



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2026

SAINT ELIZABETH SETON + SAINT JULIE BILLIART
SAINT GEORGE + SAINT STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR

2026 MULTI-PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 15, 16 & 17, 2026

Featuring

FR. STEPHEN OLDS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

7:00 PM

**AT SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH
9300 WEST 167TH STREET, ORLAND HILLS**

For thirty-seven years, Father Steven Olds has been a priest ministering to the people of God in many ways. He is a priest of Orlando. He studied theology in Washington D.C. and Rome, earning a Doctorate in Theology.

His doctoral thesis was awarded summa cum laude. He has extensive experience serving in parishes, giving retreats and serving as a spiritual director.

For over the last quarter of a century, he has been the Dean of Spiritual Formation and professor at the Saint Vincent de Paul Seminary. Most importantly, at this time, he looks forward to joining us in our journey of faith as Missionary Disciples.

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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to 1:00 PM Monday
through Friday

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FROM THE PASTOR



I am very excited that our multi-parish mission is finally here! Father Steven Olds will lead us through "Memory, Mystery and Mission." We begin tonight (Sunday) and continue on Monday and Tuesday. Each evening begins at 7:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church at 9300 167th Street. Following Father's talk, we will have hospitality so we can relax and meet our new friends from Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint Julie and Saint Stephen.

Please join us for this uplifting and enlightening mission!

Did you ever go on a pilgrimage? This is your opportunity! On Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Life Center, anyone interested in going a pilgrimage to France is welcome to hear all about it. The pilgrimage will include Paris, Chartres, Lisieux, the D-Day beaches of Normandy, and more! This will be a wonderful opportunity to pray in some of the world's most beautiful churches, see amazing sites and have the time of your life. Because so many people have inquired, this trip, with the same itinerary, will be offered twice --- September 6-17, 2026 and April 18-29, 2027. If this piques your interest, join us on Monday, March 24 and get more information. No obligation, just come and hear all about it.

Last week, fifteen members of our pastoral staff spent an overnight together at Mundelein Seminary. We were led in prayer and reflection by Father Steven Lanza, former pastor of Saint Julie Church. In our reflection on Missionary Discipleship, he gave us some very important questions to ask ourselves and I would like to adapt them for you. Please give these questions some quiet consideration and prayer: How are things going in your faith life? What are the challenges? The blessings? What place do you see for yourself in the Church/parish? Who in your life has exemplified Jesus? What did they do for you that helped you to know Jesus? The word 'disciple' comes from the Greek word for 'learner.' What have you learned about being a disciple of Jesus?

We spent some time reflecting on John the Baptist's announcement that the Messiah had come ("Look, the Lamb of God!"). On the second day, we shared Mass and spent the rest of the day reflecting on last Sunday's Gospel, The Woman at the Well. Father Lanza then gave us a way to pray over the passage: What do we know about the passage from Bible Study, homilies, personal reading? (Head) What do we feel? How does it touch us on an emotional level? (Heart) What am I inspired to do and act as a result of this reflection? (Hands)

During the 24 hours we had together, we prayed, shared and had a great meal. We do this every year. In just a short time, it refreshes us in our ministry and friendships. One of the things we agreed on most was how grateful each of us feels to be a part of Saint George Church!

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK...

Frank Albers, Patrick Amtman, Arlene Astrowski, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Barbara Black, Dominick Byrne, Brent Caruso, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Brittany Clausius, Debbie Clausius, Sharon Clifford, Terri Cobban, Margaret Concannon, Pat Connoy, Diane Cosgrave, Dick Cram, Paula Dettmann, Julia Donohoe, Peter Ellement, Abigail Fanscali, Elmer Flannagan, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Rafael Gomez, Marirose Grosschadl, Harleigh H., Tom Heenan, Diane Herse, Jace Hettinger, Michael Hogan, Paul Hosso, Sandra Jakala, Beverly Klosowski, Paul Larsen, Donald Lavey, Frank Lesinski, Carol Manow, Francisco Marcos, Jackie Mason, Jack McGrury, Kelsey Mercado, Cynthia Metzger, Kathleen Mohan, Danielle Bella Mampre, Deborah Mraz, Patricia Murphy, David Murray, Fred Neidermeyer, Judy Nelson, Brian O'Connor, Bria and Baby Omatto, Baby Vincent Nicholas Pacheco, Deacon Joe Panek, Pat Paul, Ronald Perlikiewicz, Janice Pumfery, Jack Ramey, Renee Randell, John Rangel, Bernadine Raymond, Eunice Robey, Ronald Rose, Loretta Schultz, Jay Scott, Marilyn Seaman, Rita Shanklin, Ellen Silski, 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, Julie Wigboldy, 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...

Mary Weidman, Debbie Lateano, Father Jerry Kaywell, Ruby Rotolo, Joan A. Rachowicz

OUR MILITARY...

Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.

SSG Matthew Daliege (Army)

We are in the process of updating the list of parishioners who are serving in the United States military. 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 will be posted in the bulletin. Please indicate branch of service and rank.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to Holy Week and Easter, we have several early bulletin deadlines. Articles for the March 29 bulletin must be submitted by Thursday, March 19, articles for the April 5 (Easter) bulletin must be submitted by Thursday, March 26, and articles for the April 12 bulletin must be submitted by Wednesday, April 1.

Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, nine days before it reaches the parishioner's hands. Please send articles to bulletin@stgeorge60477.org Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz+
Nick Marino+

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 AM Marilyn LaSala+
Deceased Members of the
Fornek Family+
Mary Lou Kavanaugh+

9:30 AM Mass for All Souls
Tomas P. Torres, Jr+
Kenneth Porter+

11:30 AM Frederick Murphy+
Peggy Rogers+
John Ugo+

MONDAY, MARCH 16

8:15 AM Richard Keating+
Casimer Barczak+
Lori Kozora+

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

8:15 AM Pat & Jack McGeehan+
Florence Urbanek+
Joyce Tikalsky+

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:15 AM Frederick Murphy+
Sharon Clifford (For Healing)
LaRae Vandenberg+

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

8:15 AM Nancy K. Gatto+
Florence Budz+
Deborah Lateano+

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

8:15 AM Dennis Payonk+
Joseph Dirksen+
Lois Sullivan+

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus
Joseph Gembala+
Peter Kiec+

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 AM Virginia (Pat) Sullivan+
Clarita Guiana+
Sam & Helen Baumann+

9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
John Jakala+
Mary Lou Kavanaugh+

11:30 AM Patricia Sullivan+
Audrey Zurek+
John Ugo+

+ Deceased

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 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)
 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)
 7:00 PM Parish Mission at Saint Elizabeth Seton

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 7:00 PM Parish Mission at Saint Elizabeth Seton
 7:30 PM Al-Anon

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- Daybreak Shelter
 6:00 PM Adoration (Church)
 6:00 PM SPRED II (SC, K)
 6:30 PM Men's Club Meeting (MR 3)
 6:30 PM Caregiver Support Group (MR 4)
 7:00 PM Parish Mission at Saint Elizabeth Seton

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 3:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)
 5:30 PM CFF Gr. 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 1-4, BR, OR)
 7:00 PM Living Stations Practice (Church)
 7:00 PM SPRED I (SC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:30 AM CWSF Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR 1)
 3:00 PM Band (MR 1)
 6:30 PM Women of Purpose (BR)
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:00 AM Confirmation Retreat (MR 1-3, G)
 7:00 PM Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
 7:00 PM Musical Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- GodSend Rosary Sale (Narthex)
 6:30 AM TMIY (O'CH)
 8:00 AM Spring Super Bingo (S, G)
 10:00 AM Marriage Prep (DR)
 2:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- GodSend Rosary Sale (Narthex)
 9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
 5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

Please visit the Saint George Website
 for additional information about
 Saint George
www.stgeorge60477.org.
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THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN !

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey! This important survey is essential in helping Saint George assess our greatest strengths and opportunities – so that our parish

can thrive and deepen our commitment to Christ as missionary disciples! If you're a parishioner, we encourage you to take the DMI survey today! We need your perspective to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future.

The 10–15 minute survey can be accessed through March 29 at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p509c8> or through the QR Code on the right. Paper surveys will also be available in the church narthex and the parish office for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online



If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey after daily and Sunday Masses in the church narthex, and in the parish office. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the church entrances in the narthex in boxes labeled "Parish Survey Drop Off", or the parish office.



Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



BARE BONES BUNCO!

SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF PURPOSE

Let's Celebrate the Arrival of Spring!
 Come for an Evening of fun and fellowship! Nothing fancy

Thursday, March 26 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
 Parish Life Center, MR 1, 2 and 3
 \$14 pre-pay

(includes pizza, bunco supplies, prizes and 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, March 23.

Adult friends and family are welcome.
 Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

In the spirit of "almsgiving" for the Easter season, please bring a donation for the Tinley Park Food Pantry. To see their list of much needed items, please visit <https://www.tinleyparkfoodpantry.com/donations>.

Please contact Joan at 708-227-0028 with questions.

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday, March 20

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 22

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM on Friday evenings during Lent.

The Stations on March 20 will be sponsored by the Music Ministry. There will not be Stations on Friday, March 27 due to Confirmation.

Let us walk together in the footsteps of Christ.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



The Saint George Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM.

Private reconciliation is scheduled on Saturdays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

LENTEN REGULATIONS



Abstinance from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence is also encouraged for Holy Saturday.



**ARE YOU LOOKING TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH?
ARE YOU SETTLED IN YOUR FAITH-LIFE? WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING THIS LENT?**

This year Saint George offers you an opportunity to expand your Lenten Journey through a five week presentation and discussion called The Search.

The Search is an innovative video series. In beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you are a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Please join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM through March 30 for a hot bowl of soup and valuable conversation.

Below are the titles of the videos we will be watching each week.

- March 16 - No Meeting (*Plan to attend the Parish Mission*)
- March 23 - Who Is Jesus?
- March 30 - Why A Church?

All are invited; those looking to challenge their faith journey, those who haven't yet found the path on their faith-journey, and those who are certain they are on the right path. The link below gives you a preview. <https://watch.formed.org/the-search/videos/the-search-trailer>.

If you cannot join us on Monday evenings, we encourage you to invite some of your friends to come together in your homes and watch the videos together. Each video can be independently viewed, and is not contingent on you watching a previous one. As a parishioner of Saint George Parish you have access through a format called FORMED.



MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

Join us for an evening of

PRAYER, CONNECTION AND HOPE

*Sponsored by the Archdiocese
Commission
on Mental Illness*

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

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

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

**MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE
TUESDAY, MARCH 24
7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

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

HOP ON BOARD!

CROSSROADS MISSIONS-HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME BUILD

JUNE 12 AND 13, 2026



Guaranteed to be a great experience!

Registration begins after Easter.

For information call Angie Brady
708-341-3644.

Participating Parishes: Saint Michael (host), Saint Stephen, Saint Julie, Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint George, Saint Damien, Saint Francis of Assisi.

HELP WANTED!

We are still looking for another person to assist with the planning of the Home Build for 2026. Two people would be great! So far, we have one good lady who has stepped up to the plate; and we are looking for one good man to step up with her. Come on guys, we really need you! The bonus is a wonderful experience meeting your neighbors and having fun!

The Sixth Annual Home Build in Vicariate V on June 12-13 is coming up fast. There are only four planning meetings left before we start hammering. All of the parishes work together and share the planning of the event. The volunteers come together as one and have a great time on one or two of the build days.

The meetings are held at Saint Michael Church, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park. The schedule for the remaining meetings is:

- March 16 at 6:30 PM in the Center Common Room
- April 20 at 6:30 PM in the West Ministry Room
- May 18 at 6:30 PM in the Center Common Room
- June 15 at 6:30 PM in the Center Common Room

The meeting rooms have Wi-Fi and projector with screen. Matt plans to use his computer and Zoom for those that can't meet in person

Please call Angie Brady at 708-341-3644 or email angssra@aol.com. if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 615 FISH FRY

**Fridays through April 10
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Cash only, bar open to the public.

Baked / Fried Walleye - \$19
Pan Seared Salmon - \$19
Fried Cod - \$17
Fried Perch - \$16
Chicken Strips - \$6
Shrimp - \$17

All dinners include: a baked potato or fresh-cut fries, coleslaw, bread and butter and coffee.
17423 67th Court, Tinley Park, Illinois - 708-532-1737

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday evening, our teens will present the Living Stations of the Cross at Saint George Church. These will feature reflections with contemporary music between stations. We need Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, Pilate, Roman and crowds both for and against Jesus as He makes His way to Calvary. There will be an organizational meeting in the Church on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 PM. All practices will be held in Saint George Church. (Enter at the East side door by the organ.) You are welcome to join us even if you cannot make every practice. Please help us by taking part. No lines to memorize. For more information, call Fran Fancsali at 708-828-1837, email ffatpts@ameritech.net, or leave your name in the CFF office.



Saint George first year Confirmandi - please note: This can be used as a service experience for your parish in your Confirmation Service Journal.

Wednesday, March 18 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, March 25 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, April 1 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Friday, April 3 - Possible Dress Rehearsal at 10:30 AM

MAKE A LENTEN RESOLUTION TO VISIT HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

With Lent now here, consider making a Lenten resolution to visit Holy Family Chapel. 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 monstration 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 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, 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").

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Tom Schutzius
 Eucharistic Ministers: Don Clark - Cup
 Sharon Prokop - Cup
 Drew Roskos - Cup
 Michael Woolf - Cup
 Joyce Bibzak - Bread
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread
 Kay Keating - Bread
 Sue Stanton - Bread
 Lector: Cynthia Tongsy

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Jerry Souta
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Copley - Cup
 Jim Newtoff - Cup
 Julie Newtoff - Cup
 Gary Rycyzyn - Cup
 Karen Lyons - Bread
 Rita Walker - Bread
 Lector: Teri Rycyzyn

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
 Deacon: Greg Bartos
 Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup
 Karen Kiner - Cup
 Nancy Opyd - Cup
 Dennis Hogan - Bread
 Tim McCabe - Bread
 Eva McCulley - Bread
 Teri Richmond - Bread
 Lector: Ini Adalakun

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 11:30 AM

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



YOUTH MINISTRY EIGHTH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE

GODSEND YOUTH

GEORGE'S, STEPHAN'S, & ELIZABETH'S NOURISHING DISCIPLES

ROSARY SALE AT SAINT GEORGE

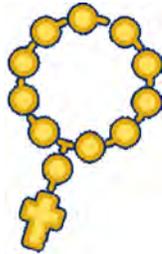
March 20 - 4:00 PM Mass
March 21 - All Masses

Price: \$15

All handmade by GodSend Youth

All proceeds will go towards GodSend Youth Mission Trip to Waterloo, Iowa this summer.

Thank you for your support.



Our community service oriented youth, Augie, Declan, Leah, and Quinn, in unity with Deacon Tom, solemnly journeyed with the Saint George Faith Community by reverently leading the Stations of the Cross Devotional Prayer with much transformative Spirit to grow closer to God.

We are blessed by God for their willingness to communally lead prayer and grow their prayer life, which is a primary objective of our GodSEND, Spiritual Pillar.

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



BINGO GO

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

SUPER BINGO

MARCH 21

BIG PAYOUTS!
REFRESHMENTS
PULLTABS
BIG RAFFLES
COME JOIN THE FUN!

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 AM
GAMES START AT 12:00 PM

\$35.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, PARISH OFFICE OR AT THE DOOR

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ST. GEORGE SCHOOL

STRIKE IT RICH RAFFLE

Enter to Win

\$20.00 per ticket

Cash Prizes!
Cash Windfall \$10,000!
\$5,000 & \$2,500

DRAWING MARCH 21

At roughly 1:30 PM

For more information, call 708-532-2626

Tickets are available at the School office and the Saint George Parish Office.



WHAT MAKES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Saint George Catholic School, educating today's children for tomorrow's world.

SPIRIT—GRACE—SUCCESS

We offer a safe, full-time, learning experience for students in PreK-3 through 8th grade.

We are very proud of our rich traditions and our Catholic values, which are infused into our school culture and academic curriculum.

- Students experience a 21st Century education with a one to one educational approach.
- Weekly Masses and a faith based curriculum
- Smaller class sizes
- Excellent committed faculty
- AM / PM extended day programs
- Athletic programs
- Extra curricular activities

To learn more about our school and why Saint George would be the best fit for your family, visit us at www.stgeorgeschool.org or follow us on Facebook@stgeorgeschool. Call for a tour at 708-532-2626.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in action! Our eighth graders partnered with our second graders to talk about the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, sharing and growing in faith together.





2026 PORT EASTER COLLECTION

MARCH, 28 & 29, 2026

Drop off donations at the Weekend Masses

Please leave donations at the entrances of church. A box will be available for the sports balls on the list below.

THE PORT NEEDS

NEW! A few new items have been added, deleted, or changed as the needs change at the PORT. For example: Gently used or new Sports Balls and sports equipment have been added to the list. Contributions of gently used or new balls or sports equipment (gloves, air pumps, bats, and nets)

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| 100% Juice concentrate | 8oz. hot cups | Kleenex |
| Bottled juice, & juice boxes | Plastic soup spoons | Spray Disinfectant |
| Healthier individual packed snacks | Paper lunch bags | Dish Soap |
| Bulk hot cocoa mix (with no marshmallows) | Arts Supplies | Pine-sol type cleaners |
| Fresh apples or oranges | Spiral Notebooks | Clorox Wipes |
| Bulk packs of chili & soup | Construction Paper | Diapers size 2-5 |
| Individual packaged fruit cups | Crayons | Baby Wipes |
| Sandwich bags | Puzzles | Tylenol |
| | Diapers size 2-5 | *Adult & children cold/flu medications |
| | Kleenex | Soccer Balls Size 3, 4, & 5 |
| | Paper Towels | Basket Balls Size 5 & 7 |
| | Napkins | Volley Balls Size 4 & 5 |
| | Bleach | Softballs Size 12 Inches |
| | Toilet Paper | |

THE PORT MINISTRIES – A PLACE OF PRAYER & HOPE

Inspired by Saint Francis and the Franciscan Charism, the Port Ministries Mission is to provide the fundamental needs of the mind, body, and spirit.

Many services are offered at The Port. They include: Free Health Clinic serving over 1,400 people a year; The Bread Truck serving 134,000 meals a year; After School Program serving 60 children a year; The People’s School serving 450 participants a year; Open Gym and Youth Basketball; HOPE HOUSE housing 8 adult professionals who live in community and who provide over 25 hours of service a week. For more information visit www.theportministries.org or call Angie Brady at 708-341-3644.



A STORY OF HOPE FROM TIMOR-LESTE

Most teenagers don’t start their day by walking down a hill to collect water, feeding pigs or tending vegetable gardens. But for 14-year-old Adriana, who lives in the remote village of Ermera in Timor-Leste, these are daily responsibilities. In a region where malnutrition is common among adolescent girls, Adriana’s physically demanding routine shows how important adequate nutrition is for healthy growth.



Adriana, 14, helps her parents harvest coffee in Ermera, Timor-Leste.

Growing up in a remote village, Adriana faces long treks to school, seasonal foods and limited access to nutritious food. The family’s income from coffee harvesting lasts only a few months each year, so balanced meals are rare outside of harvest season.

“If it’s the coffee harvest season, we have money and can have these types of [nutritious] foods weekly, but if it’s not coffee

season, then it might be once every two weeks or once a month,” says Adriana.

Visiting the local market further highlights the challenges of malnutrition. The distance to the market and the high

cost of fresh food are additional barriers. Unemployment and a lack of knowledge about healthy eating in Adriana’s community mean people don’t consume a variety of foods, which leads to poor nutrition.

That’s why Adriana attends monthly sessions put on by CRS and local organizations to learn about how to improve her nutrition and self-care. In these sessions, Adriana learns about how conditions like anemia, often caused by low iron levels, lead to fatigue and weakness. Now, Maribel feeds Juana fruits, vegetables, eggs and hot cereal full of vitamins and protein. She also makes her own drinks instead of buying soda.

“When I attend the nutrition session, it helps me to understand more about the importance and benefit of food for my development,” Adriana says. “When I eat good nutritious food, it will help me to grow healthy to support my brain [functioning], so I can learn more and achieve my dream. I want to be a doctor, to be healthy and help others because in our villages there is no doctor.”

Adriana also receives healthy snacks, comprised of protein and carbohydrates, at school during nutrition sessions to foster healthy eating habits.

“The nutrition session with the adolescent girls at the schools has a massive benefit for the girls as they are key for the future. The right time to prevent anemia is when the girls are still adolescents,” says Liborio Martins, head of programming at District Health Services in Ermera.

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 rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-2243.



Thank you for your generosity!

PLANNED GIVING

Gospel: John 9:1-41 - Reflection: Jesus heals a man born blind: "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Faith opens our eyes to God's truth.

Takeaway of the Week: Please see with eyes of faith and allow your legacy giving to illuminate the paths for parishioners to grow in faith, ensuring the Church's witness continues by understanding the benefits of providing a gift to decrease taxable income.

For More Information and to make a stock donation to Saint George, 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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Father Ken Fleck will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 7.

More details to follow.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1

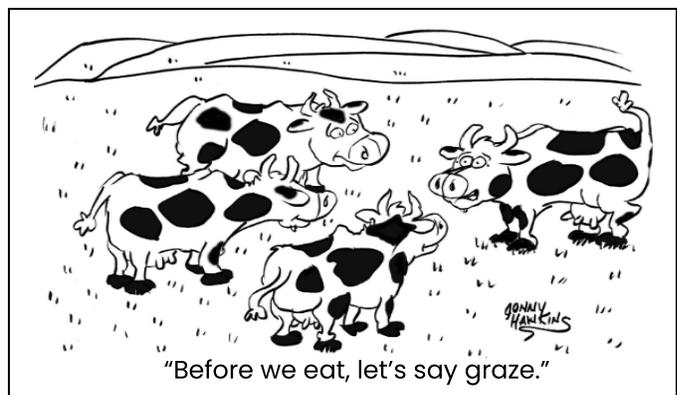
Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	20,254.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	16,730.00
Difference	\$	3,524.00
School Fund	\$	3,676.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$	181.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$	70.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	180.00
Holy Thursday: Parish Missionary Group	\$	41.00
Good Friday: Holy Land	\$	41.00
Easter Offering	\$	986.00
Easter Flowers	\$	186.00
Initial Offering	\$	25.00
Church in Latin America	\$	25.00
Peter's Pence	\$	25.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	25.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	25.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$	110.00
Fund for Religious Retirement	\$	25.00
Seminarian Education	\$	25.00
Church in Poland	\$	25.00
Catholic Charities	\$	75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	50.00
Christmas Offering	\$	500.00

FISCAL YEAR 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$	605,666.47
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$	585,550.00
YTD Difference	\$	20,116.47

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.



STATEMENT OF CARDINAL BLASE J. CUPICH, ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO, "A CALL TO CONSCIENCE"

As more than 1,000 Iranian men, women and children lay dead after days of bombardment from U.S. and Israeli missiles, the official White House X account on Thursday evening posted a video of scenes from popular action movies spliced with actual strike footage from their war on Iran. The clip was captioned: "JUSTICE THE AMERICAN WAY."

A real war with real death and real suffering being treated like it's a video game — it's sickening. Hundreds of people are dead, mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, including scores of children who made the fatal mistake of going to school that day. Six U.S. soldiers have been killed. They are also dishonored by that social media post. Hundreds of thousands displaced, and many millions more are terrified across the Middle East.

This horrifying portrayal demonstrates that we now live in an era when the distance between the battlefield and the living room has been drastically reduced. The moral crisis we are facing is not just a matter of the war itself, but also how we, the observers, view violence, for war now has become a spectator sport or strategy game. Indeed, the prediction market Kalshi recently paid a \$2.2 million settlement related to users who were unhappy with how

the company paid out the \$55 million wagered on Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's ouster after his was killed.

Journalists now use the term "gamifying" the war to describe this dynamic. What a profound moral failure, for gamifying strips away the humanity of real people. Let's not forget, a "hit" isn't putting points on the board; it's a grieving family whose suffering we ignore when we prioritize entertainment, and profit, over empathy.

Our government is treating the suffering of the Iranian people as a backdrop for our own entertainment, as if it's just another piece of content to be swiped through while we're waiting in line at the grocery store. But, in the end, we lose our humanity when we are thrilled by the destructive power of our military. We become addicted to the "spectacle" of explosions. And the price of this habit is almost unnoticeable, as we become desensitized to the true costs of war. But the longer we remain blind to the terrible consequences of war, the more we are risking the most precious gift God gave us: our humanity.

I know that the American people are better than this. We have the good sense to know that what is happening is not entertainment but war, and that Iran is a nation of people, not a video game others play to entertain us.

THE CHALICE PROJECT - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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.



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Driving higher mileage cars with additional passengers is almost always a better environmental option. Reducing the number of flights you take is the most effective way of cutting your aviation footprint. If you have to fly, non-stop coach flights are typically the best alternative. Reducing the amount of stuff you take, and avoiding flights on very small or very large planes can also reduce your emissions impact. You can calculate emissions for various flight options at www.google.com/flights/. To compare emissions for flying vs. driving for a specific trip, use the "car" tab and the "flight" tab on this calculator to compare at www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx

SAINT GEORGE RESPECT LIFE

WOMEN'S CENTER LIFE LUNCHEON

The Women's Center invites you to join them in their annual life luncheon on Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 AM. The luncheon location is: Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, Illinois. The guest speaker will be Harold Cassidy, Pro-Life attorney and advocate, speaking on "Justice for All." Details and registration are located at www.gotwc.org. For help, call 773-794-4777 or email ivelazquez@gotwc.org. Register before March 22 to get early bird pricing (20% off with code Friends26).

FLOSSMOOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

Join the 40 Days for Life Vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day through March 29. Thursday is a known abortion day, so that would be a good day for on-site prayer for the victims of abortion. Join other Saint George parishioners from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 19 or March 26, or choose any hour from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (ending at 7:00 PM) for prayer on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor at 19831 S. Governors Highway. 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).

This vigil is part of the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion running from February 18 through March 29 and is one of over 650 in 30 nations. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation (e.g. make extra visits to Holy Family Chapel and/or attend weekday Mass). You can schedule your vigil time at 40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/

BUS TRIP TO ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH

Saint Mary in Mokena is sponsoring a bus trip (\$30 cost) to the Illinois Pro-Life March scheduled in Springfield, Illinois on Thursday, March 19. The bus trip begins at 8:45 AM with return around 6:00 PM. Mass is available at 8:00 AM at Saint Mary. Activities in Springfield include Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 12:00 PM, a rally at 1:00 PM and a march at 2:00 PM. The bus will leave Springfield at 3:00 PM. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Donna Hungerford at 708-326-9312 or by email at dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

DAILY ROSARY

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

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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.



THAT MAN IS YOU - THE CRUCIFIXION

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 - 6:30 AM TO 8:00 AM

Our TMiY Lenten Journey continues this week with the fifth and final Sorrowful mystery. Last week, we considered the Carrying of the Cross. This week we turn our gaze to our Lord in His Crucifixion.

Our Lord's death on the Cross is the greatest manifestation of love throughout all of history. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son for us and our salvation. We are all called to love in this way, by laying down our lives for others. Many of us may not be called to true martyrdom, but we are all called to die to ourselves and offer sacrifices for the salvation of souls. We can begin by making sacrificial acts of love for those God has asked us to love the most, our family members.

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.

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.

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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