



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 26, 2026



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Friday:

8:45 AM to 3:00 PM

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to 1:00 PM Monday
through Friday

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Tinley Park, IL 60477
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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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FROM THE PASTOR

Last Lent, Saint George participated in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) which is a survey of questions designed to gain a deeper insight into how Saint George is experienced by our parishioners. We did this survey previously in 2023. We finally received the results from the latest study. It is dense with information!

Father John and I have been looking at the data and have had three --- yes three! --- webinars about how to sort out, understand, and use the information. This will take some time but you'll be hearing more about it in the Fall.

The most important thing we can do as Christians is to invite others into a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. Many of you have done this for your children. We all carry the responsibility, by our baptism, to continue this work in any way possible. The way we do that as a parish is through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, also known as the OCIA.

The OCIA is a process of discernment for people who are considering becoming Catholic. Catechumens are those who are unbaptized. Candidates are those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination but feel moved by the Holy Spirit to become part of the Catholic Church. Still another category is Catholics who, for one reason or another, never received their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Do you know anyone who fits any of these descriptions? If so, you might want to think about having a conversation with them. A personal invitation goes a long, long way! The OCIA process will begin sometime in the early Fall. You'll be hearing more about it. Ask the Holy Spirit to whisper in your ear, so you know you have some guidance. There may be someone who just needs a nudge, and you might be the person God needs to do it.

Finally, do you have a story of faith you would like to share? Has God touched you and seen you through moments in your life? Have you experienced joy because of God's grace? If you are willing to share your story, please send it to me at frpaul@stgeorge60477.org. Please keep it to under three hundred words. We may not be able to publish them all or do it very quickly but your story, even if not published, is worth reflecting on. God's blessings are all around us. Tell us about yours.

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK...

Patrick Amtman, Arlene Astrowski, Paul Baio, Terrence Baker, Claudette Bialka, Don Borus, Dominick Byrne, Grace Caffee, Helen E. Carroll-O'Brien, Brent Caruso, Laurie Cassidy, David Charleston, Brittany Clausius, Debbie Clausius, Sharon Clifford, Terri Cobban, Margaret Concannon, Pat Conroy, Diane Cosgrave, Paula Dettmann, Dorothy Dolan, Julia Donohoe, Abigail Fanscali, Elmer Flannagan, Jennifer Godzer Grimm, Rafael Gomez, Marirose Grosschadl, Rosemarie Gunnell, Harleigh H., Tom Heenan, Gil Herrera, Diane Herse, Jace Hettinger, Lawrence Hitzman, Michael Hogan, Paul Hosso, John Jacobsen, Sandra Jakala, Mary Kelly, Beverly Klosowski, Paul Larsen, Donald Lavey, Frank Lesinski, Carol Manow, Francisco Marcos, Jack McGrury, Kelsey Mercado, Cynthia Metzger, Gunner Metzger, Robert Metzger, Kathleen Mohan, Katie Moran, Deborah Mraz, Cath Murphy, Patricia Murphy, David Murray, Fred Neidermeyer, Judy Nelson, Brian O'Connor, Robin O'Connor, Bria and Baby Omatto, Mario Ortigara, Baby Vincent Nicholas Pacheco, Deacon Joe Panek, Dennis Parsons, Pat Paul, Janice Pumfery, Wendy Radtke, Jack Ramey, Renee Randell, John Rangel, Bernadine Raymond, Eunice Robey, Ronald & Linda Rose, Jon Schlange, Loretta Schultz, Theresa Schultz, Jay Scott, Marilyn Seaman, Rita Shanklin, Ellen Silski, Cynthia Sinko, Paul Smiley, Mary Ann Stewart, Richard Stewart, Brian Streeter, Tony Streeter, Matt Taylor, Sara Taylor, Marge Thomas, Dennis Torii, Marlene Torii, Noreen Torii, Leslie Vaicik, Stella Vaicik, Colette Verdun, Diana Vish, James Walker, Ed Weston, Barbara Rose Whalen, Julie Wigboldy, JoAnne Wojcik, Edward Worner, Robert Wyatt

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...

Antonia Arellano, Patricia Bruno, Richard Gawel, Christine Sawyer, Mrs. Tari Goldstein, Tim Quilty

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), Anthony Savary (Air Force)

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 25

4:00 PM Fred Murphy+
Roy Stambaugh+
Dennis Payonk+

SUNDAY, JULY 26

7:30 AM Mass for All Souls+
Audrey Zurek+
Mary Lou Kavanaugh+
9:30 AM Margaret Quitter+
Nancy K. Gatto+
Gerald McGuinn & Eugene Braun+
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus+
Raymond, Rose Marie & Deceased Members of the Lamberty Family
Esther Calzavara+

MONDAY, JULY 27

8:15 AM John Malesevich+
Karen Pisano+
John Mazzola Sr.+
June Rozin+

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:15 AM Shirley Wydra+
Martin Carlassare+
Don Graff+

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:15 AM Robert Cosimano+
Special Intention for Dolores Schury
Rick Keating+

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8:15 AM Donald Stuckly Sr.+
John Grosschadl+
Tamara "Tammy" Thomas+

FRIDAY, JULY 31

8:15 AM Rose Boyd+
Sam Baumann+
Nancy Urbaetis+

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners
Joseph & Rita Kiely+
Helen Baumann+
Eugene C. Braun+

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 AM Alexis Barredo+
Dorothy Schmitt+
Ruth Galleher+
9:30 AM Mass for Mothers
Cristina Quatrini+
John Jakala+
11:30 AM Anthony Fimbianti+
Fred Murphy+
Giana Oldenstedt+

+ Deceased

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Jay Finno
 Deacon: Tim Keating
 Eucharistic Ministers: Pamela Kavanaugh - Cup
 Sue Stanton - Cup
 Michael Woolf - Cup
 Jack Yock - Cup
 Raymond Bibzak - Bread
 Kay Keating - Bread
 Pat Kukula - Bread
 Joanne Saidikowski - Bread
 Lector: Robert Lubbinga

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Kevin McCray
 Deacon: Jerry Souta
 Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Lyons - Cup
 Lynda O'Brien - Cup
 Rita Walker - Cup
 David Whitaker - Cup
 Kathy Harrison - Bread
 Phyllis Hendzell - Bread
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Lector: Gary Hendzell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
 Deacon: Jerry Souta
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Galvin - Cup
 Lisa Hummitsch - Cup
 Thomas Kavanaugh - Cup
 Eva McCulley - Cup
 Ini Adelakun - Bread
 Kevin Byczek - Bread
 Karen Kiner - Bread
 Nicole Olson - Bread
 Lector: Susan Amann

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
 Deacon: Greg Bartos
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Cermak-Vis - Cup
 Fran Fancsali - Cup
 Marge Gertos - Cup
 Sandra Novotney - Cup
 Frances Bouchard - Bread
 Jim Novotney - Bread
 Lector: Bill Beckman

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, JULY 26

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/
 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

MONDAY, JULY 27

July 17 Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20,
 21/Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
 Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11,
 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4,
 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt
 13:54-58

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,
 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
 Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

MAKE SUMMER VISITS TO HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Summer is almost here. Plan some time this summer for visits to 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.

New adorers are needed on Monday 7:00 PM and Tuesday 3:00 PM. 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; Tuesday: 3:00 PM; Wednesday: Noon, 1:00 PM; Friday: Noon, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM. If making a regular hour is difficult because your schedule changes, please consider becoming a substitute adorer by pressing "Become a Sub" (under "Weekly Commitment").

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

JULY 11 & 12, 2026

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 16,135.00
Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 17,500.00
Difference	\$ (1,365.00)
2nd Collection: Missionary Co-Op	\$ 2,407.00
School Fund	\$ 398.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 288.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 55.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 20.00

FISCAL YEAR 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 29,388.65
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 35,000.00
YTD Difference	\$ (5,611.35)

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.

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.

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: Matthew 13:44-52

Reflection: In these short parables, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price, and a net gathering fish. Each image highlights the immeasurable value of God's Kingdom and the importance of responding with total commitment. The man who finds the treasure and the merchant who discovers the pearl both sell everything they have with joy to obtain what is priceless. This reveals that encountering Christ is not just one part of life and is worth giving up everything else. True discipleship involves recognizing that nothing compares to a life rooted in God. The parable of the net reminds us, once again, that at the end of time there will be a sorting, where God separates what is good from what is not. This calls us to live intentionally and faithfully now.

Takeaway of the Week: The Kingdom of Heaven is the greatest treasure you will ever find. Be willing to choose it more than anything else and live for what truly lasts.

Please prayerfully consider offering generous acts to continue Christ's mission in our community by making a gift from your individual retirement plan (IRA). A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

There are three main benefits of giving with a QCD:

- If you are 73 years old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.
- Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

For More Information or any additional questions, contact Renee Beemsterboer at 708-532-2243 or rbeemsterboer@stgeorge60477.org, or Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995-0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.

TOOTSIE ROLL SALE FOR SPRED - JULY 25 & 26



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Roll "banks" after each Mass on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26 to benefit the SPRED group at Saint George. SPRED provides religious education and parish assembly activities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The banks sell for \$3.00 each, are full of chocolate or fruit flavored Tootsie Rolls, and can be recycled as a coin bank. Thank you for your support of those with intellectual disabilities.

Thanks very much.



EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Located in the gym

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.

SAINT GEORGE BLOCK PARTY

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY
AUGUST 23
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Save the date for a lively block party filled with community spirit, laughter and positive energy. It will be a great opportunity to connect with parishioners, make new friends and celebrate our parish's unique unity.

(More details to follow)



FAIR TRADE SALE AUGUST 1-2 AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES

Let's do some Fair Trade shopping and help our world neighbors help themselves and their families with a sustainable income from Fair Trade farming. Fair Trade items are waiting for you... Organic Divine Chocolate from Ghana, assorted organic teas and coffees from around the world.

It's iced tea season! Try a new flavor! The Colorado Women's Bean Project soup mixes taste great summer or winter. Burkina Faso Mangos and Palestinian Mejool Dates were a success. They will be back in the fall.

Stop by and do some Fair Trade shopping after Mass.

**I am looking for a little more help. For information or to volunteer after a Mass on the first Sunday of the month, please call me. Angie Brady—708-341-3644.



Welcome
to Our
Parish

WE RECENTLY
WELCOMED
THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE INTO OUR
PARISH FAMILY.

Michael & Julise Narbaiz

John Cooney & Mary Cooney

Thomas Wallace & Patricia Wallace

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



Nicholas Pacheco
Son of Isaac Pacheco &
Valeria Olivera

Carmen Michael Roche
Son of Michael Roche & Jaclyn Roche

Jack Elliot Nielsen
Son of Marcus & Nicole Nielsen

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PARENT & GODPARENTS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Kevin Prinsen & Morgan Novak
who recently celebrated the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

DAILY ROSARY

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



THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale
9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

MONDAY, JULY 27

8:00 AM GodSEND Summer Bible Study (TR)
7:30 PM Al-Anon (O'Ch)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 AM GodSEND Summer Bible Study (TR)
6:00 PM Adoration (Church)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00 PM GodSEND Summer Bible Study (TR)
6:00 PM Summer Band (MR 1)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8:00 AM GodSEND Summer Bible Study (TR)
9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (BR)

FRIDAY, JULY 31

8:00 AM GodSEND Summer Bible Study (TR)
7:00 PM Bingo (Gym)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Fair Trade Sale
9:30 AM Bread & Word (MR 4)
1:00 PM Baptisms (Church)
5:00 PM Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

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



REMEMBER ME

We have a communication
vehicle called "Remember Me".
We will email notification of
funerals at Saint George to

anyone who requests this service. If you wish
to be included in this email group, please
send your email address to Barbara Black in
the parish office at bblack@stgeorge60477.org.
You will be responsible for notifying us of any
change in an email address.

If you have any questions, contact Barbara
Black at bblack@stgeorge60477.org

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL



TIME TO VOTE FOR SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL AS SOUTHLAND'S BEST FOR THE SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW!

Voting begins today! Please text 225 and then 226 to 219-300-8255 to vote for our school, and vote every day until July 26.

If you wish to also vote for our church, text 227 to the same phone number.

If you prefer to vote online, go to <https://thetimesofnorthwestindiana.secondstreetapp.com/2026-Southlands-Best/>



Be sure to vote for us in BOTH best PreK and Best Private K-8. You may vote once per day on each platform until July 26. Please ask friends and family to also vote for Saint George! Thank you!

SAINT GEORGE DRAGON GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



George W. Dunne
National Golf Course
16310 Central Avenue,
Oak Forest, Illinois

PRIZES FOR:

- Longest Drive
- Beat the Priest
- Hole in One
- Closest to the Pin

AVAILABLE PRIZES FOR AN ADDITIONAL DONATION:

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

TICKET PRICES

Individual Players - \$160

Before August 19
Group of 4 - \$560

After August 19
Group of 4 - \$600

Lunch & Drinks Included

For registration or more information, visit www.stgeorgedragonogolf.com or contact Cathy Faricelli at cfaricelli@stgeorgeschool.org or text: 708-607-5859



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.

SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL

Our fourth grade students visited our Adoration Chapel with Mrs. Rojas and Deacon Tom Schutzius. The students felt peace, calm, and inspiration. May they deepen their understanding of Eucharistic Adoration and continue this beautiful practice throughout their lives.





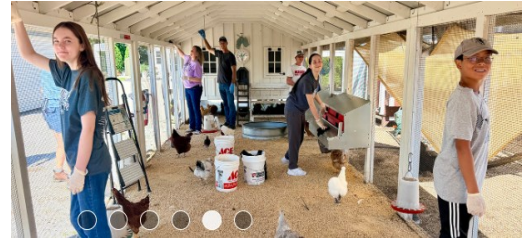
YOUTH MINISTRY

The Archdiocese of Chicago recently highlighted one of the GodSEND Youth Ministry service trips on their Faith and Fellowship Page on their website. Please see the article below.

GODSEND YOUTH DISCOVER FAITH AND COMMUNITY AT NAVARRO FARMS

On June 25, members of GodSEND Youth Ministry from Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint George, and Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr visited Navarro Farms in Frankfort for a day of service. They returned with a fresh appreciation for God's creation and the power of serving alongside one another.

For ministry leader John Sobol, the trip embodied what GodSEND strives to do every year, "This is about where the youth are," Sobol said. "We want to meet them where they are and help them discover how God is calling them to share their gifts."



The opportunity came from one of the ministry's members. Claire, a longtime volunteer at Navarro Farms alongside her grandmother, suggested the farm as a service site after personally seeing the work taking place there.

Founded by Damion and Sherri Navarro, Navarro Farms was created from a profoundly personal vision inspired by their son. Today, the farm provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to cultivate confidence, independence, and a feeling of community through agriculture. From tending more than 120 raised garden beds to caring for animals and maintaining the grounds, participants discover their God-given abilities while contributing to something larger than themselves.

Sixteen members of GodSEND spent the day working alongside the farm staff. After learning about the farm's mission and history, the group divided into teams to tackle projects ranging from weeding gardens to cleaning chicken coops and animal pens.

"It was great to see the way the youth embraced taking on these tasks," Sobol said. "Cleaning a chicken coop is not something they do every day, but they worked together without questioning what needed to be done. The loving hands of God are always looking out for us and leading us where we need to be, and that day we were among God's beautiful creation."

For Sobol, the experience offered a living lesson in Catholic stewardship. "God gave us a command in the Creation story to take dominion over what He has given us," he said. "That means caring for God's beautiful creation. Taking care of the land, the animals, and one another is part of living our faith."

Throughout the day, participants supported one another as they learned unfamiliar tasks. The group also interacted with students from a special education program visiting the farm that day, creating new friendships and broadening their understanding of community.

The setting proved transformative. Just a few miles from home, they found themselves engaged in a peaceful environment filled with gardens, animals, and flowering plants, as well as opportunities to learn about agriculture. They gathered fresh eggs, learned how honey is produced, cared for flower beds so fruits and vegetables could flourish, and discovered the purpose behind every task they completed.

For Sobol, their eagerness was evidence that the Holy Spirit continues to move powerfully through young people. "The Spirit is leading our youth," he said. "They want to continue serving, continue evangelizing, and become more involved in the life of the Church. Our youth are not the future of the Church; they are the Church today. They're encouraging one another, tapping each other on the shoulder, and inviting each other to keep growing in their Catholic faith."

Scan the QR code to read the article online.





YOUTH MINISTRY EIGHTH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL



2026 CO-ED 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH 16" SOFTBALL

MONDAYS, JUNE 8 — AUGUST 10
6:30 PM START. ARRIVE 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM.

All games played at Saint Christina Fields, 3271 West 111th Street, Chicago. Transportation on youth's own.

Bats and softballs provided.

A completed parent/guardian registration form, located on the GodSEND Website (sendyouthministry.org) must be turned into John Sobol before a player can compete.

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>.



THE TINLEY PARK FOOD PANTRY...

needs your help to send 100+ kids to school this Fall with the proper supplies! If you can help in any way, please leave your donations in one of the carts by July 27. Thank you.

Monetary donations can be made by marking the envelope TFPF School Supplies. Your impact will last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Deacon Ed at deacon@stjulie.org.

Crayola Crayons - 24 ct.
Crayola Classic Markers - 24 ct.
Crayola Washable Markers
Pencils - 24 ct.
Pencil Sharpener
Pens - Black, Red, Blue
Crayola Colored Pencils - 12 ct.
Highlighters - Yellow, Pink, Blue, Orange
Sharpie Markers - Black
Black Dry Erase Markers
Dry Erase Markers - Assorted
Elmer's Glue Sticks
Elmer's
Fiskar Blunt Top Scissors
Fiskar 6" and 7-1/2" Scissors
Pocket Folders - Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Purple
Spiral Notebooks - 77 pp - Wide Rule - Red, Blue, Green, Yellow
3 Subject Notebooks - Wide
1 Subject Notebooks - Wide
Ruler
Pink Erasers - Large
School Box
Zipper Pouch
1" 3 Ring Binder with Plastic Cover
1-1/2" 3 Ring Binder with Plastic Cover
Tab Dividers - 5 ct.
Loose Leaf Paper - 150 ct. Wide Rule
Black & White Composition Notebook
Post-It Notes
Roll of Paper Towels
Box of Kleenex
Wipes - One package
Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
Quart Size Ziploc Bags
Play Doh - 4 pack
Backpack (no wheels)
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OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

**BEGINNING THE
JOURNEY,
COME AND SEE**

For many people who are interested in becoming Catholic or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, the process may seem confusing or even intimidating. Joining the Catholic Church is a major decision—one that is both exciting and life-changing. It offers an opportunity to deepen your personal faith and strengthen your relationship with God, others, and yourself.

If you are searching for something more, have questions about the faith, or want to grow closer to God, I encourage you to consider OCIA. You will find more than information—you will find a welcoming community and a journey that may change your life forever.

Perhaps you or someone you know is wondering where to begin this journey. If so, welcome! We are honored to accompany all explorers of the Catholic faith.

The next step is simple. Please contact Jeanne Lassandrello at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or 708-532-8211.

I would be happy to answer your questions and help you move forward in your discernment process.

We are currently accepting participants for OCIA. In collaboration with Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish and Saint Stephen Parish, we offer a rich and diverse experience that fosters learning, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

We look forward to welcoming you on this journey of faith.

Jeanne Lassandrello
Director of Faith Formation



LOCATION:
St. Elizabeth Seton McBrady Center
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Join us...
Friday, August 7th
at 7:00 pm!

CHANGE THE WORLD,
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Addressing the impact of
child poverty in Central
and Latin America

Join in for a great night out and bring your appetite! On Friday, August 7, at 7:00 PM the Saint Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry invites adults (21 and older) to attend a special Adult Faith Formation night, Wisdom and Wine, in the Saint Elizabeth Seton McBrady Center, 9250 W. 167th St., Orland Hills. Wisdom and Wine is an evening for social time and spiritual development. We begin with a discussion on certified and sustainable wine and serve four wine pours and food pairings, including White Castles!

At 8:00 PM, guest speaker, Heather Anderson, of NPH Midwest will offer an inspiring talk, "CHANGE THE WORLD, START WITH THE CHILDREN: Addressing child poverty in Central and Latin America." Solidarity with the poor has been a priority of the Church throughout its entire history—beginning with early Christians who followed Christ's example of caring for children, widows and those most vulnerable. Heather, a dedicated advocate, spent 13 years teaching in Spain and Mexico before devoting her career to the U.S. nonprofit sector. Drawing from her background in psychology and extensive firsthand experience working with NPH programs across nine countries, Heather will share powerful insights on addressing childhood poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean. As a proud godmother to a child in Honduras, her journey proves that sustainable global change begins with protecting and empowering youth.

Tickets are \$20. Register/pay online at: www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/208/event/47427 [online ticket(s) held at-the-door] or visit the Seton Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM, or after Masses on July 25-26 or August 1-2. Questions? Call 708-699-8119. Sales end on August 4. Limited seating. No tickets sold at-the-door. All are welcome!

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. By your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters. 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. Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our ministry.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



The annual Pray For Our Nation observance will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady of Sorrows located at 5900 West 147th Street in Oak Forest on the grounds of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Benedict.

The main speaker is Bishop Mark Bartosic. Bishop Bartosic has been very active in Pro-Life ministry, addressing both abortion and euthanasia, as well as the plight of those living on the margins.

Prayer, music and our speakers will be featured during the two hours, so plan to attend part or all of this event. Bring a lawn chair. This event is free and appropriate for all ages.



POPE LEO XIV ON PONTIFEX

Lord of life, today we ask for the grace to recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being. May we learn to welcome life unconditionally, to tenderly care for

fragility, to accompany each stage with respect, and to bravely defend those who have no voice.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: BUY FRESH, LOCAL, ORGANIC

Food travels an average of 1,200 miles before it reaches your plate, so buying locally grown can save energy and prevent air pollution. Also, fresh foods require significantly less energy than frozen foods (but watch out for spoilage which contributes to food waste!). Organics benefit the environment by not relying on synthetic pesticides or fertilizers which can contaminate soil and water. Other benefits of using fresh, local and organic sources can be healthier foods with better taste. Farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) are both great ways to support a local food system.

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. These days have strengthened my hope. Not only because of what we shared, but because of the way we did so. In a time marked by polarization, even the way in which the Church listens and engages in dialogue becomes part of her proclamation. If we are able to continue seeking the will of the Lord together, allowing ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, I am certain that our communion will become ever more fruitful for the mission of the Church and for service to the entire human family. 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.



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.

ANOIDING 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.

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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