March 30, 2025

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Message from Father Paul



I am writing this on Sunday evening, one week before it appears in church. I am anticipating many things, so what you read here will be finished, even though for me it's still in the future.

On Monday, the staff went away to Mundelein Seminary for an overnight of prayer and reflection. One of the marvelous things about

Saint George is that our pastoral staff works incredibly well together. It may sound like a slight thing, but everyone truly enjoys each other's company. This has a critical effect on the parish. I have been at other parishes where this is not the case and it darkens the mood of the parish. The folks in the pews can sense it. I feel very blest to work with such a dedicated, caring group. The overnight is intended to allow us some time away from work to get to know each other on a more personal basis. The last two overnights were very successful. I hope this one has the same result.

The other thing in the past/but not yet is I leave for Spain and France with forty people on a pilgrimage. We are leaving on Sunday during the 11:30 Mass. Father Kevin McCray of Saint Elizabeth Seton is sharing the spiritual direction responsibilities with me. We will be going to Barcelona, Spain. There we will see the famous Sagrada Familia (Church of the Holy Family) and Montserat, where Saint Ignatius wrote his powerful Spiritual Exercises. These exercises would become the bedrock of Jesuit spirituality. We will also visit Lourdes, France, where Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Bernadette. It is the site of many miraculous healings. We will also see Avignon, where the popes lived for 70 years while the barbarians were at the gates of Rome. Saint Catherine of Sienna straightened the pope out and told him to go back to Rome where he belonged! And he did! Catherine was all of 24 years old. Then on to Nice. From there we return home in time for Confirmation and the start of Holy Week.

Father John will be holding down the fort with an assist by Father Ken Fleck. I am very grateful to both Father Ken and Father John for their willingness to step up and help. Please pray for us who are traveling and those who remain at home.

















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 all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday 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 April 4, the Stations will be sponsored by the GodSEND Youth Ministry. Stations will not take place on Friday, April 11 due to Confirmation.

Let us walk together in the footsteps of Christ.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Private reconciliation is scheduled on Saturday, April 5 and April 12 from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

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 place 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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+

MONDAY, MARCH 31

8:15 AM Timothy Danlow+

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

8:15 AM John A. Woltman+

Healing for Mike Rubino

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:15 AM Frank Podbielniak+

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8:15 AM Nelda J.Domingo+

Pat & Jack McGeehan+

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

8:15 AM

Nancy K. Gatto+ Elsie Aleck+

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4:00 PM

Claudia Hunter+ Eleanor Hunter+ Edward Hunter+

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 AM Jacanto Marban Gayton+

Michael Martin+ Matthew Berry+

9:30 AM Margaret Quitter+

Czeskaw & Jadwiga Kolb+

John McCulley+

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

Mary Jean McLaughlin+ 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, 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 Ficaro, Elmer 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...

Anne M. Whited, Susan Bulfin, Frederick Murphy, John Dorgan

OUR MILITARY...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sqt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSqt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sgt. Robert Brennan (Army), Bradley Brunod (Navy), Capt. Michael Caddigan (Army), SSqt. Brad Clemmer (Air Force), SSqt. 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), Sqt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Sybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), AOAA Zachary Kovalcik (Navy) Spc. Martin McCarthy (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner (Navy), Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell (Army), Alexandra Novak, Lt. Charles W. Novak (Marines), HM3 Elizabeth O'Neill (E6 Navy Corpsman), Sqt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), Sean Rio, Sqt. James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), Camryn Shupryt (Army), 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.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 12 - APRIL 13

Saturday Anticipated Mass at 4:00 PM Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Blessing of palms will take place at all Masses

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM Private Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM Living Stations performed by the teens at 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19

Blessing of Baskets at Noon in O'Connell Hall Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY - APRIL 6



Join us April 6 for Family First Sunday! As we reach the final countdown and approach Holy Week, please join our parish family for some food and fellowship as we celebrate at Family First Sunday April 6.

All are invited to the Cahill Center after all the Sunday morning Masses for some light breakfast refreshments and a chance to get to know your fellow parishioners a little better.. Whether you can stay for an hour or only a few minutes, we hope you will stop by and say hello to your brothers and sisters in Faith! The Cahill Center will be open by 7:15 AM for anyone wishing to drop off any items to share on their way to Mass. Your contributions to our buffet are always welcome and greatly appreciated! A free will basket will be available for those who prefer to help defray costs of the non-donated items. Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

9:30 AM Children's Lituray of the Word

(RMR)

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

6:00 PM Adoration (Church)

6:30 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)

7:00 PM SPRED 1(SC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 PM Bingo (GR, K)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Fair Trade Before & After Masses

6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)

2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
6:00 PM SGS Trivia Night (Gym)
6:00 PM KC 225 Dinner (O'CH, GR)
7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Fair Trade Before & After Masses

7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

(RMR)

9:30 AM Family Mass (Church) 1:00 PM Baptism (Church) 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)







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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Ken
Deacon: Tim Keating

Eucharistic Pamela Kavanaugh - Cup **Ministers:** Debbie Olejarz - Cup

> Mary Spengler - Cup Michael Woolf - Cup Don Clark - Bread Fran Clark - Bread Rose Szewczyk - Bread Jack Yock - Bread

Lector: Kay Keating

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Ken Deacon: Greg Bartos

Eucharistic Marge Gertos - Cup Ministers: Jim Newtoff - Cup

Rita Walker - Cup David Whitaker - Cup Jennifer Barrett - Bread Christopher Barrett - Bread

Lector: Betsy Windish

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tom Schurzius
Eucharistic Ann Floyd - Cup
Ministers: Jennifer Galvin - Cup

Tim McCabe - Cup Kate Mitchell - Cup Kevin Byczrek - Bread Dennis Hogan - Bread Teri Radtke - Bread Teri Richmond - Bread

Lector: Family Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John Deacon: Jerry Souta

Eucharistic Fran Fancsali - Cup **Ministers:** Theresa Gonzalez - Cup

> Sandra Novotney - Cup Kathy Wilson - Cup Jeanine Patrick - Bread Luis Suancanti - Bread

Lector: Chris Schroeder



THAT MAN IS YOU THE KINGDOM IS LIKE A GREAT BANQUET

Saturday, April 5 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

"Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!" (Luke 14:15).

Father Leo returns one final time this year to feed both our bodies and our souls! God is always inviting us to the feast! How will we respond?

There is a time to Fast, and a time to Feast! The church calendar has many more feast days than fast days! Stay hungry for God!

Please join us as we continue our Lenten Journey toward God's Kingdom! This will be session #25 of our 26-week program. Our final breakfast meeting this Spring will be held on April 12.

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

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 insideout. 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").

SAINT GEORGE SUPPORT GROUPS



We offer a Grieving Support Group at Saint George Parish. This is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to help process their grief. You will find this to be a place of love, compassion, comfort, support, and understanding. We will provide a gathering where the bereaved may express their grief freely without judgment.

Each session will meet from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in Meeting Room 4 in the Parish Life Center on the following Thursdays:

November 18, 2025 April 10, 2025 December 11 2025 May 8, 2025 January 8, 2026 June 12, 2025 February 12, 2026 July 10, 2025 March 12, 2026 Off for the month of April 9, 2026 August September 11, 2025 May 14, 2026 October 9, 2025 June 11, 2026



We offer a Caregiver Support Group at Saint George Parish where caregivers can come together to provide each other with understanding, love, and invaluable support. We understand that caring for a loved one can be a rewarding yet demanding journey, often leaving caregivers feeling overwhelmed and exhausted.

That's why our support group is designed to offer you the help you need. Our support group will provide a nurturing environment where you can freely express yourself, without judgement, knowing that you are surrounded by empathetic individuals who truly comprehend the joys and tribulations of caregiving.

Each session will meet from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in Meeting Room 4 in the Parish Life Center on the following Tuesdays :

November 18, 2025 April 15, 2025 December 16, 2025 May 20, 2025 June 17, 2025 January 20, 2026 February 17, 2026 July 15, 2025 March 17, 2026 Off for the month of April 21, 2026 August September 16, 2025 May 19, 2026 October 21, 2025 June 16, 2026

Any questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez, at tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 ext. 502.

WEEKLY READINGS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY, APRIL 1:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY, APRIL 3:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY, APRIL 4:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY, APRIL 5:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6:

ls 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

BULLETINS EARLY DEADLINE

Deadlines: Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, nine days before it reaches the parishioner's hands. Please send articles to bulletin@stgeorge60477.org. Thank you.

Due to the Easter Holiday, articles for the April 20 (Easter) bulletin will be due on Wednesday, April 10.

Please visit the Saint George Website for additional information about Saint George www.stgeorge60477.org -Like us on Facebook. PAGE 8 MARCH 30, 2025

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.



FAIR TRADE SALE APRIL 5 AND 6

Time for delicious Fair Trade! Give twice when you give Fair gifts!

Shop for Fair Trade goodies on April 5 and 6 after the weekend Masses.

Stop by the Fair Trade table at the front and south entrances of the church after Mass on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 to stock up on your favorite Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa Mix, Bean Soup Mix and the Truly Divine Chocolate... so delicious!

For information or to volunteer 20 minutes a month, please call Angie Brady at 708-341-3644.



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,

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.

Greetings Saint. George,

My name is Bessie Barlow. I was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago. I am the youngest of four children. I have a degree in Sociology and Neuroscience. I currently work in the social work field. Growing up, I went to church and Sunday school with my family almost every Sunday. My mom



was my Sunday school teacher(missing church wasn't an option). I grew up in a Baptist household. At age eight I was baptized. At a young age, I wanted to change denominations. I didn't realize it then, but this was the beginning of my journey to becoming Catholic. As a teenager, my mother took me to several churches of different denominations. We went to a Catholic Church for a baptism and, I had a wonderful experience. Towards the end of college (2022), I started thinking about converting. I began reading books and watching videos on Catholicism. I started attending mass in 2023 and learning more about the Catholic faith. I began OCIA classes this October with St George Catholic Church. Dr. Lisa Carswell has been an amazing sponsor during this journey. In the OCIA classes, I continue to learn and my relationship with God has become stronger. I look forward to continuing my journey and deepening my faith.

Sincerely, Bessie Barlow



PROTECTING DISASTERS

Shahadat Hossain lives on Manpura Island in Bangladesh. He is a successful vegetable farmer who grows beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, eggplants and green chilis. He spends his day caring for his cows and tending the garden plots on his family's land. Their farm provides nutritious food for Shahadat's family to eat and extra produce he can sell at the market.



Shahadat waters and cares for his vegetable crops that provide his family with food and income. Photo by Amit Rudro/CRS.

But a few years ago, Shahadat's family struggled to pay for basic household expenses like food and school fees. His father worked as a motorbike driver but only earned a small income. His mother grew vegetables, but without much success. Their village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops.

"The vegetables I sell at the market help me to provide financially for my family." -Shahadat Hossain

"The desperation in my life was so immense. Farming would cost a lot of money, and we were in a state of mental, physical and financial loss all the time," Shahadat says.

"With the CRS training, my family can grow vegetables with less money. The vegetables I sell at the market help me to provide financially for my family," Shahadat says.



Shahadat's cousin, Zayan, helps him harvest tomatoes on the farm. Photo by Amit

Shahadat's dream is to help other Rudro/CRS families in his community learn how to grow successful crops and become prosperous, too.

This Lent, try making dahl, a meatless lentil dish commonly eaten in Bangladesh.

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.

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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 the leading Christian prayer app, Hallow; recently making history by becoming #1 in the app store. Details and registration are located at www.gotwc.org For help, call 773-794-4777 or email ivelazquez@gotwc.org. Register by March 28 to get early bird pricing.

Pregnant, Need Help?

If you learn of a pregnant woman who is considering abortion, suggest that she call The Women's Center at 708-425-0707 (Evergreen Park), Aid for Women at 312-621-1100 (Flossmoor & downtown Chicago), PASS Pregnancy Care Center at 708-614-9777 (Tinley Park and South Holland), or Southside Women's Services at 708-229-0092 (Evergreen Park), depending on the location that would be more convenient. If there is a change of heart after taking the abortion pill, call 877-558-0333 or go to AbortionPillReversal.com. There may still be time to save your pregnancy.

If you (or a person you know) needs to talk to someone to seek reconciliation and healing from an abortion, people are available who are ready to help you. Please call Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673), Post-Abortion Hotline at 800-5-WE-CARE, or Rachel's Vineyard at 877-467-3463.

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 onsite 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/.

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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The Port Easter Collection April 6 & 7, 2024

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THE PORT MISSION STATEMENT

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As in the past, St. George Parish community has been generous with its response to the poor. Thank you for your continued generosity. For information: Angie Brady, 532-3644.



YOUTH MINISTRY 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE



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 - FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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, April 2, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Church)
- Friday. April 18 Possible Dress Rehearsal at 10:30 AM (Church)

DAILY ROSARY

Please join us to pray the rosary before the morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM. Page 12 March 30, 2025

PLANNED GIVING

Leave Your Legacy Through a Bequest

Please consider including a gift to our parish in your will or trust to support our faith community well into the future. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of Saint George Parish located in Tinley Park, Illinois. However, if <insert name of parish> ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, 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 15 & 16

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	13,288.50
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	(2,986.50)
0.1.15	<u> </u>	107.00
School Fund	\$	103.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	105.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	100.00
Easter Offering	\$	50.00
Easter Flowers	\$	75.00
Good Friday - Holy Land	\$	5.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 627,894.71
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 618,450.00
YTD Difference	\$ 9,444.71

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.



"Even though the last meeting *was* ar eternity, Sam, we'll continue to call this report the minutes."

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



The third and fourth graders have been exploring chemistry and chemical reactions. These young scientists conducted experiments using baking soda, Borax, milk, vinegar, and glue to observe which combinations resulted in chemical reactions. They carefully recorded their findings during the lab. The classroom was bursting with excitement with these enthusiastic investigators!



























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PARISH INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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