

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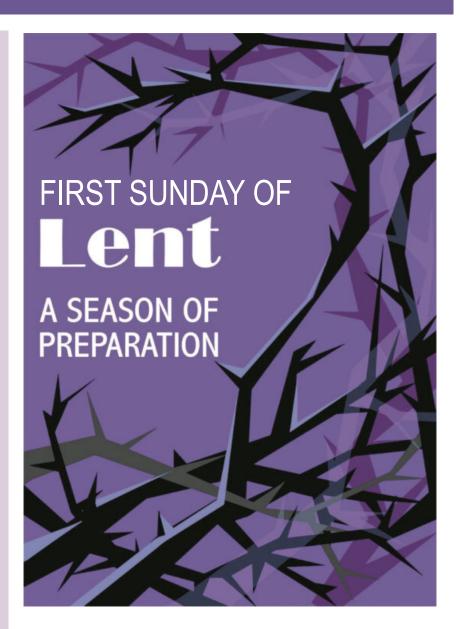
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM to 6:00 PM Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 9, 2025

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve."

Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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Message from Father Paul



And we're off and running for this Lent! At least I hope you are. Some of us are slow starters. I know I have had some years when

it took some time getting Lent in the groove. The pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We can see the need for prayer all around us and inside of us. For many people, the hardest part of prayer is simply making the time for it. I urge you to consider how you spend your day. Where is time used frivolously or even wasted? Do you have many responsibilities and people to care for? That is a ministry in itself. Maybe you could invite those people to pray with you. I especially encourage that between parents and children. Fasting has always been a challenge for me. We usually think of that in terms of food or snacks. There is also fasting from unproductive habits, gossip and hurtful behaviors. Almsgiving can take many forms too. We can give of our time to someone who is lonely. We can help a friend who is having a hard time with schoolwork or a house project. Typically, we think of almsgiving as offering money. Each year, we support Catholic Relief Services. This year in particular, they are in special need. One half of the CRS budget has been lost through government cutbacks. Though USAID represents only .04% of our national budget, these cuts have a devastating effect on organizations like CRS. Why would the government contract

with organizations like CRS? Because the Church is already on the ground and can do a better job. CRS needs our support.

I hope this Lent will be a special time for you to come closer to God. We have a number of special Lenten events available. I hope you will consider joining us. All these actions around prayer, fasting and almsgiving lose their meaning if not connected to our faith in Jesus Christ. Let's have a great Lent together!

Next Saturday, the Men's Club is hosting a Day of Reflection for men of the parish. I invite all our men to join us. Reservations must be made, so be sure to do that by signing up after Mass or calling the parish office at 708-532-2243.

Let's continue our prayer for the people of the Middle East and Ukraine. We cannot forget who the victims are and who the perpetrators are. Our country has always been the defender of freedom and beacon of hope for the world. Let's pray that that course will not be derailed.

Namara Swillum has worked in our Children's Faith Formation office for three years. We are grateful for her good work. Namara has taken another job and we wish her all good blessings. Good luck, Namara and thank you!

Finally, we continue to pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis. Each day his health becomes more precarious. Let's surround him with loving prayers.

Men's Day of Reflection -SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Men of Saint George!

The Saint George Men's Group is inviting you to a Day of Reflection titled "Taking Up Your Cross for Christ" led by Deacon Dan Welter.



Since his installation as a deacon in 1991. Deacon Dan has made service to others his priority. Formerly, he was the Chancellor of the Archdiocese; and in that role, he was an advisor to Cardinal Cupich. Currently, he is a deacon at Holy Name Cathedral. Deacon Welter has also been a speaker for retreats and mental health events over the past years. During our retreat, he plans to

share his insights on the "crosses" in our lives, and knowing we do not bear them alone.

The Holy Spirit is telling you to take this opportunity to reflect on your life with Jesus and the cross Christ is asking you to pick up. Please take a moment to listen to that voice.

The retreat will start at 8:30 AM with a continental breakfast. A hot lunch will be provided, and the day will end at 3:30 PM. You are invited to attend the 4:00 PM Mass with other retreat attendees. The fee is \$20.00 per person.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

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

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

All are welcome to attend this special evening.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

MONDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 PM EOM Training (Church) 6:30 PM St Vincent de Paul Mtg. (BR)

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Daybreak Shelter 6:00 PM Adoration (Church) 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K) Baptismal Prep. (MR 3) 6:30 PM 6:30 PM Soup & Theology (MR 1 & 2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church) 5:30 PM

CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G,

K, MR 1-4, BR, QR)

7:00 PM SPRED 1(SC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

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

6:30 PM Grief Support Group (BR) 6:30 PM Women of Purpose (MR 4) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

No School

7:00 PM Bingo (GR, K)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 AM Men's Retreat (MR 1-3, K) 2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church) 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

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)

Please visit the Saint George Website for additional information about Saint George www.stgeorge60477.org -Like us on Facebook.

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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 Women of the Parish will be sponsoring the Stations on March 14. On March 21, the Stations will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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.

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 Ordershave 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 eve. 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!



Become Parish

REGISTRATION

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please

introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our parish.

The Saint George Parish Registration Team is happy to announce that registration for new parishioners will take place next Sunday, March 16, AFTER the 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Life Center, Meeting Room 1.

Join us for coffee and a light breakfast as we welcome you into the Saint George Parish Family!



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING - MONDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

This ministry is always welcoming anyone who would be willing to commit themselves in sharing the most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ to others. If interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact Teri at 815-469-1634.

There will be a training session in church at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 10.



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

BREAD AND WORD

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Meeting Room 4 for Bread and Word. Bread and Word is open to all ages from middle school students to grandparents and beyond.

We open with a prayer, and then read aloud and discuss the Scripture readings of that Sunday. The discussions are fluid, and you are welcome to stop in at any point during the morning. Some people come after the 9:30 AM Mass, some leave at 11:00 AM to go to the 11:30 AM Mass. It is a very open ended commitment.

There is no special commitment to show up. You can come weekly, once / month, once / quarter, or even just a couple of times a year. No formal sign up is required. Just show up on a Sunday morning. The rest will take care of itself! For more information, contact Fran at ffatpts@ameritech.net or 708-828-1837. We hope you will give us a try!

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY: MARCH 9

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

Monday: March 10

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY: MARCH 11

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY: MARCH 12

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY: MARCH 13

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY: MARCH 14

18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,

7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY: MARCH 15

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt

5:43-48

NEXT 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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Rooms 1 and 2. Everyone is welcome.

If anyone is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact: Pina Quatrini at 708-532-5731 or 708-606-0898, or Marybeth Kelly at 708-429-5740. Page 6 March 9, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

4:00 PM Stanley & Mary Mikos+

Leo & Jane Davis+ Joseph Labuda+

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

Reverend Blaise

Coelho+

9:30 AM Sikorski-Wojack Family

Delores Thompson+

Rachele Hartog+

11:30 AM Jimmy Kosiba+

Diane Marie Kulpin+ Mary Jean McLaughlin+

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MONDAY, MARCH 10

8:15 AM John Mayer+

Daniel Diabato+ Jay Surufka+

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8:15 AM Frank Carlson+

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8:15 AM Mass for Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8:15 AM Elaine Lovato

(95th Birthday)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:15 AM Virginia Schaffer+

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+

+ 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...

Deborah Schmitt, Karen Taglioli, Ted Dybas, Peggy Rogers (daughter of Ron and Shirley Auld), John Dorgan, Robert Tembroeck

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), 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). Sqt. James Dewey (Army), Maj. Christopher Doering (Army), Sqt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Spc.4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Daniel Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Sybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), AOAA Zachary Kovalcik (Navy) Spc. Martin McCarthy (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner (Navy), Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell (Army), Alexandra Novak, Lt. Charles W. Novak (Marines), HM3 Elizabeth O'Neill (E6 Navy Corpsman), Sgt. 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), SSqt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), Sqt. FC Powell Yates (Army), A1C Andrew Yock (Air Force)

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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.



perishable food for the Tinley Park Food Pantry can be brought to Saint George Church on the third weekend of each month.

The next collection will take place next weekend (March 15-16).
Thank you for your generosity!

Some suggested items that might be included are: canned soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, packaged side dishes (rice and noodles), cereal, oatmeal, coffee/tea, cake and brownie mix, boxed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, boxed pasta, macaroni and cheese, ketchup and dish soap.

Please note: We cannot accept food items that are past the expiration date or partially opened.



IT STARTED WITH A DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

In 1975, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, prayed, fasted and gave alms to help people

suffering from famine in the Sahel region of Africa—marking the beginning of what would become CRS Rice Bowl. Since then, generations of Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent with one common goal: to end global hunger.

In the 50 years since, we've been deeply moved by the commitment and impact you've had on this shared mission. CRS Rice Bowl has been proud to bring stories of hope to you and your family—stories about how our sisters and brothers are engaged in activities that break the cycle of hunger and build health and resilience. Stories of people like Hongkham in Laos.



In 2024, Hongkham and her family recreated a family portrait that was taken by CRS in 2016.

Benny Manser/CRS

We met Hongkham in 2016, when she was volunteering as a cook at her children's school, which provided free school lunches for students. Her family also received monthly food rations through a Catholic Relief Services program after her husband fell seriously ill and they had to sell their farm. Over the next eight years, Hongkham

became a mentor in her community—sharing knowledge and fostering a network of cooks who now rotate duties and make sure the children always have a warm meal to look forward to. Four of her six sons grew up on school meals, and they stand noticeably taller. Her husband's health also improved, and he now works as a carpenter with two of their sons.

Today, however, our world faces a food crisis like never before. Our prayers and almsgiving are as important as ever.

When COVID-19 spread across the world, hunger was already deepening. Other problems have contributed to the current food crisis, like conflict and wars, climate change and the rising cost of food. Now, millions of people are living without access to the food they need to live a healthy life. This is dangerous, especially for children who need the right nutrition to grow.

Over the next 40 days, we are going to meet families in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who don't have enough to eat. Whether this is the first time you're participating in CRS Rice Bowl, or you were one of the founding parishioners from Allentown, Pennsylvania, we must come together to hear their stories and address this urgent need—because everyone deserves plenty to eat.

In this holy season, let us recommit to our global family as we pray.

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

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 13 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 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/.

Women's Center Life Luncheon

Save the date! The Women's Center invites you to join us 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. Watch for more details.

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 Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin (38th Dist) 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 Dist) by calling either 217-782-9595 or 815-464-5431 to ask him to oppose SB 9 and HB 1328.

SPRED THANKS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!



SPRED has been very fortunate to be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for the last 50 years. They have made the ministry what it was then and is now. The Knights presented a check to the group at the Check Distribution Dinner (above).

Consider becoming a part of Saint George SPRED (Special Religious Development). As a group, we enjoy a one to one fellowship with adults of Special Needs. Come join us, and find a loving friend while ensuring this program continues into the future.

Call Liz Paller, 708-373-6517 or Barbara Rose Whalen, 630-642-9013 or Scan the QR Code, which will take you to the SPRED page on the Saint George website.



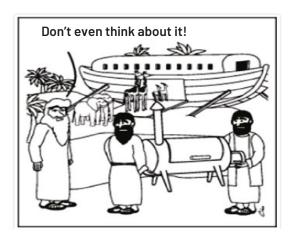
THAT MAN IS YOU

No TMIY Breakfast on Saturday, March 15

We will be suspending our regular Saturday morning breakfast meeting next week due to the "Men's Day of Reflection" scheduled to begin at 8:30 AM that day in the Cahill Parish Life Center.

We strongly encourage all men to take advantage of this special opportunity to share their faith with their brothers as we continue our Lenten Journey.

That Man Is You! will return on Saturday, March 22.



AN INVITATION TO FIND HEALING IN JESUS: EUCHARISTIC ADDRATION - 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 lifehow 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 15 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul Deacon: Tim Keating

Eucharistic Raymond Bibzak - Cup Ministers: Sue Stanton - Cup

Ruth Strugala - Cup Jack Yock - Cup Carey Murray - Bread Cindi Patula - Bread Ron Yock - Bread Charlene Yock - Bread

Lector: Bob Page

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul **Deacon:** Greg Bartos

Eucharistic Karen Lyons - Cup **Ministers:** Teri Rycyzyn - Cup

Gary Rycyzyn - Cup Paul Windish - Cup Kelly Conrad - Bread Phyllis Hendzell - Bread

Lector: Betsy Windish

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:Father JohnDeacon:Tom SchutziusEucharisticDawn Bartos - Cup

Ministers: Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup Ventura Quatrini - Cup

Ventura Quatrini - Cup Pina Quatrini - Cup Catherine Adelakun - Bread

Susan Amann - Bread Nicole Olson - Bread Rebecca Schutzius - Bread

Lector: Dennis Iggins

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John Deacon: Jerry Souta

Eucharistic Frances Bouchard - Cup **Ministers:** Fran Fancsali - Cup

Jean Gaytan - Cup Jim Novotney - Cup Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread

Eric Susnis - Bread

Lector: Tim Doyle

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YOUTH MINISTRY 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE



SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOSEPH DAY CELEBRATION

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

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

CREATION CARE PRESENTATION

GodSEND Tuesday Gathering March 18 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Saint Stephen Deacon & Martyr. The SES & SSDM Creation Care Ministry will give an interactive presentation.



RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CO-Ed Youth, 8th grade - high school age

Games are played on Thursdays, starting at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 West 131st Street, Orland Park.



A parent/guardian consent form is required to play. Scan the OR 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.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday evening, our teens will present the Living Stations of the Cross at Saint George Church.

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

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

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

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

LEGACY GIFTS FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. A well-coordinated estate plan typically includes: (1) financial power of attorney, (2) will, (3) beneficiary designations, (4) charitable beneficiary designations and (5) health care documents, such as a living will and a health care power of attorney.

Create or update your estate plans today by contacting your estate attorney and financial advisor. For more information, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or visit myimpact.archchicago.org/resources, 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 rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243.

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FEBRUARY 22 & 23

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FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 574,516.18
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 569,625.00
YTD Difference	\$ 4,891.18

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

If you drop off envelopes at the parish office, please use the mail slot in the wall marked, "Key Deposit" which will bring them safely into the parish office.

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.



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Second through fourth grade students brought various ethnic dishes to school to share with one another when we celebrated International Celebration Day.





Saint George School Presents

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SAINT GEORGE TRIVIA NIGHT



SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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

Cash prizes & Split the Pot Raffle

Reserve your table in advance.

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.



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

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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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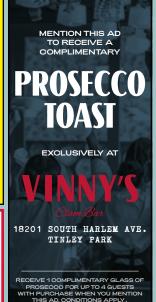
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