

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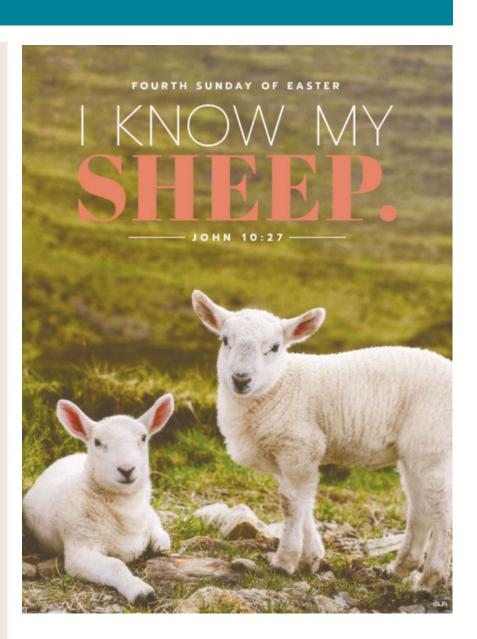
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM to 6:00 PM Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

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#### MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL



Today we celebrate Mother's Day! Time to show Mom some love. There are few people who have such a unique place in our lives.

Often they are the ones who show us tenderness and compassion --whether it be for a skinned knee, a teenage broken heart or advice that can only come with motherhood. Let's be sure to thank Mom. And let's not forget May is devoted to the mother who loves us all as her children, Our Blessed Mother Mary. She is always there for us to bring peace, teach patience and calm hearts. Happy Mother's Day!

If you attended Mass last weekend, you know Saint George was rocking! Saturday we celebrated First Holy Communion with our young people. It was beautiful to see our young ones approaching the altar, so full of excitement and faith. My prayer is that their families and our parish can help them keep that enthusiasm. On Sunday, we had four students from Saint George School choose to join the Catholic Church. In fact, we have a total of seven who made this decision. In all my years as a parish priest, I've never seen so many students become Catholic in a single year! It is a tribute to our school staff. Clearly they are living the mandate of Catholic schools, which is to pass on the faith. May these young people show us the way to be truer disciples of Jesus!

If you are interested in seeing more good work in our school, please stop by after Masses on Sunday for our annual Art Exhibit. Ms. Kim Zarobsky is our dynamite art teacher. Come see some interesting and skilled works of art from our Saint George School students.

Next Saturday, Father John and I will be celebrating our anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I've hit forty years and Father John is at twenty-one. It is a little unusual to celebrate a 21st anniversary but last year was swamped with events in honor of the parish's 90th anniversary. So this year, we'll make it up to Father John!

I am continually humbled by the love and affection I feel from and for the People of Saint George. Occasionally someone will say to me, "Oh, you've made such a big sacrifice for the Church!" Often this is said by a person who is married with children or grandchildren in tow. Personally, I can hardly imagine the work it takes to make a marriage last, or the patience required raising a family. Talk about sacrifice!

Most priests will tell you the most important part of their priesthood is offering Mass, and the least favorite part is administration. I am often moved by the expressions of faith I see and hear at Mass. Then the life of faith is lived out in large and small ways. Taking Jesus outside the church building is how we build the Kingdom of God!

Over the coming weeks, you will hear more about the Generation to Generation campaign, benefitting parishes throughout the Archdiocese as well as Saint George. Our projects here are not very glamourous --- repaving the parking lot and upkeep (if not full replacement) of our church fire suppression system. Both of these are safety issues we must address. I hope we will also be able to raise money for upgrades in our school building and fine arts program. If you hear from a volunteer, please give them some time, and respond as best you can from your heart.



#### SAINT GEORGE CHURCH - MAY 3-4, 2025

This past weekend Saint George Parish welcomed 32 students from Saint George School and the Children's Faith Formation Program to the Table of the Lord for the first time. It was a beautiful afternoon.



The faith of our school children and their families continues to be an inspiration for all of us. We have six students ranging from the second grade to the seventh who have heard God's call and have been welcomed into the Catholic Church.



At the 9:30 AM Mass, Victoria Adams and Lily LaPinska were baptized and received their First Communion.



Also at the 9:30 AM Mass Savannah and Savoy Grant who were already baptized into a different Christian faith were welcomed into the Catholic Church through their Profession of Faith and received First Communion.



At the 11:30 AM Mass, Quinn and Olivia Yates were baptized and received their First Communion.

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#### **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, May 18, 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!



# WE WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE SAINT GEORGE PARISH COMMUNITY

Lucy Grace Joritz
Daughter of Ryan & Rachael
(Gutierrez) Joritz

Kinsley My-Ngoc Payonk Daughter of Kenneth & Lisa (Phan) Payonk

Theodore James Horton Son of David & Molly (Dettmann) Horton

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS & GODPARENTS!

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

#### SPRED (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT)



SPRED (Special Religious Development) invites you to join us at Mass on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 AM. The SPRED community (photograph below) will be assisting Father John with several parts of Mass. If you would like to know more about SPRED and our mission to embrace the developmentally disabled, scan the QR code or call Liz Paller at 708-373-6517. See you at





#### SAINT GEORGE IS LOOKING FOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTERS

As Catholics, we celebrate death not only as an end of life well lived, but also a passage to a new and eternal life in the presence of God. A Bereavement Ministry consists of various tasks that provide compassion and aid to grieving families.

The Bereavement Ministry serves families who have lost a loved one to death. The members of the ministry are trained to successfully implement our mission to give comfort and support to the grieving families in the Saint George community by giving them our time, hearing their thoughts and sharing their tears. Our Bereavement Ministers assist families at wakes in the church, funeral Masses, and by sending out sympathy cards.

We will have a training session on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM in church. To register for this training, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Theresa Gonzalez at 708-532-2243 ext. 502 or tgonzalez@stgeorge60477.org.





Please join us as we celebrate Father Paul Seaman's 40th Anniversary and Father John Zurek's 21st Anniversary

A wonderful evening of fellowship, celebration, live entertainment and dinner is planned.

#### Saturday, May 17, 2025 Immediately following the 4:00 PM Mass

Saint George Parish Life Center 6700 W. 175th Street Tinley Park, Illinois

Tickets - \$25 per Person Salad, Family Style Dinner, Dessert Beer, Wine, Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Phone
Email
Amount Enclosed:
Payment for reservations at \$25 per person
Reservations can be dropped off at the rectory or in the collection boxes at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to: Saint George Parish



A very big THANK YOU to all musicians who helped out during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter! You all did an amazing job and worked very hard. This "thanks" isn't only from me, but from the staff and parishioners of Saint George. Your work

enhanced all the services and your faith and devotion shone through! Adult choir, children's choir, cantors, instruments, all – thank you very much! You all should feel proud!

#### THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11

Art Show (MR 1-3)

Catholic Charities Mothers' Day

Collection

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)

9:30 AM May Crowning (Church) 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

#### MONDAY, MAY 12

Art Show (MR 1-3)

6:30 PM Bible Study (MR 4)

7:00 PM Bereavement Minister Training

(Church)

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

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 13**

10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)

6:00 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour (Church)

6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K) 6:30 PM Baptismal Prep. (MR 3)

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)

7:00 PM SPRED 1(SC)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 15

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

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

#### FRIDAY, MAY 16

7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)

7:00 PM Musical Prayer Service (Church)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 17

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Project

8:30 AM Pre-K Second Grade Mini Camp (G)

3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church) 5:00 PM Anniversary Party (G)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18

Pro Life Baby Bottle Project

**9:30 AM** Bread & Word (MR 4)

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)

9:30 AM SPRED Mass (Church)
10:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)

11:30 AM Baptism (Church)

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SATURDAY, MAY 10

4:00 PM Rose Mayer+

Mary McClure+ Bernadine Smith+ Bruce & Sheila Lorence (50th Wedding Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11

7:30 AM Helen Baumann+

Tony Ray Smiley+ Mass for Parishioners

9:30 AM Stella Wiencek+

Intentions for Elaine Lovato

Helen Laurin+

11:30 AM Mass for Mothers

Helen Gembala+ Catherine Kiec+

#### MONDAY, MAY 12

8:15 AM Mass for Mothers

Gloria Reyes+

Ludwig & Anna Lacijan+

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 13**

8:15 AM Mass for Mothers

Florence Urbanek+

Intentions of Adam & Caley Steinert

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:15 AM Mass for Mothers

#### THURSDAY, MAY 15

8:15 AM Mass for Mothers

Hedwig Mayer+ Vincent Paul Carrig+

#### FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:15 AM Mass for Mothers

Nancy K. Gatto+ Walter Cokeley+ Dennis Payonk+

#### SATURDAY, MAY 17

4:00 PM Mass for Mothers

Burton Stewart+ Concepcion Agting+

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18

7:30 AM Mass for Fathers

Sam & Helen Baumann+

Cecelia Biesiada+

9:30 AM Deacon Joseph Truesdale+

SPRED II Catechists & Friends

Mass for Parishioners

11:30 AM Terri Koppers, Rose Marie Lambery

& Deceased Members of the

Lambery Family+

Tomas Torres, Jr.+ Robert Fryc+

+ 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, Abigail Fanscali, Joe Ficaro, Elmer Flannagan, Eugene Georges, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Marirose Grosschadl, Martha Hayes, Tom Heenan, Virginia Hullinger, Carole Holding, Paul Hosso, Virginia Hullinger, Sandra Jakala, Leonard & Mary Jaikowski, Robyn (Kristinat) Jankosky, Dean Kosek, Donald Lavey, Carol Manow, Noreen Mariani, Kelsey Mercado, Kathleen Mohan, Deborah Mraz, Patricia Murphy, Judy Nelson, Gwen Norvilas, Brian O'Connor, Kathy O'Malley, Bria and Baby Omatto, Deacon Joe Panek, Pat Paul, John Polley, Carmen Ponce, Charlotte Pratl, Betty Prusaitis, Jack Ramey, Eunice Robey, Ronald Rose, Theresa Schultz, Jay Scott, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Marge Thomas, Tammy Thomas, Dennis Torii, Leslie Vaicik, Stella Vaicik, Kathy VanderJack, Colette Verdun, Ed Weston, 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...

Marie Dohm, Frank Urbanski, Jean McNamarra, Della Knox, Walter Przybysz, John Morrissey, Paul Cwiklik, Anita Erskine

#### OUR MILITARY...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sqt. 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 Hollendoner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner (Army), L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo (Marines), Lt. Erin Janofski (Navy), Becky Johnston (Air Sybiland John Force), L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston (Marines), L.Cpl. Ashton Kahne (Marines), A1C Dylan Knispel (Air Force), AOAA Zachary Kovalcik (Navy) Spc. Martin McCarthy (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner (Navy), Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell (Army), Alexandra Novak, Lt. Charles W. Novak (Marines), HM3 Elizabeth O'Neill (E6 Navy Corpsman), Sgt. Jacob Pusateri (Marines), Sean Rio, Sgt. James Rodriguez (Army), Amn. Michael Sarniak, Jr. (Coast Guard), Bo Shipan (Marines, LCPI), Camryn Shupryt (Army), SSgt. Alison Smallwood (Air Force), SSgt. Chaise Smallwood (Air Force), Lt. David F. Steinberger III (Navy), Spc. Alexander Waters (Army), 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.



# 6TH ANNUAL MULTI-PARISH MISSION PROJECT

"Let Us Build A House

Where Love Can Dwell" June 27-28, 2025

Mark Your Calendars!!

Hosted By Parishes of Vicariate V:
Build Site - Saint Elizabeth Seaton
Saint Francis of Assisi
Saint George
Saint Julie Billiart
Saint Michael
Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
Saint Damian

Registration is open to all who want to help. Children will have to register with an adult. Register early!

Limited slots for all jobs. Lumber workers and cutters, and hospitality are needed on Friday. Build leaders and builders, safety and clean up, and hospitality are all needed on Friday and Saturday to make this great event a success.

For information call Angie Brady at 708-341-3644.

#### TINLEY PARK FOOD PANTRY



Donations of non-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 (May 17-18). 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.

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, MAY 17 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Karen Kiner - Cup
Ministers: Mary Lou Lesiecki - Cup

Sharon Prokop - Cup Shirley Roskos - Cup Raymond Bibzak - Bread Tim Framke - Bread Charlene Yock - Bread Ron Yock - Bread

Lector: Drew Roskos

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul Deacon: Jerry Souta

**Eucharistic** Jennifer Barrett - Cup **Ministers:** Donna Kavanaugh - Cup

> Tim Kavanaugh - Cup Rita Walker - Cup Alice Graff - Bread Phyllis Hendzell - Bread

Lector: Kay Keating

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:Father JohnDeacon:Tom SchutziusEucharisticKevin Byczek - CupMinisters:Eva McCulley - Cup

Nicole Olson - Cup Teri Richmond - Cup Ini Adelakun - Bread Jennifer Galvin - Bread Karen Kiner - Bread Tim McCabe - Bread

Lector: SPRED Ministry

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tom Schutzius

**Eucharistic** Frances Bouchard - Cup **Ministers:** Linda Milazzo - Cup

> Diane Wawzenek - Cup Wally Wawzenek - Cup Bill Beckman - Bread Tim Doyle - Bread

Lector: Naomi O'Malley

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#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

APRIL 26-27, 2025

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	13,036.11
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,275.00
Difference	\$	(3,238.89)
Easter Offering	\$	5,805.00
School Fund	\$	236.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	117.00
Easter Flowers	\$	15.00
Holy Thursday: Parish Missionary Group	\$	70.00
Good Friday - Holy Land	\$	155.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	20.00
Mother's Day: Catholic Charities	\$	110.00
Fund for Retired Priests	Ś	10.00

#### FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 721,235.07
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$ 716,100.00
YTD Difference	\$ 5,135.07

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.

#### **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!

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Spring 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mother's Day celebrates the mothers and mother figures in our lives who are essential to the future of our communities and to the fullness of God's plan for human life.

Helping mothers in need is central to our faith and to the mission of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your donation to the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities is critical to this urgent work.

Catholic Charities was founded over a century ago as the charitable arm of the Church. Every year their dedicated staff accompanies 60,000 mothers and families in Cook and Lake counties, providing food and nutrition; housing and financial assistance; services for new and expecting mothers; counseling; and support for survivors of domestic violence. This is only possible through the generosity of our Archdiocesan community.

Each spring I encourage you to support the work of Catholic Charities. Your support creates stability in families for generations. May we always be inspired by the mothers in our lives who provide an example in promoting unity, providing encouragement, and demonstrating how the Lord teaches us to listen to the Spirit of Jesus working in our lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,





#### **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.

# ANSWER THE CALL TO SPIRITUALLY RENEW OUR PARISHES

A relationship with Jesus Christ is the most relevant relationship we have in finding meaning to life. These days, however, a majority of our younger generations did not grow up with active faith practice. We can no longer wait for them to come to us. We must seek them out.

Our renewal efforts will focus on walking with people across a path of Christian discipleship and will develop in two ways: Renewal support and formation for parishes and outreach for people exploring faith. Key areas of parish focus include building up parish leaders, offering Christ-centered entry points, building capacity for individual faith accompaniment, establishing small faith communities within the parish, fostering opportunities for spiritual encounter, and enabling faith witness. Additionally, the archdiocese will create tailored online workshops and curated content, hosted on a digital platform, that will invite those that are spiritually hungry.

# SAINT GEORGE CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Parish Goal: \$1,120,000Total Raised: \$455,800Percentage Raised: 41%

Number of Gifts: 51

Last Updated: May 2, 2025



#### **OUR PRIORITIES**

Priority 1: PARKING LOT. NOT JUST FOR CARS

• Priority 2: FIRE SUPRESSION

 Priority 3: ADDITIONAL FUNDS: Air conditioning and enhancing our fine arts program at the school

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TO GENERATION
ANSWER THE CALL

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Sunday, May 11

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

#### CREATION CARE CORNER

Protecting Creation, "is not only an ethical issue, but one that is eminently theological ..." — Pope Francis

#### Pope Francis' Creation Care Legacy (Part 1)

Pope Francis will be remembered for making all things that live on the earth a pastoral priority. He helped the world to see caring for creation not as a political, social, scientific or ideological battle, but as a moral imperative. This is because the poor and future generations will suffer most from environmental degradation. He taught that abusing the "common home" of the earth, its ecosystems and all forms of life that depend on it "...is a grave sin."

Francis spoke of the growing environmental crises as signaling broader broken relationships between man and God, man and fellow man, and man and nature. Social, economic, political and environmental issues are not separate problems, but are dimensions of one overarching crisis, according to Francis. In his landmark encyclical

Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home, Francis spoke of an "integral ecology" and demonstrated that everything is interconnected. To address the environmental crisis,

Francis taught that we need to fix our relationship with God, our fellow humans, and be open to an "ecological conversion." As part of his legacy, Pope Francis solidly established ecology and stewardship of creation as a pro-life, pro-marginalized, and pro-family issue.

#### MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

Join us for an evening of Prayer, Connection and Hope Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection and hope. Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

Connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward in Hope - Tuesday, May 27 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM via Zoom.

To register, please reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at olmcinfo2@aol.com

#### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES



Congratulations to the following faithful servants on the anniversary of their ordination.

Father Kenneth Fleck May 12, 1976 - 49 Years

Father Paul Seaman May 18, 1985 - 40 Years

Father John Zurek May 22, 2004 - 21 Years

Deacon Joe Panek April 22, 1989 - 36 Years

Deacon Tim Keating April 27, 1991 - 34 Years

Deacon Greg Bartos May 28, 2006 - 19 Years

Deacon Tom Schutzius June 4, 2016 - 9 Years

Deacon Jerry Souta May 11, 2019 - 6 Years

Happy Anniversary!



#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11:

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

#### MONDAY, MAY 12:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 13:**

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 15:**

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

#### FRIDAY, MAY 16:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

#### SATURDAY, MAY 17:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-3

#### EASTER IS A GOOD TIME TO VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

In observance of the Easter Season, take a break from your regular routine and visit Holy Family Chapel. Your visit offers the opportunity to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist.

Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11 AM 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 Sb" (under "Weekly Commitment").

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us.

Your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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.

#### SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

#### Pro-Life Holy Hour

You are invited to a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM in church. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for true respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Please come to pray that our nation will be converted to a culture of life.

#### Spare Change Saves Babies

Beginning on May 17-18, our parish will be participating in the Spare Change Saves Babies Project to benefit The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families facing pregnancy under difficult circumstances by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a baby bottle home with you from the church on May 17-18, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of June 21-22. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all mothers facing pregnancy under difficult circumstances in your prayers.

### Action Needed on Dangerous Illinois Bill: SB9

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 Senator Michael Hastings (19th Dist) by calling either 217-782-9595 or 815-464-5431 to ask him to oppose SB 9.

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Classes Available

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (with a snack break)

\$100 per child, \$175 for two in a family

Class sizes are limited to 20.

June 9 - June 12: Ages Kindergarten - Second Grade June 16 - June 19: Ages Sixth Grade - Eighth Grade June 23 - June 26: Ages Third Grade - Fifth Grade

One project will be completed each day.
On the last day, parents / guardians are invited to attend an Art Show at the end of class (more information will be provided).

Snacks will be provided.

Please contact Mrs. Zarobsky at kzarobsy@stgeorgeschool.org with any questions.





High school volunteers (entering sophomore year or older) are needed to help with each week's camp from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. For each week of volunteering, a total of 16-18 hours will be given toward your high school volunteer hours.

Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday June 9-12, June 16-19 and June 23-26. Please email Mrs. Z at kzarobsky@stgeorgeschool.org for further information.

#### GIRLS BASKETKBALL REGISTRATION

Open to Saint George School and Religious Education Students entering 4th - 8th grade in the Fall of 2025.

> Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Parish Life Center

Registration Fee: \$150 (League Registration Cost)

Uniform Fee: \$75

(If needed: includes jersy and shorts)

Registration and uniform fees may paid by cash, check (made out to Saint George Athletics) or Venmo \*Optional spirit wear will be offered.

Concession Deposit: \$50 - Cash or Venmo only (Parents will be required to work one concession duty. The \$50 deposit will be returned once concession obligation is fulfilled.)



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Important Sports Registration Information for Parents.

To complete your child's registration for school sports, please make sure to do the following:

- 1. Fill out the Sports Registration Form in full.
- 2. If your child needs to purchase a uniform, please complete the uniform order form.
- Review and sign the Parent-Student Expectation Contract, which outlines behavior, attendance, and academic expectations.
- 4. All student-athletes must have a current physical form completed by a healthcare provider before participating in any practices or games.
- 5. All registration fees are due at the time of registration.

If you have questions please text 708-607-5959 or email: cathyst.georgead@gmail.com.



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#### **BINGO BONANZA**

Sunday, May 18 Doors open at 2:30 PM Bingo begins at 3:00 PM

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Light lunch included. American Legion Post 2011 will offer water, pop, beer and wine for purchase.

RSVP by Friday, May 14 to Ailish Doherty at adoherty@franciscancommunities.org or 708-226-3786.

\*Event is for players 62 and up. A family member or friend may attend to assist the player.

Admission: \$5 per player.



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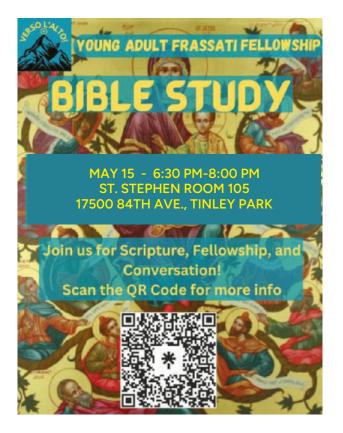
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#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

**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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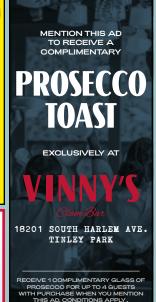
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