

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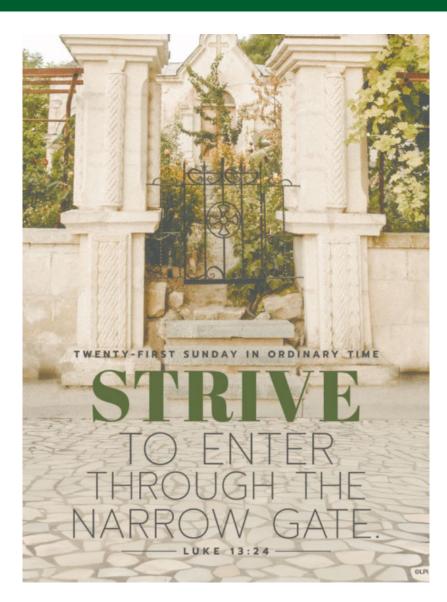
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM to 6:00 PM Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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#### AUGUST 24, 2025 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:39-30 Page 2 August 24, 2025

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# Message from Father Paul

Summer is winding down. Bummer! I really love summertime.

But all good things must come to an end --- so that new good things can begin. The new year at Saint George School began with an excellent open house last Sunday. We were quite concerned about how that would go, since the first floor of the school had a flood on August 13--- just one week before the beginning school and only a few days before the open house. Thankfully, the clean up went well, and we were all set to welcome our students.

As we gear up for the year, it might be a good time to reflect on your summer. It is valuable to do this. It is a way to savor the good times and to bring them to mind often. In early July, I was able to visit two old, dear friends of mine on the west coast. Virginia is 98 years old and still quite vibrant. Father Richard is 85, and though his memory is failing, he is happy and content. It is a priority for me to see these two lovely people.

A couple Saturdays ago, I was in Lake Zurich for the baptism of a child of a couple I married several years ago. Before I got home, I visited an elderly priest in Palatine, my sister in Downers Grove, an old friend in a nursing facility in Aurora, another in Naperville, and dinner with a couple school pals. A lot of miles and a lot of energy! The summer was also an opportunity for fun with my brother at the car shows, dinners with friends, and even a few nice lunches out with our office staff.

Last Saturday was certainly a highlight, as I attended Cardinal Cupich's Mass of celebration for his 50th anniversary as a priest. It was a beautiful Mass with several ecumenical representatives, bishops, priests and deacons. The cathedral was full of joyous Catholics!

I hope you will take a moment to bring to mind all you did this summer. And I hope these memories are pleasant. In order for us to be grateful, we have to notice. We have to be mindful of the blessing God brings us, large and small. By doing so, we can have a richer sense of life. We can appreciate the people around us more. We can better see how blest we are.

Take some time for the simple joys of life. Go out with the family and have a picnic. Take in a ball game while the Boys of Summer are still playing. You don't have to go on a long trip. We are surrounded by other beautiful and quaint towns. Even just a ride on a nice day can be refreshing. Call a friend you haven't seen in a long time. Get together for a cup of coffee or lunch with a classmate from days gone by. It doesn't have to be a big deal. Or expensive. Something as simple as a visit to the Marian Grotto behind church is enough to refresh your spirit. What matters is giving yourself some time with people who matter while the weather is still nice. These are all God's gifts!



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### **OUR SICK...**

Patrick Amtman, Arlene Astrowski, Robert Baader, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Angie Brady, Dominick Byrne, Laurie Cassidy, Sandra Cassidy, David Charleston, Brittany Clausius, Debbie Clausius, Sharon Clifford, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Loretta Corcoran, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Peter Ellement, Abigail Fanscali, Pat Ficker, Elmer Flannagan, Eugene Georges, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Rafael Gomez, Marirose Grosschadl, Tom Heenan, Paul Hosso, Virginia Hullinger, Sandra Jakala, Beverly Klosowski, Donald Lavey, Frank Lesinski, Amy Mason, Kelsey Mercado, Cynthia Metzger, Donna Mikolajczak, Kathleen Mohan, Deborah Mraz, Patricia Murphy, David Murray, Judy Nelson, Brian O'Connor, Kathy O'Malley, Bria and Baby Omatto, Baby Vincent Nicholas Pacheco, Deacon Joe Panek, Pat Paul, Beatrice Piper, John Polley, Carmen Ponce, Jack Ramey, Bernadine Raymond, Eunice Robey, Ronald Rose, Dennis & Loretta Schultz, Jay Scott, Cynthia Sinko, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Donald Stuckly, Joe Suess, Gary Szafranski, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Marge Thomas, Tammy Thomas, Leslie Vaicik, Stella Vaicik, Kathy VanderJack, Colette Verdun, Ed Weston, Barbara Rose Whalen, JoAnne Wojcik, Edward Worner, Bob Wyatt, 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...

Carole Holding

#### 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), Mai. 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), 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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00 PM

Mass for Mothers Consolo Family+ Jimmy Kosiba+

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 AM

Mass for Parishioners

Lorrie Corgan+ Charles Terry+

9:30 AM

Mass for Fathers Jack Dorgan+ Frank Urbanski+

11:30 AM

Ted Dybas+ Virginia Schaffer+ Dennis Payonk+

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15 AM

Margaret & Brian Corley+ Pasquale & Lucia Olsabato+

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

8:15 AM

Margaret Quitter

Tom & Carol VanderSanden+

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:15 AM Ann & Harry Prosser+

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

8:15 AM Richard Coleman+

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

8:15 AM Mildred Martin+

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

4:00 PM

Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz

Colin Dincher+ Tony Olivieri+

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 AM

Anthony F. Panziano+ Mass for Parishioners

Gwen Norvilas+

9:30 AM

Nancy K. Gatto+

Frederick Murphy+ Debbie & Bill Egan+

11:30 AM

John M. Glasner+ Dennis A. Payonk+ Shirley Franklin &

riey Frankiin & Kalman Husar+

+ Deceased

#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Please join us to pray the rosary before the morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM. Page 4 August 24, 2025

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
Deacon: Tim Keating
Eucharistic Kay Keating - Cup
Ministers: Sharon Prokop - Cup

Joanne Saidikowski - Cup Sue Stanton - Cup

Don Clark - Bread Fran Clark - Bread

Mary Lou Lesiecki - Bread Shirley Roskos - Bread

Lector: Chris Schroeder

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:Father JohnDeacon:Jerry Souta

**Eucharistic** Sandi Rogina - Cup **Ministers:** Gary Rycyzyn - Cup

> Susan Nykaza - Cup David Whitaker - Cup Jim Newtoff - Bread Teri Rycyzyn - Bread

Lector: Marybeth Kelly

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:Father PaulDeacon:Greg Bartos

**Eucharistic** Catherine Adelakun - Cup **Ministers:** Jennifer Galvin - Cup

> Teri Radtke - Cup Rebecca Schutzius - Cup Dawn Bartos - Bread Rosa Jimenez - Bread Eva McCulley - Bread Teri Richmond - Bread

Lector: Susan Amann

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tom Schutzuis

**Eucharistic** Frances Bouchard - Cup **Ministers:** Jean Gaytan - Cup

Martha Peña - Cup Wally Wawzenek - Cup Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread

Diane Wawzenek - Bread

Lector: Jeanine Patrick

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday, August 26

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



WE RECENTLY
WELCOMED
THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
INTO OUR PARISH
FAMILY.

Joseph & Anna Sues

Adam & Amy Kolavo & their children, Nolan & Lana



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

George Frederick Padilla, Son of Gabriel Padilla and Madeline Jarka

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS & GODPARENTS!



#### WEDDING BANNS

Luke Kraus & Mary Elias September 20, 2025

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

#### PLANNED GIVING

Please consider making a gift from your individual retirement plan (IRA) that benefits you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

There are three main benefits of giving with a QCD:

If you are 73 years old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to Saint George Parish, please contact Renee Beemsterboer at rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243 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.



#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

#### AUGUST 9-10, 2025

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	15,338.50
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,730.00
Difference	\$	(1,391.50)
School Fund Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy Missionary Co-op Church in Poland	\$ \$ \$	405.00 329.00 70.00 110.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	10.00

#### FISCAL YEAR 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 100,654.61
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 100,380.00
YTD Difference	\$ 274.61

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.

## SAVE THE DATE!



# COMING TO SAINT GEORGE CHURCH ONE NIGHT ONLY! OCTOBER 11

More details coming soon!

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#### 8TH ANNUAL

# SAINT GEORGE DRAGON GOLF CLASSIC SEPTEMBER 20

Spaces still available, Register Today! George W. Dunne National Golf Course - Oak Forest, Illinois



Prizes for:

- Longest Drive
- Best the Priest
- · Hole in One
- · Closest to the Pin
- Best Drive by a Senior

Available for an additional donation:

- Split the Pot
- Liquor Cooler Raffle
- Golf Ball Drop Contest

Individual Players: \$160 Before August 20 Group of 4 Players: \$560 Lunch & Drinks Included

For registration or more information visit: www.stgeorgedragongolf.com



Or contact Cathy Faricelli cfaricelli@stgeorgeschool.org Text: 708-607-5959

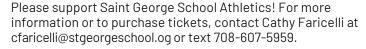
## GOLF BALL DROP RAFFLE

Balls will be aerial dropped onto the putting green at our Annual Golf Outing. Closest to the pin wins!

\$20 for a ball - \$50 for 3 balls

Closest to the pin wins \$1,000 2nd Closest wins \$500 3rd Closest wins \$250





Balls may also be purchased at all Masses on Sunday, August 24.

#### SAINT GEORGE MARIAN SHRINE

Our last order of paver bricks arrived and are now installed at our Marian Shrine. If you have not done so, please stop by and take a look at the beautiful shrine in honor of our Blessed Mother.

# MOLLY'S MILLION DOLLAR MISERICORDIA FUNDRAISER



Blackjack - Live Band - Raffles Food - Friends - ND Football

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Gallagher House - 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM Zelle Mike \$50 @ 708-250-2616 to attend.

Ticket - \$50

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO MISERICORDIA (\$140,000 raised to date)



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES \$1,000 - Event Sponsor \$500 - Beverage Sponsor \$250 - Blackjack Sponsor \$250 0 Food Sponsor

Sponsor checks payable to Misericordia
Foundation
(Tax Deductible)





#### **COMING SOON!**

#### A WHOLE NEW YEAR OF THAT MAN IS You!

Are you looking to strengthen your faith? Do you want to be a better husband? Would you like to become a more loving father? Are you interested in building friendships with other like-minded men? Then plan on joining us at TMIY this Fall!

We meet on Saturday mornings for breakfast in O'Connell Hall in Saint George School. Hot coffee, fresh pastries, egg casseroles, pancakes, bacon, fruit and other breakfast items are available beginning at 6:30 AM, along with smiling faces and good conversation. Our program begins promptly at 7:00 AM, followed by small group discussions related to that week's topic. We always adjourn at 8:00 AM because we understand that everyone has busy weekend schedules and commitments that need our attention.

Discover a GREAT way to start your weekend! If you participated in last year's program, now is the time to reach out to other men and invite them to join us on this journey.

Please mark your calendars for September 20. ALL adult men, 18 and older, are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 708-614-1734 or pghendzell@gmail.com.

#### THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

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

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

6:00 PM Adoration (Church)

7:00 PM Parish Picnic Meeting (MR 1)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

9:00 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1)7:00 PM Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Meeting (O'CH)

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

No Bingo

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

3:00 PM Reconciliation 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

## SAINT GEORGE PARISH PICNIC

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Jaycee Grove Park, 16801 S. 80th Ave. Tinley Park, Illinois

#### Activities:

Bouncy Castle - Musical Chairs—Face Painting and more!

Bring a food item to share and a canned good for the food pantry.

Want to volunteer? Contact Sandy at 773-386-3025



#### LABOR DAY MASS



On Monday, September 1, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM to ask God's favor upon all workers. Please join us as we thank God for human labor and celebrate the dignity of the worker.

There will not be an 8:30 AM Mass on September 1.

Please visit the Saint George Website for additional information about Saint George - www.stgeorge60477.org.

Like us on Facebook.

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If you are musical in any way, prayerfully consider joining the Saint George Music Ministry!

There are several ways you can participate.

The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings, and will begin shortly after Labor Day. The choir primarily sings at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sundays.

Cantors can sing at any Mass at scheduled times. They work with Tim to practice. This is a great opportunity to minister to the parish through music.

Instrumentalists are always welcome to participate and can play their instrument at Mass on a regular basis or once in awhile.

If you would like more information, see Tim Quistorff at the piano after a weekend Mass, or call him at 708-532-2243 Ext. 510, or email him at tquistorff@stgeorge60477.org.





# Attention all young folks, 3rd grade and older!

Consider joining the Saint George Children's Choir and serve the parish of

Saint George! Participants do not need to attend Saint George School.

The choir will sing at one weekend Mass per month - normally at the 9:30 AM Mass on the first weekend of the month.

Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 PM, and will last less than an hour. Participants will be expected to attend all rehearsals and Masses.

Choir members who attend Saint George School will also sing at the school Masses.

For more information, see Tim Quistorff at the piano after a weekend Mass, or call him at 708-532-2243 Ext. 510, or email Tim at tquistorff@stgeorge60477.org.

Thanks!

#### SOMETHING TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT OVER THE SUMMER!

Saint George Children's Faith Formation needs you to support our young disciples!



Openings include: Classroom aide, hall monitor, security and traffic control, classroom substitute, and with some training or previous experience Catechist.

Requirements: A love for Jesus and a heart for children. Each

Wednesday, we also need your willingness to share your time and patience.

Our program begins in mid-September and runs through the end of April. This gives you time to discern:

- Have you been thinking that you want to get involved in ministry?
- Do you wonder if our children would benefit from your experience?
- Have you worked with children in the past and feel that you would like to return in some capacity?

 Do you believe that God has been trying to reach out to you and you just don't know which ministry is for you?

Here is what we have to offer you:

- An incredible sense of gratitude from families and students.
- A stewardship opportunity to share your time and talent.
- A beautiful bond with other adults who share your ministry.
- · An occasional meal.

Please-- Pray on it! We need you!

If you would like more information or if you would like to just talk about our specific needs, please email me at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or call 708-532-8211. I would love to talk with you about this.

Jeanne Lassandrello Director of Life Long Formation



#### OCIA 2025-2026

OCIA is a faith journey designed for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church.

This process is open to:

- · Those who are not baptized
- Those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to become Catholic
- Catholics who were baptized but did not receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

We meet weekly throughout the year and collaborate with Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish and Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish. Each week we explore topics related to the richness of our faith, such as Sacraments, Church History, Scripture and Tradition. We also offer opportunities of prayer, reflection and a retreat day.

Why is this in the bulletin where many non-Catholics do not see it? That is where you come in! Someone may be waiting for your invitation. As a fully initiated Catholic, we are responsible to hand down our faith. You have an opportunity to invite and inform people you know who might be seeking to either complete their initiation or join the Catholic Church.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne Lassandrello at 708-352-8211 Ext, 514 or jlasandrello@stgeorge60477.org. I will be happy to discuss this with you or anyone who may like more information.

Jeanne Lassandrello Director of Life Long Formation

## SAVE THE DATES! THURSDAY EVENING BUNCO IS BACK!

September 25, 2025 October 30, 2025 January 22, 2026 March 26, 2026 May 28, 2026

More info to follow... Sponsored by Women of Purpose





Have you been baptized, received First Holy Communion and not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Archdiocese of Chicago is offering a nine week process for adults to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are numerous reasons why parishioners have not received the sacrament. Know that in this class you are not alone. We have had participants from ages 19 to 80. Based on family situations, personal decisions or just not feeling ready when the sacrament was offered, this is your opportunity. I ask you to discern your relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church. How can we at Saint George help serve you on your faith journey?

If you do not attend Mass, this is a good time to get back into the practice of being an active participant in our weekend liturgies. This is also a time to examine your prayer-life. How is God calling you?

These sessions are virtual so you can attend in the convenience of your home or office. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Sessions begin September 17 and will finish on November 19. The date and location of the Confirmation Mass has not yet been determined. Registration closes on September 5 at 6:00 PM.

I have included the link below for you to register. You will need a copy of your Baptismal Certificate and First Communion record to attach when you apply. If you do not have a copy, you can call the parish where you received these sacraments or ask me for assistance.

https://pvm.archchicago.org/ Zocuments/87254/7687107/ Adult+Confirmation+Fall+2025+v1.pdf/ad748d50-a934-45a3-a9c7-f7b3be886c76

You must be affiliated with a parish in the Archdiocese. Please contact me at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or call 708-532-8211 ext 514 if you have further questions or concerns.

Jeanne Lassandrello Director of Life Long Formation Page 10 August 24, 2025

## BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACK BLESSING MASS







## SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

To all our Dragons, Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!













































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#### SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

#### Thank You! Thank You!

Your generous response to the Spare Change Saves Babies project is a great blessing for the Women's Center. The spare change in 248 baby bottles really adds up. Through your generosity, the Women's Center has received \$4,146.21 to carry on its work to save mothers and babies from the tragedy of abortion. Thank you so much for your support of this important work.

#### 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 and 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.

# National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 13 will be the 14th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. There will be memorial services at three Southland area gravesites of some of the aborted babies whose remains were retrieved from garbage dumpsters outside abortion facilities in downtown Chicago 30+ years ago: Saint Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park, Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, and Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. This year's memorial service at Saint Mary Cemetery -- start time pending. The memorial service at Queen of Heaven Cemetery will be at 2:00 PM. The memorial service at Resurrection Cemetery begins at 1:00 PM.

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

Know that the members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish. 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.



To the Parishioners of Saint George...

We are so very grateful for your recent collection of hygiene products for BEDS Plus, it was truly an overwhelming response!! Thank you so very much! These items will help us provide the every day necessities for the homeless and migrant individuals/families housed in our facilities. We are here to help those in need and are able to do so because of the kindness and generosity of parishes like Saint George.

Again, thank you and God Bless you all.

Tina Rounds CFO - BFDS Plus



#### POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX

From the outside, the Church, like any human reality, may seem rough around the edges. However, her divine reality is

revealed when we cross her threshold and find acceptance. Our poverty, vulnerability, and especially failures are finally embraced by the gentle strength of God, a love without sharp edges, an unconditional love.



# YOUTH MINISTRY EIGHTH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE



# GODSEND YOUTH MINISTRY, 8TH - 12TH GRADE LOCK-IN - SEPTEMBER 6-7

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Parent/Guardian Registration is required. Scan the QR Code or register and for details of the event. Questions??? - Contact John Sobol, sobol@steseton.com or 708-986-2446.





# WEEKLY TUESDAY GODSEND YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS

Weekly Tuesday Gatherings will be starting on September 16 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the Saint Elizabeth Seton Youth Room, 9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills

All 8th—12th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend or two, or a few. Join us for Faith Formation, Fellowship, Fun and Food.

Selected by the Youth, we will be viewing and reflecting on Season 3 of the Chosen.

Last year, we viewed the first two seasons. This year, we will start with Season 3, so to understand the characters and point of the series, anyone who has not seen the first two seasons, should watch them on their own. Many streaming services have the previous issues to view.



If you have not or do not frequent the website, we highly encourage all of you to navigate all of it at times. This is a central catechesis and communication tool that is kept up to date.

For additional information on GodSEND Youth Ministry, please contact Deacon John Sobol at jsobol@steaseton.com or 708-986-2446 or visit the GodSEND website — https://sendyouthministry.org.



# DISCIPLES: STUDY AND PRAYER THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

In the early church, disciples met daily for Bible study and Prayer. Each week, Saint George disciples follow in the footsteps of our ancestors in faith. On Monday evenings (6:30 PM) and Tuesday mornings (10:00 AM), the disciples meet for Bible study and prayer. On September 8 (Cahill #1) and on September 9 (Cahill #3), we will study the Book of Isaiah. The early Church Fathers referred to the book of Isaiah as the "fifth gospel" due to its significance for the New Testament, which cites Isaiah more than any other book of the Hebrew Bible except the book of Psalms. The study books are available in the church office, for a donation of \$15.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" insisted Saint Jerome - a strong exhortation from a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church to Christians, urging them to pay attention to serious Scripture study. This is a must, not a luxury option.

An open invitation is extended to all Saint George disciples to join us for our Bible study and prayer!

Questions: please contact Deacon Jerry at: jsouta@stgeorge60477.org or jsoutajr@att.net or call him at 708-574-6093.

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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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