



# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**BEHOLD**  
THE LAMB  
OF GOD.  
JOHN 1:29



### 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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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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**LIVE THE  
LITURGY**

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

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Take the first step in faith.  
 You don't have to see the  
 whole staircase, just take  
 the first step.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



## HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

### OUR SICK...

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, Julia Donohoe, Peter Ellement, Abigail Fanscali, Elmer Flannagan, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Rafael Gomez, Marirose Grosschadl, Tom Heenan, Michael Hogan, Paul Hosso, Virginia Hullinger, Sandra Jakala, Beverly Klosowski, Paul Larsen, Donald Lavey, Frank Lesinski, Carol Manow, Francisco Marcos, 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, Deacon Joe Panek, Charlotte Pratl, Janice Pumfery, Jack Ramey, Renee Randell, 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...

Florence T. Budz, Martin (Jim) Downey, Paul Nuel, Keith Kalafut, Susan Swistak-Estrada, Josephine Vrotney, Dr. Elseworth Phillip

### 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, 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, JANUARY 17

4:00 PM John C. Hanlon+  
Melanie Stapleton Zarobski+  
Claudia Hunter+

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners  
Audrey Zurek+  
9:30 AM Norbert Grzyb+  
Donald Stuckly Sr.+  
Tomas P. Torres Jr.+  
11:30 AM Mass for All Souls  
Eileen DeYoung+  
Fred Murphy+

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15 AM Eugene Georges+  
Mary Lou Kavanaugh+  
Andrea Glynn+

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:15 AM Eugene Georges+  
George Spears+  
Yvonne Rogala+

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15 AM Bridget Dougal+  
David Palac+  
Marilyn Seaman (For Healing)  
9:00 AM Mary Lou Kavanaugh+  
(School Mass)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+  
Mark Oboikovitz+  
Andrea J. Glynn+

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8:15 AM Theresa & Stanley Cetera+  
Marguerite Altenbach+  
Tom VanderSanden+

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

4:00 PM Joseph Gembala+  
Joseph Kiely+  
Glenn & Janet Kosmatine+

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 AM Audrey Zurek+  
Caroline Wojtkowski+  
John Jakala+  
9:30 AM Tom VanderSanden+  
Audrey Jurek+  
Sallie Thomas+  
11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners  
Audrey Dombrowski+  
Marlene Mehmel+

+ Deceased

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)  
 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)  
 10:30 AM Parish Registration (MR 1)  
 11:30 AM Baptisms (Church)  
 11:30 AM GodSEND (Church)  
 12:00 PM Registration Team (MR 1)  
 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

No School  
 6:30 PM Bible Study (MR 4)  
 7:00 PM Finance Meeting (MR 1)  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'CH)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 AM Bible Study (MR 3)  
 4:00 PM Altar Server Training (Church)  
 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)  
 6:00 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour (Church)  
 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)  
 6:00 PM Youth Ministry (Gym)  
 6:30 PM Caregiver Support Group (MR 4)  
 6:30 PM Men's Club Meeting (MR 3)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

3:30 PM Book Fair (G, CC, All Meeting Rooms)  
 Children's Choir (Church)  
 5:30 PM CFF GR. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K MR 1-4, BR, QR)  
 7:00 PM SPRED 1 (SC)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

9:30 AM Book Fair (G, CC, All Meeting Rooms)  
 CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 4)  
 3:00 PM Band (MR 1)  
 4:00 PM Altar Server Training (Church)  
 6:30 PM Women of Purpose (MR 4)  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 PM Book Fair (G, CC, All Meeting Rooms)  
 Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)  
 7:00 PM Musical Prayer Service (Church)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 AM Book Fair (G, CC, All Meeting Rooms)  
 Collection for the Church in Latin America  
 TMIY (O'CH)  
 3:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)  
 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9:30 AM Book Fair (G, CC, All Meeting Rooms)  
 Collection for the Church in Latin America  
 Bread & Word (MR 4)  
 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)  
 9:30 AM School Mass (Church)  
 10:30 AM Open House (School CC, G)  
 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

## MUSICAL PRAYER SERVICE

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23



The Music Ministry office of Saint George is presenting monthly musical prayer services, offering music, scripture and inspirational readings, silence for reflection and meditation, and fellowship. The next service will take place on Friday, January 23 at 7:00 PM in Church.

The theme for this service will be American Saints.

For more information, talk to Tim in the music area after Mass or email at TQuistorff@stgeorge60477.org. ALL ARE WELCOME! Feel free to bring guests.



## BARE BONES

### BUNCO!

Sponsored by  
Women of Purpose

Come for an evening of fun & fellowship!

Nothing fancy!

Tuesday, January 27

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Parish Life Center, MR 1, 2 & 3

\$14 pre-pay (includes pizza, water, bunco supplies & prizes)

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, January 26. Adult friends and family welcome.

Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SAINT ELIZABETH SETON \* SAINT JULIE BILLIART  
 \* SAINT GEORGE

### 2026 LENTEN TRI-PARISH MISSION

**MARCH 15, 16 & 17, 2026**

AT SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

6700 167TH STREET, ORLAND HILLS

FEATURING FATHER JERRY KAYWELL

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Give Central is an option more people are choosing. You can go to our website - [www.stgeorge60477.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.



### SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 17-18 CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america).

iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



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.

## DAILY ROSARY

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

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### JANUARY 3-4, 2026

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 20,152.38
Weekly Offering / Holy Days-Budgeted	\$ 16,730.00
Difference	\$ 3,422.38
Christmas Offering	\$ 6,448.00
School Fund	\$ 3,305.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 327.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 35.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 50.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,075.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 110.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00

### FISCAL YEAR 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 478,818.42
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 451,710.00
YTD Difference	\$ 27,108.42

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.

## YEAR END TAX STATEMENT FOR 2025

2025 contribution statements will be available mid-February and will be provided upon request.

Please contact the parish office at 708-532-2243 or email Kathy Rubino at [krubino@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:krubino@stgeorge60477.org) to request your statement. Please put 2025 Tax Letter in the subject line.

## BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, nine days before it reaches the parishioners' hands. Please send articles to [bulletin@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:bulletin@stgeorge60477.org). Thank you.

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John  
 Deacon: Tom Schutzius  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Saidikowski - Cup  
 Sue Stanton - Cup  
 Jack Yock - Cup  
 Ron Yock - Cup  
 Don Clark - Bread  
 Fran Clark - Bread  
 Mary Lou Lesiecki - Bread  
 Charlene Yock - Bread  
 Lector: Naomi O'Malley

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John  
 Deacon: Jerry Souta  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kelly Conrad - Cup  
 David Whitaker - Cup  
 Betsy Windish - Cup  
 Paul Windish - Cup  
 Alice Graff - Bread  
 Sandi Rogina - Bread  
 Lector: Rita Walker

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
 Deacon: Greg Bartos  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Bartos - Cup  
 Rosa Jimenez - Cup  
 Nicole Olson - Cup  
 Ventura Quatrini - Cup  
 Jennifer Galvin - Bread  
 Dennis Hogan - Bread  
 Kate Mitchell - Bread  
 Teri Richmond - Bread  
 Lector: Family Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul  
 Deacon: Tim Keating  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Frances Bouchard - Cup  
 Fran Fancsali - Cup  
 Diane Wawzenek - Cup  
 Wally Wawzenek - Cup  
 Marge Gertos - Bread  
 Jim Novotney - Bread  
 Lector: Sandra Novotney

## WEEKLY READINGS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

2026 has arrived, so consider making a New Year's resolution to visit Holy Family Chapel. Seek meaning and new insights about the challenges of everyday life by visiting Jesus for guidance. Your visit offers the opportunity to seek insight from 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. 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.

Monday 8:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 PM and Friday 3:00 PM need 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, 8:00 PM; Tuesday: 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. 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").

## ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY TRAINING

This winter, we will be offering Altar Server Training for students in the fourth grade and up. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to serve their parish community. It is also a great way to learn more about the Mass and participate in a unique way. We become disciples of Christ when we follow His request "Feed my sheep." That is what service is all about. Students must be Catholic and able to receive the Eucharist to serve in this ministry.

**TRAINING DATES:** Tuesday, January 20, Thursday, January 22, Tuesday, January 27, Thursday, January 29 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, January 31 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

Training usually lasts an hour and, students are expected to attend at least three sessions.

We now have online registration for trained altar servers to access and put in their available times and dates each month. When your child has completed the training and feels comfortable, we will have him/her paired up with experienced servers for a time. Servers who feel they would like further training are welcome to join us.

Please return the form below to the parish office or place it in the collection bins at the entrance of the Church on Sunday addressed to the attention of Deacon Greg Bartos or send it via email to [gbartos@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:gbartos@stgeorge60477.org)



STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SAINT GEORGE: School \_\_\_\_\_ CFF \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name for contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please visit the Saint George Website  
for additional information about Saint George -  
[www.stgeorge60477.org](http://www.stgeorge60477.org).  
Like us on Facebook.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMEDY SHOW



The annual Knights of Columbus Comedy Show is back for this year and will be held on Saturday, February 7 at Saint George in O'Connell Hall. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Dinner will start at 7:00 PM, and the show will start at 8:00 PM.

The comedians, Brian Hicks, Todd Glover and Lindsay Porter are professional and keep to an upscale show throughout the evening. The show normally lasts about two hours.

Tickets are \$55 per person. The ticket price includes the show, dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Please note that we cannot allow alcohol to be brought in. You may bring in snacks for you and your friends.

We anticipate tickets to go fast so start planning for your reservation now. Seating is open. To reserve a table of eight, please contact Rob Mertens.

For tickets and information, please visit the Knights of Columbus website: [www.knights4698.org](http://www.knights4698.org). We will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system. If you have ticketing questions or need more information please call Rob Mertens at: 708-247-6387, or email Rob at [knightsofcolumbus4698@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus4698@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you again for a fun filled evening.





# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

Mass at 9:30 AM - Followed by Open House and Book Fair until 12:30 PM

- 708-532-2626
- 6700 W. 176th Street, Tinley Park, IL
- ckavanaugh@stgeorgeschool.org
- www.stgeorgeschool.org

A community of love and faith where learning and harmony flourish.



The Student Council would like to thank our Dragon Family for their generosity in the hat/mitten drive. These kind acts of giving demonstrate what Advent and Christmas are all about, and enabled us to fill several boxes of items to be delivered to a parish in need.



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 a light meal.

Our Lady of the Woods  
10731 W. 131st Street  
Orland Park, Illinois 60462

Come to the Hospitality Room on the  
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](mailto:ggensler@sfaorland.org)



### POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX

War is back in vogue and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself. Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion. This gravely threatens the rule of law, which is the foundation of all peaceful civil coexistence.

### 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.





Hello Saint George!

This is Angie Brady bringing the news of the 2026 Sixth Annual Homebuild in Vicariate V. I am looking for someone to serve as the Saint George representative on the planning committee... a job that I have been doing for the last six years. In the past, Saint George, Saint Julie, Saint Stephen (Tinley Park), Saint Francis of Assisi (Orland Park), Saint Terence (Alsip) and Saint Elizabeth Seton have hosted this event. This year, Saint Michael will be hosting the Home Build.

Below is the first letter from Matt Vieck (the organization coordinator from Saint Julie. It includes the six dates for the planning meetings. This is late notice for the January 19 meeting, but I am really hoping that someone will step up and take over for me. I will attend the first and second meetings with whoever is willing to take over. Please call me if you have any questions (708-341-3644).

Angie Brady

Homebuild Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! As we wind down this year, we can start to gear up for the 2026 Homebuild! A couple of emails have gone out earlier this year, as Dan, Ellie, and I have been working on securing our date with Crossroads and Saint Mike's. Dan has already scheduled our meeting dates and some preliminary parking lot layouts.

Date of Event: June 12-13, 2026

Location of Event: Saint Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave, Orland Park, Illinois

Planning will take place monthly on the third Monday. Dates are listed below.

- Monday, January 19 at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael Church in the Center Common Room.
- Mondays, February 23 and Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael Church in the East Ministry Room. (Note: February 16 is Presidents Day and the building closes at 5:00 PM.)
- Monday, March 16 at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael Church in the Center Common Room.
- Monday, April 20 at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael church in the West Ministry Room.
- Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael Church in the Center Common Room.
- Monday, June 15 at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael Church in the Center Common Room.

The meeting rooms have Wi-Fi and a projector with screen. I plan to use my computer and Zoom for those who cannot meet in person.

Please mark your calendars. Meeting agendas and details will be shared closer to each date. If you have any topics you would like to include or suggestions, feel free to reach out. Also, new committee members are always welcome! Please forward this email and introduce them.

Matt

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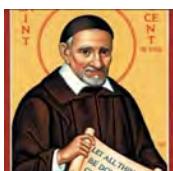
Michael Gormley, who spoke to us about “ENVY” back in October, returns as this Saturday’s presenter. Last week, Mike DiCosola talked about the path and plan for each of our lives. This week, we discuss how God is a lamp unto our feet that lights our path towards heaven.

God does not want us to be anxious about the future or imprisoned by the past. God has a plan for your life that only He knows, and He will reveal it to you on His time. Focus on what God wants you to do today. If you knew you were going to die in the next 24 hours, what would you do differently? Put your trust in God and live like the saint you were meant to be!

That Man Is You! invites ALL men to join us in O’Connell Hall at Saint George School. Hot coffee and a hearty breakfast are available beginning at 6:30 AM, and our video program starts at 7:00 AM. To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 708-614-1734 or pghendzell@gmail.com.

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If your family or someone close to you is in need, please contact us at 708-532-2243 Ext. 515. A representative will return your call as soon as possible to arrange a confidential conversation. Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our ministry.



## SAINT GEORGE PRO-LIFE

### PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 PM in church. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for true respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Please come to pray that our nation will be converted to a culture of life. Begin 2026 in prayer for increased respect for life.

### RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life takes place in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 23 beginning with a rally on the National Mall starting at 10:00 AM CT. If you will not be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life, view this inspiring event live on EWTN. Do not expect the media to cover this annual Pro-Life event. Bypass the media and watch the March for Life directly on EWTN, either live on EWTN cable TV or at [ewtn.com/tv](http://ewtn.com/tv) by clicking Watch Live.

### 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 & 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](http://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.

### SAVE THESE DATES

Mark your calendar to save these dates for coming Pro-Life observances.

February 18 through March 29 - 40 Days for Life (Planned Parenthood, Flossmoor).

March 19 - Illinois Pro-Life March is scheduled in Springfield, Illinois.

More details coming soon.

## Testimonial



## Claire Vitellaro

**My name is Claire Vitellaro** and I am a senior at Marist High School. I am so grateful that I had an opportunity to go to NCYC with GodSEND Youth Ministry. My experience was truly life changing.

I not only got to go to NCYC as a regular participant but I got to work behind the scenes with NFCYM and EWTN to prepare for the live digital encounter with Pope Leo. My team of eight youth that were from all around the country were so amazing. We all became best friends right away. As an alternate on the team, I wasn't able to talk to the pope but I was able to cheer on my five friends who were on stage. It was so cool to hear the pope's hopes and advice for the youth. I was so proud of my friends who engaged in dialogue with him, they did so amazing.

After the livestream, I was invited to speak in front of a group of bishops to talk about my experience. I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to be a part of an historical moment for the church.

Besides being a part of the Papal Dialogue team, I was able to be a regular participant and go to different talks with my friends. The speakers there were so inspiring. Being at a Catholic Conference with 16,000 other Catholics is so powerful. It helped me see that I am not alone in my faith journey. I am extremely grateful for NCYC. It gave me the chance to strengthen my friendships and strengthen my relationship with God.



## YOUTH MINISTRY EIGHTH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE



### RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Co-Ed Youth, 8th grade - high school age.  
Thursdays through March 2026.

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

A parent/guardian consent form is required to play. Scan this QR Code to access the form and turn into John Sobol.

Questions, contact John Sobol,  
jsobol@steseton.com or 708-986-2446.



### TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PRESENTATION



A secular based presentation and small group discussion regarding a serious topic that can be a reality in a teen's life will be given by a certified social worker from Safe Start of South Suburbia, Tinley Park.

Primary Audience is 7th - 12th graders. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Place: Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish,  
17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park 60487

Date: Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM

If your child will attend, a completed parent/guardian consent form is required and can be downloaded using the QR Code. The completed form should be emailed to John Sobol, jsobol@steseton.com or handed in the night of the event.



Questions? Contact John Sobol, youth minister, by email or 708-986-2446.

### TUESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS

The next Tuesday Gathering will take place on January 20 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 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@steseton.com or by phone/text, 708-986-2446 or visit the website at <https://sendyouthministry.org>.

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4. **Store Correctly** - Store ice melting products in airtight containers to maintain maximum effectiveness.

For information, visit: [www.wisaltwise.com](http://www.wisaltwise.com).

## VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT INVITATION

Young women, ages 18-35, are invited to visit the Poor Clare Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Palos Park (12210 Will Cook Road) for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoons from noon to 3:00 PM to discern with Jesus about their vocation. After a time of prayer, those interested in the cloistered contemplative way of life in the footsteps of Saint Clare are encouraged to ring the doorbell to speak with the portress Sister, or to request to speak with Mother Abbess. Saint Clare, Woman of Hope and Woman of the Eucharist, pray for us. 708-361-1810

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## DIACONATE INQUIRY SESSION JANUARY 19

Have you or someone you know considered the call to be a deacon of the Catholic Church? Join us at 7:00 PM on January 19 at Office of the Diaconate (816 Marengo, Forest Park, Illinois). We will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands. For more information and to register for this session, contact the Office of the Diaconate at 708-366-8900.

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## MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

Join us for an evening of Prayer, Connection and Hope  
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**Moving Forward in Hope**  
Tuesday, January 27  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
via Zoom

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection and hope.

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

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

Please reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at [olmcinfo2@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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