

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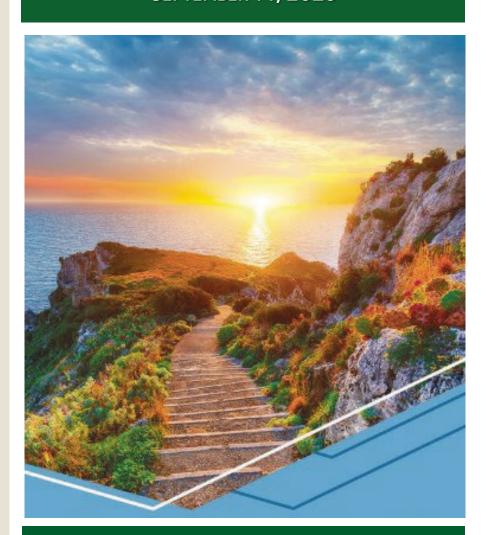
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM to 6:00 PM Office Closed: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

#### PARISH SCHOOL

6700 West 176th St. Tinley Park, IL 60477 708-532-2626 www.stgeorgeschool.org

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

6670 West 176th St. Tinley Park, IL 60477 Phone: 708-532-8211 FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. - Jn 3:13, 17 PAGE 2 SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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## Message from Father Paul



Shut up!
Those two
words were
never tolerated
in my family
growing up.
When you have
to tell someone
to shut up, it
is usually

because they have become obnoxious to you. And, just as commonly, you've run out of intelligent arguments. There are other ways of telling someone to shut up. They are a little more subtle but often have the same effect.

When someone tells you to "stay in your lane," that's a way of telling someone to shut up. Maybe just a dismissive wave of the hand accomplishes the same thing. It can escalate. A drunken argument can become a brawl. Sometimes it can take a more serious form, like firing a person from their job. We've seen censorship, closing down newspapers or cutting off communications in totalitarian governments.

And then there is the ultimate way to tell someone to shut up. You kill them. Throughout all of history, we've seen assassinations. It can be a member of a jury, a whistleblower, or a government official. This ultimate method of shutting up a person has been used since the earliest days of

history. And it is the failure of this attempt to silence someone and their message that we celebrate today.

The Feast of the Exultation of the Cross is a symbol of the failure of trying to shut down another person, and reveals the weakness of the offender. In this case, it was the ancient leaders who fought against Jesus and His message of hope. They killed Jesus but here we are, a people committed to His teaching, and His calling, while proclaiming ourselves as His disciples. Jesus stirred up fear because He was upsetting the establishment and their base of power. Of course, Jesus had no interest in earthly power. His power came from above and was most valuable to the people in the lowest rungs of society.

To exult is to feel or show extreme joy. Jesus' death on the cross became the gateway to the resurrection --- the ultimate victory over death. And for over two thousand years, the voice of Jesus has been heard through the People of God. Admittedly, we don't always get it right or speak for Jesus perfectly or consistently. But that is our goal. Every step we take closer to that, the Exultation of the Cross cries out in joy.

### LIVE THE LITURGY

No servant can serve two masters, and in His goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### OUR SICK...

Patrick Amtman, Arlene Astrowski, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Angie Brady, Dominick Byrne, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Brittany Clausius, Debbie Clausius, Sharon Clifford, Terri Cobban, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Loretta Corcoran, Diane Cosgrave, Mary Deskovich, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Peter Ellement, Abigail Fanscali, Elmer Flannagan, Eugene Georges, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Rafael Gomez, Marirose Grosschadl, Tom Heenan, Michael Hogan, Paul Hosso, Virginia Hullinger, John & Sandra Jakala, Beverly Klosowski, Donald Lavev, Paul Larsen, Frank Lesinski, Francisco Marcos, Amy Mason, Kelsey Mercado, Cynthia Metzger, Donna Mikolajczak, Kathleen Mohan, Deborah Mraz, Patricia Murphy, David Murray, Judy Nelson, Brian O'Connor, Giana Oldenstedt, 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, Paul Smiley, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Gary Szafranski, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Marge Thomas, Tammy Thomas, Leslie Vaicik, Stella Vaicik, Kathy VanderJack, Colette Verdun, Kathy Vrablic, 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...

Barbara Horn, Carol Thompson, Donald Stuckly Sr., Rosalene Boyd, Carol Tropp, Daniel Hicks

#### 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 Sqt. 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), Sqt. Jonathon M. Filca (Marines), PO2 James J. Guerino (Navy), Cmdr. Spc.4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Pvt. Cody Hogan (Marines), 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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:00 PM Fran Jurek+

Joseph & Helen Gembala+ Agnes Fitek Graham+

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 AM Don Graff+

Sam Baumann+

Suzanne Schmitt Smiley+

9:30 AM Donald Kubicki+

Cynthia Aguilar+

Helen & Lloyd McCulley+

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners

Paul & Linda Cwiklik+ Virginia Schaffer+

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:15 AM Mary Buczkiewicz+

Jim McGeever+ Liz Walsh+

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+

Frank Climack+

Lindy & Mary Michelon+

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:15 AM Janet Murphy+

JoAnn Pisarski+ John & Teresa Kelly+

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:15 AM Leonard Gaikowski+

Sharon Clifford (for Health)

Rose Boyd+

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:15 AM Janet Kosmatine+

Norbert Grzyb+ Marge Sportiello+

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

Claudia Hunter+ Kyle Korosa+

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 AM Mass for All Souls

Michael Martin+

Clara Voyles (90th Birthday)

9:30 AM David McCulley+

Emil Tejkowski+ Victoria Preston+

11:30 AM Dorothy & Ray Lipinski+

Deceased Members of the Lamberty Family+

Peggy Rogers+

+ Deceased

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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



Individual Players: \$160 Group of 4 Players: \$600 Lunch & Drinks Included

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

For registration or more information visit: www.stgeorgedragongolf.com or contact Cathy Faricelli cfaricelli@stgeorgeschool.org
Text: 708-607-5959

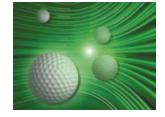


## GOLF BALL DROP RAFFLE

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



Winner need not be present.

Please support Saint George School Athletics! For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Cathy Faricelli at cfaricelli@stgeorgeschool.og or text 708-607-5959.

# SAINT GEORGE FAMILY PICNIC

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

JAYCEE GROVE PARK, 16801 S. 80th Ave. Tinley Park

Nick's Food Truck and Kona Cones will be available for purchase. You are invited to bring your own food and a desert to share with others. Free bottled water will be available all day.

There will be many activities and games for both children and adults. For the little ones there will be a bounce house and slide. Also, for the kids, the always popular Bozo Buckets, face painting, and digging for Dollars or Dimes. The kids will also play musical chairs with a prize for the winner.

For the adults, you can choose Jenga, Twister, water balloons, tug of war, badminton, and Frisbee. The adults can compete in a Bags tournament too. If you have energy, you can participate in all of these.

DJ Dan will be there to provide musical entertainment for all.

And as an added treat, the Tinley Park Fire Department will be there for pictures.

So, make plans to come and share the great spirit of Saint George with your family and friends. We hope to see everyone there.



## SAVE THE DATE!



COMING TO SAINT GEORGE
AN INTERACTIVE NIGHT OF GOBLINS & GAMES
ONE NIGHT ONLY!
OCTOBER 11

A Halloween comedy written and performed by Vicki Quade.

More details coming soon!





## **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, September 21, 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!



### 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 (September 20-21). 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.



## **PART TIME** EXTENDED CARE WORKER

Saint George School is looking for a part-time afternoon extended care

worker. The hours would be 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM a couple of days per week. If you are interested, please call Charlotte Pratl at 708-532-2626.

#### THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

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

12:00 PM Parish Picnic (Jaycee Grove) 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 PM Bible Study (MR 4)

6:30 PM Saint Vincent de Paul Mtg. (BR)

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

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

10:00 AM Bible Study (MR3) 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)

6:30 PM Caregiver Support Group (MR 4)

6:30 PM Men's Club (MR 3) 7:00 PM OCIA (MR 1)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)

5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-9 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K,

MR 1-4, BR, QR

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1) 9:00 AM

3:00 PM Band (MR1)

6:30 PM Women of Purpose (MR 2) 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Seminarian Education Collection

SGS Golf Outing

6:30 AM This Man is You (O'CH)

2:00 PM Weddina 3:00 PM Reconciliation 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (G)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Catechetical Sunday

Seminarian Education Collection

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)

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

10:00 AM CFF Breakfast (MR 2-3) 10:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1) 11:30 AM Baptisms (Church)

5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (G)



#### WEDDING BANNS

Luke Kraus & Mary Elias September 20, 2025

Michael Trant & Michelle Pizer October 4, 2025

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# WOMEN OF PURPOSE! SAVE THE DATE

Calling all Women of Saint George Parish, 21 and Up

Opening Meeting
Thursday - September 18 - 6:30 PM
Parish Life Center

"I can do things you cannot... You can do things I cannot... Together we can do great things." - Mother Teresa

The Women of Purpose would like to invite all women of the parish to a special Kick-Off/Opening Meeting.

We appreciate all of the support, awesome ideas and dedication you have shown this past year. We could not have been so successful without you! As we move into our 4th year, this is a good time to be grateful and to look to the future for our group.

Please join us for some food, laughter and conversation, and to hear what we have planned and to listen to suggestions on how to support the families of Saint George. It is wonderful women like you who make a difference!

We would appreciate a response so we can have enough food and treats. RSVP to Jeanne Lassandrello via email at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or call the office at 708-532-8211. We are looking forward to seeing you again!



# THURSDAY EVENING BARE BONES BUNCO! SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF PURPOSE

Come for an Evening of Fun and Fellowship! Nothing Fancy!

Thursday, September 25, 2025 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Parish Life Center, MR 1 & 2 \$14 pre-pay

(includes pizza, bunco supplies & prizes, water)

To RSVP and pre-pay, drop off your payment at the parish office, in an envelope marked Women of Purpose, Bunco, and name(s) of persons attending. Since seating is limited please RSVP and pre-pay by Monday, September 22.

Adult friends & family welcome. Feel free to bring your own fun beverages. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Any questions, please contact Joan at 708-227-0028.



# MUSICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, October 3 7:00 PM Saint George Church

"Musical Rosary"

#### 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!



"Doris, would this have anything to do with your wanting me to wear shorts to the church picnic like everyone else?"

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Paul
Deacon: Tom Schutzius

**Eucharistic** Mary Lou Lesiecki - Cup **Ministers:** Drew Roskos - Cup

> Charlene Yock - Cup Ron Yock - Cup Joyce Bibzak - Bread Raymond Bibzak - Bread Shirley Roskos - Bread Jack Yock - Bread

Lector: Bob Page

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:Father JohnDeacon:Tom SchutziusEucharisticKaren Lyons - CupMinisters:Gary Rycyzyn - Cup

Rita Walker - Cup David Whitaker - Cup Cathy Munoz - Bread Ray Schulze - Bread

Lector: Lynda O'Brien

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:Father PaulDeacon:Jerry Souta

**Eucharistic** Kevin Byczek - Cup **Ministers:** Ann Floyd - Cup

Marge Gertos - Cup Lisa Hummitsch - Cup Catherine Adelakun - Bread

Karen Kiner - Bread Nicole Olson - Bread Teri Richmond - Bread

Lector: Family Mass

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant:Father JohnDeacon:Jerry Souta

**Eucharistic** Frances Bouchard - Cup Ministers: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup

Jeanine Patrick - Cup Diane Wawzenek - Bread Wally Wawzenek - Bread

**Lector:** Tim Doyle

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 7:31-35

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 8:4-15

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

#### AL-ANON

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



#### 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.

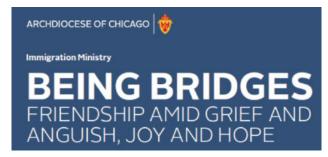
Our goal isi to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to com together to pray and share with one another.

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, September 23 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM via Zoom

Please reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at olmcinfo2@aol.com to register.

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Join us for the third evening in our inspiring series of presentations exploring the spirituality and theology of welcoming marginalized persons in our midst.

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 - 7:00 PM. ASSUMPTION PARISH, 323 WEST ILLINOIS STREET, CHICAGO

Presenter: Steven Millies, Ph.D.
Professor of Public Theology and Director of The
Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union in
Chicago.



Steven Millies is a scholar whose work explores the Catholic Church's relationship with politics through an interdisciplinary lens that includes theology, history, ethics, sociology, and political theory. Responding to Pope Francis's call for a more integral and compassionate politics, Millies

emphasizes our shared responsibility for one another and the world. He holds a doctorate in political theory from The Catholic University of America and previously served as the Strom Thurmond Endowed Chair in Political Science at the University of South Carolina Aiken. Now at Catholic Theological Union, he is the author of Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground, which won a Catholic Press Association award. He contributes regularly to national publications and is active in several scholarly societies. Millies is at work on his fourth book, a Catholic theological reflection on constitutional government, under the working title– A House for All Peoples: Roman Catholicism and the Modern Constitutional State.

No registration is needed for in person attendance.

To view the livestream, visit bit.ly/45AW690 or scan the QR code. For more information or questions, contact Mary Lou Matheke at 312-534-8054 or mmatheke@archchicago.org.

Free validated parking at MartParc (just behind the church) at Hubbard and Orleans is available. Please bring your ticket into the church for validation.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Migrants, Missionaries of Hope

# NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS

In Celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees Celebrant: Bishop Lawrence J. Sullivan, Vicar General

Sunday, September 28 - 5:15 PM Holy Name Cathedral 735 North State Street, Chicago

Free parking at Holy Name Cathedral Parking Garage, 14 West Superior Street (across the street from the cathedral).



For more information, please contact Olga Anglada at ofigueroa@archchicago.org or Raymundo Valdez at rvaldez@archchicago.org or visit nationalpastoralmigratoria.org/nmw2025.

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



#### **IMMIGRANT ASSISTANT RESOURCES**

Get connected to organizations that offer pastoral, humanitarian and legal advocacy support for immigrants, refugees and all in need.

Scan the QR code:

https://pvm.archchicago. org/immigrant-assistanceresources





#### POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX

Cultivating our heart takes effort. It is the greatest work. Yet by digging deep and humbling ourselves, we draw ever closer to the Lord, who emptied Himself to become like us.



#### 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 jlassandrello@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



TMIY -THE LIGHT OF MEN!

## WEEK 1: RADIATE AND ILLUMINATE! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

All men are invited to join us for breakfast in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School!

Our 13-week Fall Semester of That Man Is You! (TMIY) begins on September 20 with a program that introduces this year's theme, "The Light of Men".

We begin our journey discussing what it means to be a Light Among Men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, and will not, overcome it. We will walk through scripture and examine the practical ways that we can illuminate the darkness within our society, and our families, with the Light of Christ.

Hot coffee and breakfast will be available beginning at 6:30 AM. Our video program begins at 7:00 AM. We will adjourn promptly at 8:00 AM so there's plenty of time to enjoy a hearty breakfast, nourish both your body and soul, and still attend the Golf Outing!

There is no "course fee" for the TMIY program. We only ask that those attending make a free-will donation towards defraying the cost of the breakfast items provided.

Here's your chance to make some new friends! Come by and check it out!

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



Dan Schutte's music has been a pulse in the heartbeat of many churches for more than 50 years, including "Here I am Lord," City of God," and "You Are Near."

# AN EVENING OF SONG WITH RENOWNED LITURGICAL COMPOSER & SONGWRITER

#### Dan Schutte

5:30 PM Reception - 7:00 PM Concert September 25

Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State Street, Chicago, Illinois In Celebration of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps Chicago's 25th Anniversary

Tickets \$25

THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS





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#### SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

## Vigil At Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor

Please plan to join the monthly vigil to be held at the Flossmoor Planned Parenthood abortion facility. We will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 19831 S. Governor's Hwy. in Flossmoor. This vigil will take place from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 18.

Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th St. which goes west from Governors Hwy,, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). Express your prayers and concerns about an abortion facility located in our own neighborhood.

#### Women's Center Step Up 4 Life

Support the Women's Center on Saturday, September 27 at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe for their annual Step Up 4 Life. You are invited to walk or run the selected route at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe (1170 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL) with checkin to start at 10:00 AM and begin the trail at 10:30 AM. (Also included is a taco lunch and ice cream.) After the walk and before the food, there will be a Kids Run at Noon (checkin at 11:3 AM). Get more details at: https:// secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/ website/home/?e=30198. After reviewing the details, you can use the fundeasy page to either register as a participant or donate by sponsoring a participant. Once registered, collect pledges in support of the mission of The Women's Center.

#### Life Chain 2025

Please plan to attend the 35th annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 5 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Join with other parishioners and members of other churches. Life Chain consists of forming a line of people along a busy street (in this case, 159th Street between Harlem Ave. and 80th Ave.) Each person holds a sign that states a truth about abortion (Abortion Kills Children, Abortion Hurts Women, Jesus Heals and Forgives, etc.). To seek a renewal of respect for life in Illinois, it is more important than ever to show our support for mothers and their preborn children. Since Life Chain is a national Pro-Life event, it is a great way for your entire family to support respect for life.

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL Feast of the Exultation of the Cross

Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

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.

#### SUMMER ENDS? VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Where did summer go? After your summer break, take time to visit Holy Family Chapel. Your visit offers the opportunity to focus on Jesus in the ucharist. You will receive the grace and love radiating from Jesus present in the Sacred Host. It will not take long before you feel peace and love while in front of Jesus in the Eucharist. Even if you are not certain how to pray, just know that you are before Jesus who knows you inside-out. You might even decide to join fellow parishioners as a frequent visitor, or by taking a regular hour each week. Find an hour where you can get away from the fast pace of life to seek insight from Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Family Chapel is open 13 hours per day on Monday through Friday from 11:00 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 finish registering. 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, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM; Wednesday: Noon, 1:00 PM; Thursday: 2:00 PM, 9:00 PM; Friday: Noon, 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").

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

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# SECOND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 20-21 SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND



The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

#### **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.

Next week we have a second collection. Please be sure to use the envelope provided in the packet sent home. If you don't have it, please use the envelopes in church and mark accordingly.

#### **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!





### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

August 30-31, 2025		
Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	14,743.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,730.00
Difference	\$	(1,987.00)
School Fund	\$	650.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	105.00
Church in Poland	\$	175.00
Initial Offering	\$	50.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	65.00
Easter Offering	\$	100.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$	10.00
Seminary Education	\$	135.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	65.00
FISCAL YEAR 2026 YEAR-TO-DAT	E	
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	144,105.05
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	150,570.00
YTD Difference	Ś	(6.464.95)

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.

#### PLANNED GIVING

#### A Tax-Savvy Way to Support Saint George

Please help us cover our increased operating costs by considering a direct gift of securities or mutual funds. You can reduce or eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to Saint George Parish, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org.

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# GodSEND Sts. George's, Stephen's, & Elizabeth's Nourishing Disciples

#### YOUTH MINISTRY EIGHTH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

On September 6 and 7, the GodSEND Youth Ministry held their 2025-26, kick-off at Saint George. We graciously thank the parish for letting us use their space.

We started at the 4:00 PM Mass at Saint George in which the youth reverently served in Liturgical Ministries as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Music. Clergy from the GodSend Youth Ministry parishes (Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint George and Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr) participated in the liturgy.

After Mass, the youth and their families gathered for a meal, and prayed the Rosary in the beautiful and peaceful Marian Garden. From there, we proceeded to get little sleep as the youth engaged in many social games and activities. Throughout the evening and early morning, we engaged in Midnight Adoration and Benediction which allowed us to grow closer to God in our Catholic Faith. At 3:30 AM, they participated in a Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati Canonization Mass watch party followed by a reflection/prayer room where the youth spent time with God in their own way. After a little sleep, the Lock-in ended with a mid-morning continental breakfast.

There are many people to thank for organizing and executing the Lock-in. This thank you goes out to them. Never to overlook anyone's name, we know God saw them being the hands and feet of Jesus to make this a successful youth ministry kick-off event. Again, THANK YOU!!!

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.

























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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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