



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 28, 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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8:45 AM to 3:00 PM
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8:45 AM to 6:00 PM
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to 1:00 PM Monday
through Friday

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph together show

us how beautiful family life can be. I hope you had a little taste of that over the days of Christmas celebration. Getting together with family can be a moment of real joy and we appreciate each other just a little more. It can also be a moment of reconnection. Even in the best of families, it isn't always easy seeing each other face-to-face through the year. Family gatherings can also be a time when new people are introduced. That can be a pretty intimidating encounter for the new person! And there are those times when family celebrations go sour. If that happened for you, I hope you'll take some time to try to clear the air.

Occasionally I will talk to someone who has a broken relationship within the family. Sometimes it is because of real hurts. Sometimes it's because an old hurt is held stubbornly, caught in pride. Sometimes politics get in the way. Or money. But in all these instances, my hunch is that if we could look at ourselves from a distance, or we saw a family acting the way we might at our worst, we would probably say, "What is wrong with those people!?"

Yes, family can be a challenge. But it is also the source of our life. Our parents gave us life. Our siblings can be our best friends. Our children are our best hope. Are they perfect? Not likely. Do other families appear to have it so much better? Appearances can fool you. No, the truth is, the best family is our own. Warts and all. And that's OK.

I would imagine the Holy Family --- Jesus, Mary and Joseph --- yes, even they had their moments. They had their struggles, their worries. Like us. Their love for each other and their faith in God saw them through. Just like it does for us.

Thank you for your loving support of Saint George with your Christmas donation. Your gift is important to our financial stability. If you haven't been able to make your gift yet, please do. And Father John and I thank you for the many kind cards, gifts and goodies this Christmas. We both are most grateful for your kindness and support you show us and our ministry. Bless you!

Enjoy these continuing days of Christmas. Linger at the stable. Don't rush through it. These are precious days.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Paul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Fr." on the top line and "Paul" on the bottom line.

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK...

Patrick Amtman, Arlene Astrowski, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Dominick Byrne, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Brittany Clausius, Debbie Clausius, Sharon Clifford, Terri Cobban, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Diane Cosgrave, Bert Dado, Paula Dettmann, Julie Donohoe, Peter Ellement, Abigail Fanscali, Elmer Flannagan, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Rafael Gomez, Manuel Gonzalez, Marirose Grosschadl, Tom Heenan, Michael Hogan, Paul Hosso, Virginia Hullinger, Sandra Jakala, Beverly Klosowski, Paul Larsen, Donald Lavey, Frank Lesinski, Carol Manow, Francisco Marcos, Amy Mason, Kelsey Mercado, Cynthia Metzger, Kathleen Mohan, Danielle Bella Mampre, Deborah Mraz, Patricia Murphy, David Murray, Fred Neidermeyer, Judy Nelson, Brian O'Connor, Giana Oldenstedt, Bria and Baby Omatto, Baby Vincent Nicholas Pacheco, Janice Pumfrey, Jack Ramey, John Rangel, Bernadine Raymond, Eunice Robey, Ronald Rose, Loretta Schultz, Jay Scott, Marilyn Seaman, Cynthia Sinko, Paul Smiley, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Brian Streeter, Tony Streeter, Gary Szafranski, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Marge Thomas, Tammy Thomas, Dennis Torii, Marlene Torii, Noreen Torii, 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...

David Palac, Brother of Barbara McGrath

OUR MILITARY...

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are serving our country: PO3 Mary Balkas (Coast Guard), Sgt. Jacob Berry (Army), SSgt. Mark Bradley (Marines), Staff Sgt. Amanda Brennan (Army), First Sgt. Robert Brennan (Army), Bradley Brunod (Navy), Capt. Michael Caddigan (Army), 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), Cmdr. Spc. 4 Nathan Hesse (Army), Pvt. Cody Hogan (Marines), Daniel Hollendorner (Navy), Cpl. Ryan Hollendorner (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, LCPl), 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, DECEMBER 27

4:00 PM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Edward Keenan+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 AM Mass for Fathers
Tom Vander Sanden+
Eugene Georges+
9:30 AM John & Margaret Whalen+
Frank & Louise Narcisi+
Alice Jani+
11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Michael Gibbons+
Mary Jean McLaughlin+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 AM Eugene Georges+
Cristina Quatrino+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 AM Martin Schutzius+
Edward Vock+
James Guerino+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 PM Intentions of Elaine Lovato

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM Daniel Disabato+
Pat & Jack McGeehan+
Sam & Helen Baumann+

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15 AM Paul Cwiklik+
Audrey Zurek+
Sister Carol Parini for Healing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:00 PM Mass for Mothers
Linda Anne Meinke+
Tom & Carol VanderSanden+

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 AM Florence Cano+
Dennis Payonk+
Aida Flores+
9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Cristina Quatrini+
Deceased Members of
Knights of Columbus
11:30 AM Nenita Iemelo+
Carol McGowen+
Mary Bucziewicz+
+ Deceased

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:00 PM Parish Office Closes
7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00 PM Parish Office Closes
6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
6:00 PM Youth Ministry (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 PM Parish, Office Closes
4:00 PM New Year's Eve Mass
11:15 PM Musical Prayer Service (Church)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Parish Office Closed
10:00 AM New Year's Day Mass (Church)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Fair Trade Before & After Masses
3:00 PM Reconciliation
7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Fair Trade Before & After Masses
7:00 AM Family First Sunday (MR 1-3, K)
9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
1:00 PM Baptisms (Church)
5:00 PM Adult Volleyball

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



FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31, New Years Eve
Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 PM

Thursday, January 1, New Years Day at 10:00 AM.

FAITH FORWARD MINISTRY SECOND SUNDAY SUndaes

WHO WANTS ICE CREAM IN JANUARY?

Our newly formed ministry is doing it again! In November when we had our morning with the parish relics and ice cream, it was the morning of the first snowfall this season. In January, who knows what the weather will be, but the ice cream is always cold.

Join us on the Second Sunday of the month, January 11 after the 9:30 AM Mass or at 10:30 AM for a tour of the Stained Glass Windows. We have a special morning prepared for you, followed by ICE CREAM in the Parish Life Center!



JOIN THE WISE AT FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY ON JANUARY 4!

We hope you will start off the new year by joining us after any of the Sunday morning Masses on

Sunday, January 4. We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the icy cold of winter by featuring cool mint specialties. Here is a chance to get all those left over tempting treats out of the house so you can start that New Year's diet without constant temptation!

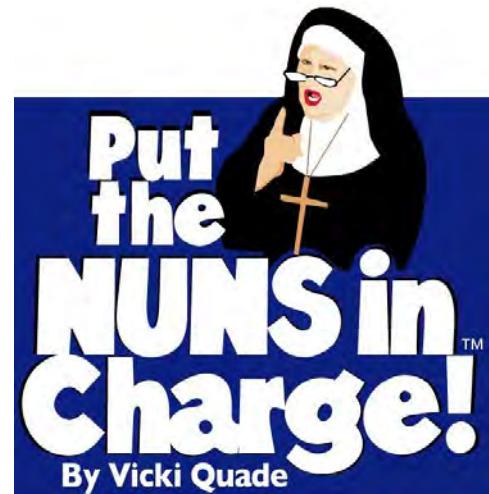
As always, the Parish Life Center doors will open by 7:15 AM for early birds wishing to drop off contributions on their way to the 7:30 AM Mass. A free will basket will be available for those who prefer to help defray costs of the non-donated items. We hope you will stop by for a hot cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and a few minutes of fellowship with your parish family!

**LAUGH AT SISTER'S TAKE ON MODERN SINS IN
A MODERN WORLD**

**HIT COMEDY,
PUT THE NUNS IN CHARGE!**

**COMING TO
SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
TINLEY PARK**

**ONE NIGHT ONLY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**



One of the creators behind the original “Late Nite Catechism” now returns with a new hit comedy, and it’s just as irreverent — and nostalgic. *Put the Nuns in Charge!* will be performed one night only at Saint George Catholic Church, on Saturday, January 17.

“Where Late Nite Catechism deals with saints and gets its humor from the actual catechism we were taught, for this one, I was looking for something more contemporary,” Quade said. “Here, the idea is that Mother Superior is looking at modern sins, and how we treat each other.” Consequently, the show pokes fun at everything from celebrities to revealing clothing, driving habits, social media, and cell phone use — for starters. Audience members will find themselves once more in a classroom, taking an active role in the evening’s lesson. The show is part stand-up comedy, and part catechism class.

Tickets are available at the parish office - \$25.00 per person. Tickets include pizza. BYOB and snacks.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE
MUSICAL PRAYER
SERVICE**

Saint George’s Music Ministry will present a musical prayer service, offering music, scripture and inspirational readings, silence for reflection and meditation, and fellowship on New Year’s Eve, December 31, at 11:15 PM. Please join us to pray for peace.

For more information, talk to Tim in the music area after Mass or email at tquistorff@stgeorge60477.org.

DAILY ROSARY

Please join us to pray the rosary before the morning Mass Monday through Friday starting at 7:45 AM.



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY OF THE
WORD**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break on December 28 and January 4. We will resume at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 11. Thank you and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Dawn Bartos



**BINGO EVERY FRIDAY
NIGHT AT SAINT
GEORGE SCHOOL**

Located in O’Connell Hall and the Georgian Room. Doors open at 5:00 PM and games begin at 7:00 PM. Come for fun and fellowship! Bring your own snacks! For more information, call the school office at 708-532-2626.

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 beemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

CREATION CARE CORNER



"Indifference to the devastation of ecosystems is a spiritual wound that reflects in our inability to feel part of creation."

- Pope Leo XIV

A New Year's Resolution to Care for Creation?

- Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si', was a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. In it, he challenged us to re-think our relationship with nature.
- Francis reframed the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, was recognized as a precious gift from God to be cared for by all.
- Pope Leo has said, "The challenges [including environmental] that are identified in Laudato Si' are in fact even more relevant today than they were 10 years ago."
- Both Popes, Francis and Leo, have invited us to become aware and reflect deeply on the environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- They are asking us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, to strive for greater simplicity, focus less on material things, and to take action.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?

STEWARSHIP UPDATE

DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2025

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	17,603.20
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$	16,730.00
Difference	\$	873.20
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	2,167.00
School Fund	\$	153.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	246.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	596.00
Christmas Offering	\$	5,860.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	55.00
Initial Offering	\$	5.00

FISCAL YEAR 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	420,965.11
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days -Budgeted	\$	401,520.00
YTD Difference	\$	19,445.11

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.



Did you know that you can give your Christmas Offering to Saint George electronically with Give Central.

Just go to the Parish Website - www.stgeorge60477.org. or scan the QR code on the right.

Donations can be made by credit card, debit card and electronic



payments. 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

THE CHALICE PROJECT AT SAINT GEORGE



Saint George started the Chalice Project on Sunday, November 30. Each week at Mass, a family can volunteer to take the gifts to the altar during the Offertory.

At the end of Mass, the family will be invited by the priest to come forward to receive the chalice and a blessing. The family will then take the chalice home to display it in a prominent place in their home.

Each day for five days, during the family's prayer time, they



will pray for an increase in vocations. Optional prayers will be provided. On the following Friday, the family will return the chalice so another family can take it home.

Please consider this as an opportunity for you to pray for an increase in vocations. Registration for this event is available on the website or by scanning the QR code on the right. Sign-up boards are also available in the narthex.



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Greg Bartos
Eucharistic Ministers:	Don Clark - Cup Fran Clark - Cup Charlene Yock - Cup Ron Yock - Cup Raymond Bibzak - Bread Joanne Saidikowski - Bread Sue Stanton - Bread Ruth Strugala - Bread
Lector:	Bob Wyatt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father John
Deacon:	Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jim Newtoff - Cup Gary Ryczyn - Cup Teri Ryczyn - Cup Ray Schulze - Cup Kay Keating - Bread Julie Newtoff - Bread
Lector:	Lynda O'Brien

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers:	Thomas Kavanagh - Cup Tim McCabe - Cup Nancy Opyd - Cup Kathy Wilson - Cup Dawn Bartos - Bread Kevin Byczek - Bread Lisa Hummitsch - Bread Karen Kiner - Bread
Lector:	Marybeth Kelly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant:	Father Paul
Deacon:	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup Marge Gertos - Cup Jim Novotney - Cup Sandra Novotney - Cup Frances Bouchard - Bread Eric Suskis - Bread
Lector:	Nyla Unde



LIL' DRAGONS

DISCOVER, PLAY, AND GROW!

SAINT GEORGE MOM & ME TODDLER CLASS

Enjoy an opportunity to socialize with other 2 year olds. Offers a first school experience with the comfort of caregivers present! Socialization and teacher led activities

8 Sessions - \$50

- Fridays, January 9 to February 27
- 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM
- Saint George School, Tinley Park
- Open to 2 Year Olds with a caregiver.

Call 708-532-2626 to register.





SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Saint George School's Culver's monthly fundraiser will take place on Monday, January 5. Stop by for lunch, dinner or treat, and please mention our school when ordering, eat in or drive through. Thank you for your support and happy eating!



POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX

Peace exists; it wants to dwell within us. #Peace has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal: while to evil we cry out

"Enough," to peace we whisper "Forever." Into this horizon the Risen One has led us.



SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday,

January 25 to see firsthand how Saint George School unites faith, academics, and community to form students for future success. Our open house begins with a 9:30 AM Mass followed by opportunities to tour the campus, visit classrooms, meet our teachers, and shop the Scholastic book fair.

Contact our principal, Mrs. Charlotte Pratl, if you would like more information, email cpratl@stgeorgeschool.org or call 708-532-2626.

SAINT GEORGE P.A.R.T. PROGRAM

What is P.A.R.T.? - A program where you can purchase gift cards and you and the school can both earn money back on that purchase. You purchase cards at face value, school then purchases the cards at a discount price, the difference in price gets split 50/50 with you and the school.

What can you buy? - Hundreds of gift cards are available. You can view them at www.raiseright.com. We also have local venues available, such as Culver's, Ed n Joe's, and Gatto's.

How can I buy them? - Each Friday by 9:00 AM, you can submit a paper order to the parish office or an online order. Pick up will be the following week.

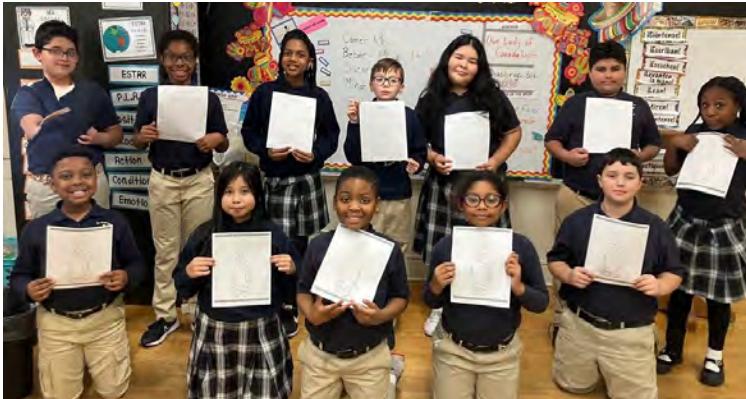
Interested in setting up an account? - Email part@stgeorgeschool.org.

THE CHILD GREW
AND THE
FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM
LUKE 2:40



SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

The fifth grade Spanish class performed a Reader's Theater on the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They did an amazing job!!



The Saint George Christmas tree at the Tinley Park train station was officially decorated, celebrating the joy, praise, and hope of the Christmas season! Pictured by our joyous tree are Mrs. Pratl, Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Newt off, and Mrs. Rojas.



Fourth graders performed a Readers' Theater story called "The Year Santa Got Mixed Up" for the third and fifth graders. The students did an outstanding job reading with expressive character voices, and their love for reading grew while having so much fun. Everyone truly enjoyed the funny story!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus

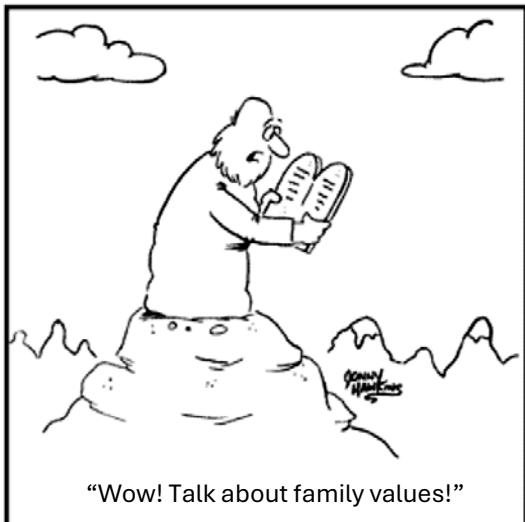
Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

Your gifts to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul?

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.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Another year will soon be here. Make a New Year's resolution to take a break from your regular routine and visit to Holy Family Chapel. Your visit offers the opportunity to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. You will receive the grace and love radiating from Jesus present in the Sacred Host. It will not take long before you feel peace and love while in front of Jesus in the Eucharist. Even if you are not certain how to pray, just know that you are before Jesus who knows you 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.

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, 3:00 PM, 5:00 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").

BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School / Gymnasium
9250 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills



Open to Boys and Girls Ages 9-14. Winners advance to District.

Sunday, January 11, 4:00 PM - 6:00 P. FREE to participate.

Please Pre-Register by January 6. (Same day registration also available.)

Email child's first / last name, age, parent name and contact number. Send to KofC4698freethrowcontest@gmail.com

Presented by: Knights of Columbus Father CC Boyle Council #4698, Tinley Park

VICARIATE V | ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

Ministers of Care Training
CARING FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK

MINISTERS OF CARE TRAINING

Tuesdays, January 27, February 3 and 10, 2026

4:45 PM to 8:00 PM - Starting with light meal.

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main floor of the church.

Participation in these sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of Care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Participants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. The session will include such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the pastoral practice of the Ministry of Care.

Our presenters are Sister Gael Gensler, who is presently the pastoral associate at Saint Francis of Assisi parish. She has been involved in parish ministry for over twenty-five years. She currently coordinates the ministry of care for the parish with Barbara Basila, who has been the parish coordinator of Minister of Care for nine years and a minister for twenty years.

To register go to <https://ministrycommissionv5.Com>

Commissioner: Sister Gael Gensler,
ggensler@sfaorland.org

KNIGHTLY NEWS



We hope that everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and we wish you a [prosperous, Happy, Healthy and Safe year in 2026.

THANK YOU to everyone who braved the cold on Sunday morning, December 14, to enjoy a nice breakfast with Santa. We had a wonderful turnout and it was a pleasure to serve and meet you. We hope you had a wonderful time, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, January 10 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Saint Stephen. Sign up at: <https://share.google/nOc4KgJ28wqpo4vGE>.

Thank you again to everyone who donated food and supplies to the Food Pantries. We do not have data for all the food pantries, but the Tinley Park Food Pantry averaged 190 – 200 customers (about 500 to 700 total family members) per week during the past couple of months. We are confident that Saint Damian, Orland Park and other Food Pantries were just as active, and truly appreciate your support. Without your unwavering kindness, this is not possible. We would like to acknowledge and thank all the schools, Girl Scouts and other organizations who also held food drives. God Bless every one of you for your thoughtfulness.

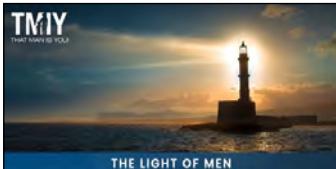
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God Bless and Thank You again for all your support.

LIVE THE LITURGY

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our “Holy Family” — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

CALLING ALL MEN!



YOU'RE INVITED TO NOURISH
YOUR SOUL IN 2026
JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST ON
SATURDAY MORNINGS
O'CONNELL HALL AT
SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

After a three-week "Holiday Break", our TMIY winter/spring semester will begin on January 17. Now is the perfect time to consider making a fresh start in 2026 with a New Year's Resolution to "nourish" your spiritual life at our weekly breakfast meetings.

Each week, our TMIY presentations and discussions focus on how we, as Christian men, can improve our relationships and have a more positive impact within our families and community by developing a more intimate union with God.

If you weren't available last fall, please don't let that discourage you from joining us now. You don't need to commit to attending every week; just come whenever you can. If you did attend any of our previous sessions, please consider inviting a friend to join you for breakfast and help them discover a great way to start their weekend!

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

Even today, it's the "wise men" who go out of their way to find Jesus!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. All men, 18 and over, are invited and encouraged to attend. Breakfast is available beginning at 6:30 AM and our program starts at 7:00 PM. To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 708-614-1734 or pghendzell@gmail.com.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

Celebration of Christmas provides a strong foundation for defending the value of human life from conception to natural death. Consider some of the implications of the infancy narrative from St. Luke's Gospel. How advanced was her pregnancy when Mary visited Elizabeth? Read the familiar passages from Luke chapters 1 and 2 carefully, and note the timeframe cited by Luke. Mary might hardly have reached the point where most mothers realize they are pregnant when she greeted Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her child in utero both recognize the presence of Jesus as both God and man at this very early point in His human development. Without the benefit of ultrasound or modern biology, Luke clearly proclaims the personhood of Jesus. This insight must equally apply to all unborn children. They are all children of God for whom He sent Jesus to be their Savior.

With this insight into the value that God places on human life, how can any action that violates innocent human life at any stage be justified? Science has outrun our moral and ethical reflection, resulting in multiple ways of manipulating nature, often with morally suspect results, everything from cloning to hastening death through euthanasia or assisted suicide. As the story of Jesus birth continues, we will see that the evil Herod believed his political position to be threatened, so he went on a rampage, killing all the boys two years old and younger. The Holy Family was forced to flee, becoming refugees in Egypt. Today, we see refugees and immigrants in our own time and country being roughly handled, often by illegal means. Pope Francis, Pope Leo and our US Bishops have spoken clearly and forcefully about this injustice.

May the beauty of Christmas help us all recognize the meaning and value of all human life, to advance a culture of life. While we may feel helpless to prevent much of the death and destruction that gets reported daily on the news, we each are much closer to making the decisions that affect the beginning and end of life within our own families. May we always recognize the value that God places on human life as we make such decisions.

If we share the good news of the birth of Jesus as our Savior, maybe we can make a difference that will spread across the world. Merry Christmas!



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Start off the New Year with some delicious comfort food and drinks!

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and 4 after the weekend Masses.

Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa Mix will be back. The Colorado Women's Bean Soup mixes can magically warm you up on these cold winter days. Brrr! Divine Chocolate is sooo delicious! What a treat!

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

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.

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!



YOUTH MINISTRY EIGHTH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Tuesday Night Gatherings

The Weekly GodSEND Youth Ministry Tuesday Gathering, WILL NOT BE HELD ON Tuesday, December 30. The next Tuesday Gathering will be on January 6, 2026 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Saint George. We will also have social time that includes open gym. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

For information regarding GodSEND Youth Ministry, follow the SES and SSDM Youth Ministry on the [ses_ssdm_youth_ministry Instagram](https://ses(ssdm_youth_ministry).Instagram) account for youth ministry events postings and Catholic Faith tidbits.

For more information regarding GodSEND Youth Ministry or the listed offerings, please contact Deacon John Sobol by email, jsobol@steson.com or by phone/text, 708-986-2446 or visit the website at <https://sendyouthministry.org>.

MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

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**MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

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

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 INITIATION 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.

STEWARSHIP 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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