



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 23, 2026



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Monday, Wednesday &
Friday:
8:45 AM to 3:00 PM
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to 1:00 PM Monday
through Friday

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6670 West 176th St.
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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



Coming together, hanging out, having a good time with good people, that's what today's Block Party is all about! For over a year and a half, we all had to deal with the reconstruction on 175th Street. It was dirty, loud and long. To celebrate its reopening, we decided it would be a bad idea to close it again, so the Block Party will be on 176th Street. Hopefully it won't make traffic too difficult --- and it will only last one day. We are inviting our neighbors along

175th Street to come, too. We are all in this together. We can be grateful for this important improvement to our community. So come on out today from noon to six PM, and have some fun!

Inviting people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church is Job #1 for every baptized Catholic. Though the term "evangelization" may seem like a "protestant" concept, it isn't that at all. It is part and parcel of life for ALL Christians. As disciples of Jesus, we who seek to love Jesus and emulate His life, we are called to be missionaries, too. We go out and share this beautiful gift of faith in Jesus. This week, you may have received a Valu-Pak in the mail. Among all the coupons and ads, you will find a Golden Ticket. It is an invitation to share with anyone you know who might be interested in pursuing their Christian life within the Catholic Church. We do that through a journey called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). The OCIA is for those who wish to be baptized or who have been baptized in another Christian denomination but want to discern their call to the Catholic Church. It is also an opportunity for baptized Catholics to "catch up" on their sacraments if they didn't receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. The Golden Ticket is your opportunity to personally invite someone. In that way, you will be fulfilling your baptismal mandate! You'll also notice it is sponsored by four local parishes, working together to share the Good News. Let's get the Good Word out!

"Love your neighbor" is a basic tenet of our Catholic Faith. One way to do that is by helping those who have been affected by harsh weather. "Hope is on the Way" is a project sponsored by the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago. You are invited to buy cleaning supplies (See the list in today's bulletin.) which will cost no more than \$40. Bring them to the parking lot garage next weekend. Buckets will be provided. We will need volunteers to collect the supplies. Later, we will work with the deacon-organizers and more volunteers to sort and pack the buckets. My hope is that we can fill 200 buckets. A big challenge but a

worthwhile one. Making a concrete difference in the lives of those in need is how we can best love our neighbor. Get to a dollar store or just make a monetary donation in the buckets in the main entrance of the church. And God bless you!



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, Geraldine Hernandez, Gil Herrera, Diane Herse, Jace Hettinger, 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, Roy Wick, 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...

Tim Quilty, Matthew Skalnik, Kathleen Metzger, Dennis Egan, and Sharon Waltrich

OUR MILITARY...

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

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, AUGUST 22

4:00 PM Joseph & Irene Spytek+
Dennis Schultz+
Audrey Zurek+

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 AM Cindy & Rick Heuberger
(40th Wedding Anniversary)
Consolo Family+
Sarah & Andrew Baldini (1st Wedding Anniversary)
9:30 AM Cristina Quatrini+
Ruth Galleher+
Mass for Parishioners
11:30 AM Audrey Zurek+
John D. Roberts+
Patrick Gunnell+

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

8:15 AM Tammy Thomas+
Jeanne A. Kunes+
Jim Pellack+

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15 AM Kirk Hayes+
Janet Sec-Augustine+
Antonia Arellano+

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 AM Margaret Quitter+
Ellene & Jack Durkin+
Kathy Oboikovitz - Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

8:15 AM Jeanne Krumbine Kunes - Special Intention
Christine Sawyer+
Geraldine Hernandez+

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

8:15 AM Richard Coleman+
Richard Gawel+
Luke Beemsterboer+

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

2:00 PM Wedding Mass - Priestley / DeCicco
4:00 PM Joseph & Jean Perlikiewicz
Eugene Georges+
Yvonne Rogala+

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 AM Mary Lou Kavanaugh+
Anthony F. Ponziano+
Mieczyslaw Gierat+
9:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Carol Tropp+
Cristina Quatrini+
11:30 AM Nyla Unde (16th Birthday)
Josephine Grela+
Kirk G. Hayes+

+ Deceased

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Jerry Souta
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Prokop - Cup
 Shirley Roskos - Cup
 Charlene Yock - Cup
 Ron Yock - Cup
 Mary Lou Lesiecki - Bread
 Drew Roskos - Bread
 Mary Spengler - Bread
 Sue Stanton - Bread
 Lector: Linda Jones

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30- 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Father John
 Deacon: Tim Keating
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Copley - Cup
 Donna Kavanaugh - Cup
 Julie Newtoff - Cup
 Teri Ryczyn - Cup
 Alice Graff - Bread
 Gary Ryczyn - Bread
 Lector: Rita Walker

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
 Deacon: Tom Schutzius
 Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Hummitsch - Cup
 Eva McCulley - Cup
 Kate Mitchell - Cup
 Ventura Quatrini - Cup
 Dennis Hogan - Bread
 Rosa Jimenez - Bread
 Teri Richmond - Bread
 Rebecca Schutzius - Bread
 Lector: Thomas Kavanaugh

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant: Father Paul
 Deacon: Greg Bartos
 Eucharistic Ministers: Frances Bouchard - Cup
 Tim Doyle - Cup
 Jean Gaytan - Cup
 Jim Novotney - Cup
 Sandra Novotney - Bread
 Eric Susnis - Bread
 Lector: Nyla Unde

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6
 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

MAKE SUMMER VISITS TO HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Summer is going fast. 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 thirteen 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.

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, 7:00 PM; Tuesday: 1:00 PM, 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

AUGUST 8-9, 2026

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 16,918.16
Weekly Offering / HolyDays-Budgeted	\$ 17,500.00
Difference	\$ (581.84)
School Fund	\$ 548.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 249.00
Missionary Co-Op	\$ 10.00
Church in Poland	\$ 131.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 40.00

FISCAL YEAR 2027 YEAR-TO-DATE

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 89,135.34
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days - Budgeted	\$ 105,000.00
YTD Difference	\$ (15,864.66)

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!



THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
12:00 PM	Block Party Event (176th Street— Parking Lot)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 PM	AI-Anon (O'Ch)
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

6:00 PM	Adoration (Church)
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (BR)
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus (O'CH)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 PM	Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

	Hope is the Way Drive
2:00 PM	Wedding (Church)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (Gym)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9:30 AM	Hope is on the Way Drive
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

DAILY ROSARY

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



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

SAVE THE DATE - FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 6!



The Saint George tradition of celebrating our Parish Family on the first Sunday of the month will return on Sunday,

September 6. Please plan to join us after any or all of the Sunday morning Masses in the Cahill Center, where you can share breakfast goodies, beverages, and especially the love and companionship of your fellow Saint George parishioners.

As we begin to celebrate the Harvest, we will be looking for all things apple to kick off our new season. So bring in your pies, your turn-overs, your slices, or whatever else you can share as we begin another year of fellowship. As always, we will welcome all food donations in the Parish Life Center starting at 7:15 AM that morning for anyone wanting to help us remember what great cooks and bakers Saint George is blessed with. There will be a free-will basket for those wishing to help defray the costs of perishable items. Hope to see you there!



WOMEN OF PURPOSE

On Wednesday September 2, the kiddos will be back in school and we will still have a week until Labor

Day, so take some time for yourself by attending our Women of Purpose meeting at 7:00 PM on September 2.

We will be planning for our Cookie Exchange on October 14, our fall Advent By Candlelight and our Turkey Raffle.

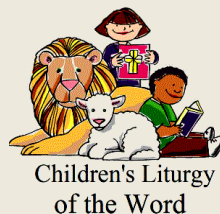
Saint Paul told us that there are many gifts and that none needs to be the same as that of someone else: your giftedness will be a blessing as we strive to fulfill our mission of service, spiritual and social activities to the parish and each other.

Magnifica Humanitas

A presentation on Pope Leo's Encyclical:
A discussion on how Catholic Social
Doctrine
Can guide us in our use of
AI and Digital Technology in our
modern world.



ATTEND THE TALK
September 23
7:00 PM
Saint George Meeting Room 1



Children's Liturgy
of the Word

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning after summer vacation! Our first session will be on Sunday, September 20 at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to help children from kindergarten through 5th grade obtain a better understanding of the Gospel message and how it relates to their lives. It is a wonderful program that brings children together and allows them to explore their faith and ask questions in an open discussion format. So please bring your children to join us at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sundays and let us help you sow the seeds of faith in their lives.

Dawn Bartos



BUCKETS OF HOPE

Buckets of Hope is a program where five-gallon buckets are shipped to disaster areas when it has become safe for people to start the cleaning process. Each bucket contains 14 common cleaning items.

Saint George is participating in the "Hope Is on the Way" program this month. Parishioners are asked to bring in cleaning supplies for families in need due to natural disasters.

Please find a list of needed supplies below.

BUCKETS OF HOPE 2026 BUCKET FILL PRODUCTS LIST

ALL ITEMS BELOW CAN BE PURCHASED AT DOLLAR TREE.

PLEASE PURCHASE 3 OF EACH OF THE 9 ITEMS

(OR \$40 WORTH IF SOME ITEMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE)

Thank you for your support of the **Buckets Of Hope** and for the victims of devastating storms



Item	Purchase Quantity	Typical Unit Price	Product Photos and SKU Numbers
Oxydol Laundry Detergent 42 oz orange , blue , or green bottles	3	\$1.50	 SKU 10265, 145300, 183374
Wooden Clothes Pins pack of 54 or 60	3	\$1.25	 SKU: 382312
Scrub Buddies Scrub Brushes	3	\$1.50	 SKU: 237182 or 989090
30 Gallon Good Sense Garbage Bags. Pack of 9 or more	3	\$1.50	 SKU: 805937
13 Gallon Kitchen Garbage Bags Box of 13,14, or 15	3	\$1.50	 SKU: 360821 362171
Dish Soap Oxydol Ultra 30 oz green, blue, or orange	3	\$1.50	 SKU:170269, 257805, 170270
Scrub Buddy Sponges 6 pack	3	\$1.50	 SKU: 185260
All Purpose Concentrate Cleaner LA Awesome 32 OZ , LA Awesome Lavender 48 OZ or, Oxydol floor cleaner 48 OZ	3	\$1.50	 SKU: 985190 or 20971
Wizard or Sure Scent Air Freshener - any of their many 10 OZ Air Freshener scents	3	\$1.50	 SKU: 342463 342461 323028 and various others
Total Purchase	27 items	\$39.75 plus tax	



WE RECENTLY
WELCOMED
ANGELA DIAZ INTO
OUR PARISH FAMILY.

WEDDING BANNES



William G. O'Brien & Helen E. Carroll
August 18, 2026

Brian Priestley & Bryanna DeCicco
August 29, 2026

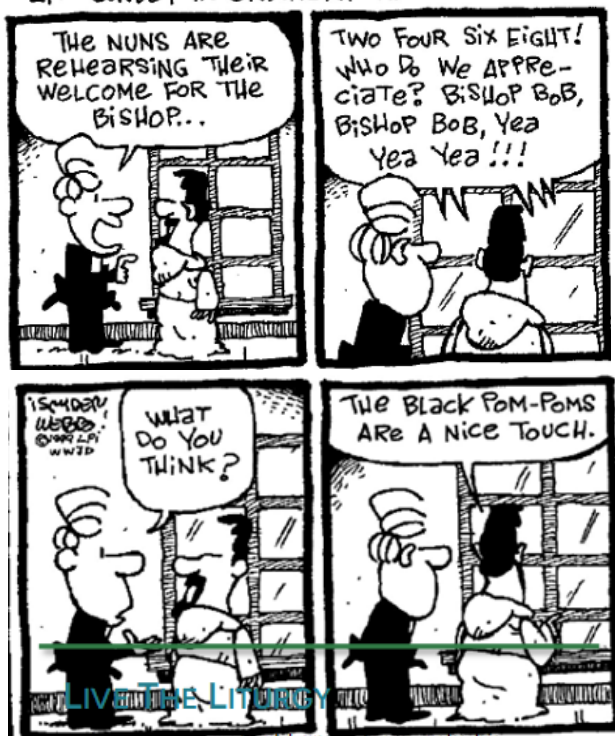
Michael Rygula & Ashley Robertson
September 19, 2026

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

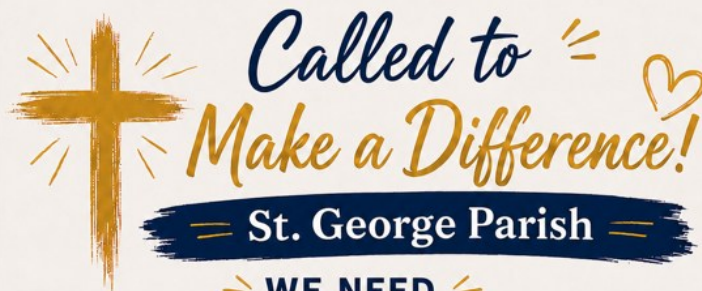
Dear God, Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LIVE THE LITURGY



WE NEED
CATECHISTS
&
CATECHIST ASSISTANTS (AIDES)
& **SUBS**



We are looking for
energetic, faith-filled
individuals to help form
our young disciples
as they grow in their
relationship with **Jesus**.



Share your Faith. Change a Life.



INTERESTED? CONTACT:

Kelly Rojas
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S
FAITH FOUNDATION

Kdostal-Rojas@stgeorge60477.org
or call 708-532-8211

POPE LEO XIV ON PONTIFEX



I renew my appeal for an end to the ongoing violence against the Palestinian civilian population in the West Bank, and I urgently call on the international community to work

toward advancing the two-state solution, for a just and lasting peace.

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

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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.stgeorgedragon golf.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.



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.





OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY, COME AND SEE THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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.

Many individuals have completed the OCIA journey and now live lives rooted in faith, service, and love. One such individual, Bessie (2025), shared her experience:

"When I began my journey through OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), I was looking to deepen my understanding of the Catholic faith. What I found was something far greater than I ever expected; it became a journey that transformed not only my knowledge of the Church, but also how I view God, others, and the way I want to live my life.

Week after week, I explored the foundations of Christianity and the richness of the Catholic faith. I discovered that being Catholic is not simply about attending Mass or knowing Church teachings; it is about allowing Christ to shape your heart, your decisions, and the way you treat others every day.

OCIA also challenged me to think deeply about real-world issues through the lens of Catholic teaching, including the dignity of every human life, the death penalty, abortion, and contraception. While some of these topics were difficult and challenged my assumptions, I never felt pressured. Instead, I found a community that welcomed honest questions and helped us understand not only what the Church teaches, but why.

As my faith grew, I found myself becoming more patient, compassionate, and intentional. My relationship with God became more personal, prayer became

more meaningful, and I began to recognize His presence in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of my life.

One of the greatest gifts of OCIA was realizing that I do not have to have all the answers. I was surrounded by people who encouraged me and reminded me that faith is a lifelong journey of learning and trusting God.

Looking back, I can honestly say that OCIA changed my life. It strengthened my faith, fostered a deeper love for the Church, and challenged me to become the woman God is calling me to be. I am grateful for every lesson and every person who walked beside me."

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.

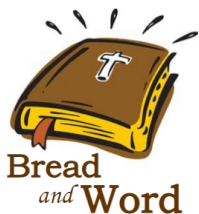
Jeanne Lassandrello

SAINT GEORGE RESPECT LIFE

LAWSUIT CHALLENGES ILLINOIS ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Thomas More Society has filed a federal lawsuit seeking an injunction against the Illinois Assisted Suicide law before it takes effect on Sept 12, 2026. Plaintiffs include the Most Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, four physicians, and the Lutheran Care Center in southern Illinois.

Illinois's new assisted suicide law makes three demands of every doctor in the state: Tell patients about the "benefits" of ending their own lives—even patients who never asked; Refer them to someone willing to help them die, and Falsify a death certificate to hide what really happened. Refuse these demands, and it could mean a \$10,000 fine, loss of your medical license, and criminal prosecution. Pray that this lawsuit is successful to protect physicians and their patients in the state of Illinois from these mandates included in the Illinois Assisted Suicide law.

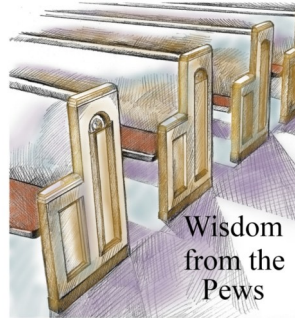


BREAD AND WORD

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Meeting Room 4 for Bread and Word. Bread and Word is open to all ages from middle school students to grandparents and beyond.

We open with a prayer, and then read aloud and discuss the Scripture readings of that Sunday. The discussions are fluid, and you are welcome to stop in at any point during the morning. Some people come after the 9:30 AM Mass, some leave at 11:00 AM to go to the 11:30 AM Mass. It is a very open ended commitment.

There is no special commitment to show up. You can come weekly, once / month, once / quarter, or even just a couple of times a year. No formal sign up is required. Just show up on a Sunday morning. The rest will take care of itself! For more information, contact Fran at ffatpts@ameritech.net or 708-828-1837. We hope you will give us a try!



WISDOM FROM THE PEWS

When I had my house in Tinley I was a parishioner of Saint George. Now I live in Peace Village in Palos Park. Another resident

brings copies of your Sunday bulletin, and a recent one "solicited" stories of faith. Here's one.

I was a Foreign Service Officer. The best assignment I ever had was Geneva. But then my supervisor's tour ended and his replacement was just the opposite. I was seriously considering resignation when the Embassy in Tehran was overtaken and the staff was held hostage for several hours. The State Department decided to rotate the American personnel out. But since we did not cease relations, replacements were needed. Having rotated people out they couldn't just order anyone to replace them and requested volunteers. My escape. I was accepted and received travel orders. I had my medical and made arrangements to travel. But the excellent medical division at State had problems with something the Swiss doctor had reported. I fought it but ended up compromising that if everything stayed fine, I would get medical clearance in 6 months. Almost exactly six months to the day the Embassy was taken over again, and the man who took my place was among those held the 444 days.

The question is why did God go to such a complicated route to save me. I think he wanted me to think about it and, in the process, get to know Him better.

How many billions of people are there? How does God keep track of each of us? Our forefathers thought the sun rotated around the flat earth. Do we even now know our planetary system? God created the universe and everything in it. Did God create thinking people elsewhere? What do they look like? Look at the black bear, the polar bear, the panda: God created them and planned their evolution from a common ancestor. God certainly has quite an imagination.

Maybe He creates the puzzles of weather, disease, etc. to make us think and to hope we become a little more aware of Him.

Julie McGrath
464-646-5065



YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE; GODSEND YOUTH MINISTRY MASS AND BARBEQUE KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
AT SAINT STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR

All 8th—12th Grade youth and their families are invited to build on their relationship with God and each other at the 11:00 AM Mass; followed by a fellowship meal and family fun.



Registration via the QR Code. The form will have an outline of kickoff event timings



GODSEND YOUTH MINISTRY SPIRITUAL, SERVICE, AND SOCIAL TUESDAY GATHERINGS 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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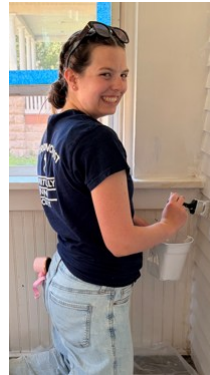
Tuesday Dates:
September 22 and 29
October 6, 13, 20 and 27
November 3, 10, 17 and 24

Every second Tuesday of the month, we will collaborate on a service project for our GodSEND Parish Communities or local community.

Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in the Church, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Bring a friend or two, or a few.

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



ELLIE CONNEELY'S TESTIMONIAL WATERLOO, IOWA MISSION TRIP

Hi! My name is Ellie, and I am going to be a freshman this fall at the University of Dayton. This was my second mission trip with GodSend and Catholic Heart Work Camp, and it once again exceeded my expectations.

When I was preparing for this year's trip, I thought back on how much fun the trip was last year. I enjoyed the trip so much that I thought there was no way this year's trip could ever live up to my expectations. However, God proved me wrong. During this year's trip I was able to grow in so many different ways.

First and foremost, I was able to grow in my relationship with the Lord. Through daily Mass, Adoration, program, and so much more, I was able to deepen my faith and connection with God. I was able to learn more about my faith and see things from other people's perspectives.

Secondly, I was able to grow in my relationships with others. On the trip, I was not only able to strengthen some of the friendships I already had, but also make new friends from various different states. We all may have been very different, but we all had one thing in common: we all loved the Lord. It is so hard to put into words what it is like to praise and worship next to all people who have the same fire for their faith as you. Sadly in today's world, more people like to hide their faith than show it. It is comforting to see that we are not alone and that people do still care about their faith.

Lastly, I learned new skills while on the trip. Throughout the week my team primarily focused on painting. A skill I had little practice in.

Additionally, I learned how to do various line dances. During my free time, a group of teens from Iowa taught us different dances. It was so much fun and one of my favorite parts of the trip.

Overall, I am so beyond blessed to have been able to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp once again. The experience did not disappoint, and I would highly recommend it to anyone and everyone. Even if you're nervous or unsure just go. I promise you won't regret it.

God is good. All the time!!!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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.

Dear Saint George Parishioners

It is with sincere gratitude that we extend our thanks and appreciation to all who answered the call and donated money to the poor boxes at church so Saint Vincent DePaul can continue to help our families in need. Your generosity resulted in SVDP collecting \$2,750. We will continue to pray for all of our parishioners.

Our annual appeal will be held in October; please be generous so we can continue to bring hope to struggling families. /

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BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST: SERVE AS A PROVIDENCE HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

"BE DISCIPLES. MAKE DISCIPLES."

As parish partners of Saint George, we are continuously called to share the sweetness of God's grace and bring His loving warmth to those navigating life's final journey. Providence Hospice is seeking compassionate volunteers to step into this sacred mission of service and accompaniment. Whether your gifts lie in providing quiet administrative support in the office, offering peaceful companion care, or holding a tender bedside vigil for those nearing their eternal home, your presence can replace turbulence with a sacred calm for families in need.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to immerse yourself deeply in the spirituality of everyday service and walk with others during life's greatest challenges, consider answering this divine call.

To learn more about how you can build community and serve our brothers and sisters through acts of compassion near and far, please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle McCarthy of Providence Hospice of Homer Glen, Illinois at 708-546-8473 and at mmccarthy@provlife.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.

ANOIDTING 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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