



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – September 6, 2026



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

Tuesday & Thursday:

8:45 AM to 6:00 PM

Office Closed 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Monday through Friday

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Tinley Park, Illinois 60477
708-532-8211

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 PM, 9:30 PM and 11:30 PM
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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Message from Father Paul



I hope you are enjoying a beautiful long weekend as we celebrate Labor Day. While most of us will take some time with friends and family, hopefully on a nice day with the smell of burgers on the grill, let's not forget what and who we honor on this holiday. It is hard to imagine today, but once the Industrial Revolution started in the mid-1700s, and really kicked in in the United States in the 1870s, waves of Americans left the farm and headed to cities to work in factories.

Huge numbers of immigrants came from all over the world, and took jobs that were dangerous and low-paying. Workweeks were often seven days and days were 12 hours. Children often worked under terrible conditions.

Workers finally began to protest, and the first labor march took place in New York City in 1882, when 10,000 workers left the factories to call attention to their situation. In 1887, Oregon became the first state to officially declare a Labor Day holiday, and in 1894, it became a national holiday. Labor unions struggled for a six, then five day workweek, safer conditions and better pay.

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII published an essential encyclical called "Rerum Novarum" (New Things) raising up the dignity of work and those who do it. Some objected that the pope should concern himself strictly with spiritual matters, as our current pope wrote, "Leo XIII responded with realism and wisdom, saying that the proclamation of the Gospel cannot overlook the concrete lives of people." (This quote is from Pope Leo XIV's recent "Magnifica Humanitas" which you can learn more about on September 23, when Saint George will sponsor an evening exploring this document. See the notice in today's bulletin and join us!)

The cornerstone to both Leo XIII and Leo XIV's writings, separated by 135 years, is the desperate desire to raise up the dignity of the human person, which is often threatened by advances in technology, whether in industrialization or the uncontrolled and unnerving developments in artificial intelligence. These advances also threaten the integrity of our environment. We have seen what industry has done to our environment. Today, the availability of energy to power the mechanisms of AI are threatening not only the environment but the cost of energy for ordinary people.

Labor Day is intended to remind us of the dignity of labor and those who spend their lives working, providing for families, and the right to unionize, and to work in safe and reasonable conditions. That burger you're enjoying? Let's not forget the person at the cash register, the butcher, the worker at the processing plant, the rancher who raised the cattle and the farmer who provided the feed. It took a lot of work to get to your grill. Happy Labor Day!

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, Opazio Castelli, 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, James Kapocius, 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

Sharon Waltrich, Timothy Patrick Kelly, Joyce Hurt, Joseph Modo and Dennis Porebski

Our Military

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

Anthony Savary (Air Force)

Nicholas Forgione-Naval Officer

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, September 5

4:00 PM Ken Ozzie+
Dorothy Lipinski+
Audrey Zurek+

Sunday, September 6

7:30 AM Mass for Mothers
Judy Culver+
Mary Lou Kavanaugh+

9:30 AM Tomas P. Torres, Jr.+
Ruth Galleher
Francesco Palombi

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Fred Murphy+
Matthew Berry+

Monday, September 7

9:00 AM Sam & Helen Baumann+
Kirk Hayes+
Francisco Marcos*

Tuesday, September 8

8:15 AM Judy Kaminski+
Daniel & Angela
Disabato+
Christine Sawyer+

Wednesday, September 9

8:15 AM Owen Barnett+
Charles Holup+
Tim Quilty+

Thursday, September 10

8:15 AM Pasquali Patrick &
Joseph Pisano+
Patricia Bruno+
John Grosschadl+

Friday, September 11

8:15 AM Deceased Members of
the Galleher Family+
Dolores Schury -
Special Intention
Donald Stuckly+

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM Florence Urbanek+
Fran Jurek+
Dennis Payonk+

Sunday, September 13

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Suzanne Schmitt+
Theresa Kawalec+

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus+
John Jakala+
Helen & Lloyd McCulleys+

11:30 AM Benjamin Henehan+
Giana Oldenstedt+
Tammy Thomas+

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 12 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant	Father John
Deacon	Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Olejarz - Cup Sharon Prokop - Cup Drew Roskos - Cup Charlene Yock - Cup Mary Spengler - Bread Sue Stanton - Bread Michael Woolf - Bread Ron Yock - Bread
Lector	Bob Wyatt

Sunday, September 13 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant	Father John
Deacon	Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers	Julie Newtoff - Cup Rita Walker - Cup Betsy Windish - Cup Paul Windish - Cup Alice Graff - Bread Sandi Rogina - Bread
Lector	Lynda O'Brien

Sunday, September 13 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant	Father John
Deacon	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers	Ini Adelakun - Cup Kevin Byczek - Cup Lisa Hummitsch - Cup Kate Mitchell - Cup Catherine Adelakun - Bread Kay Keating - Bread Nicole Olson - Bread Ventura Quatrini - Bread
Lector	Stephen Amann

Sunday, September 13 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant	Father John
Deacon	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Doyle - Cup Fran Fancsali - Cup Jim Novotney - Cup Sandra Novotney - Cup Bill Beckman - Bread Eric Susnis - Bread
Lector	Chris Schroeder

Weekly Readings

Sunday, September 6

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday, September 7

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 13

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Holy Family Chapel

School is in session. Stop in for a visit 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 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, 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

August 22-23, 2026

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$14,051.43
Weekly Offering / Holy Days Budgeted	\$17,500.00
Difference	\$(3,448.57)
School Fund	\$145.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$109.25
Church in Poland	\$566.00
Seminar Education	\$25.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$40.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$5.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$5.00

Fiscal Year 2027 Year-To-Date

YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$124,345.77
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days Budgeted	\$140,000.00
YTD Difference	\$ (15,654.23)

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Labor Day Mass

On Monday September 7. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM to ask God's favor upon all workers. Please join us as we thank God for human labor and celebrate the dignity of the worker. There will not be a 8:15 AM Mass on September 7.

This Week at Saint George

Sunday, September 6

	Fair Trade
8:30 AM	Family First Sunday (Cahill Center)
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
1:00 PM	Baptisms (Church)
2:00 PM	Baptisms (Church)
7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League (Gym)

Monday, September 7

	No School
	Parish Office Closed
7:30 PM	Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 PM	Adoration (Church)
6:30 PM	Baptismal Prep. (MR 1)

Wednesday, September 9

3:30 PM	Children's Choir (Church)
6:30 PM	Block Party Recap (MR 4)
7:00 PM	SPRED Group (205)

Thursday, September 10

9:30 AM	CWSF Prayer Shawl (MR 1)
3:00 PM	Band (MR 1)
6:30 PM	Grief Support (MR 4)
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus (MR 1, 2, 3)

Friday, September 11

7:00 PM	Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)
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Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM	Missionary & Prayer Group (MR 2)
9:30 AM	Lay Carmelites (MR 4)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive (Church)
7:00 PM	Volleyball (Gym)

Sunday, September 13

8:30 AM	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive (Church)
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League



Wedding Banns

Michael Rygula & Ashley Robertson
September 19, 2026



Congratulations to

Brian Priestley & Bryanna DeCicco
who recently celebrated the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony



Saint George Altar Server Ministry Training

This fall, we will be offering Altar Server Training for students in 4th grade and up. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to serve their parish community. It is also a great way to learn more about the Mass and participate in a unique way. We become disciples of Christ when we follow His request "feed my sheep." That is what service is all about.

Students must be Catholic and able to receive Eucharist to serve in this ministry

Training Dates:

- Tuesday, September 29 and Thursday, October 1 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 8 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- Saturday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

This usually takes about an hour and students are expected to attend at least THREE SESSIONS.

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

Please return this form to the parish office or place it in the Collection Bins at the entrance of the Church on Sunday addressed to the attention of Deacon Greg Bartos or return this via email to gbartos@stgeorge60477.org

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

SAINT GEORGE: (check one) School _____ CFF _____

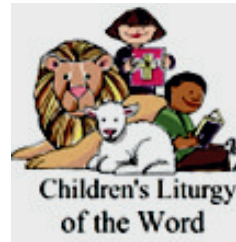
Parent Name for contact: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____



Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Dawn Bartos

Disciples: Study and Prayer - The Book of Isaiah

within the early church, disciples met daily for Bible study and Prayer. Each week, Saint George disciples follow in the footsteps of our ancestors in faith. On Monday evenings (6:30 PM) and Tuesday mornings (10:00 AM), the disciples meet for Bible study and prayer. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Dr. Mary Healy shares: "When Mark wrote his Gospel, to become a follower of Jesus was a radical decision." The study books are available in the church office, for a donation of \$15.

An open invitation is extended to all Saint George disciples to join us for our Bible study and prayer! One of our participants in Bible study shared that Bible study is the ultimate book club! The Word is living and challenges us to reflect, engage and apply it to our lives and relationship with God. Bible study begins on Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15.

For more information, please contact Deacon Jerry at jsouta@stgeorge60477.org





OCIA 2026-2027

OCIA is a faith journey designed for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church. This process is open to:

- those who are not baptized
- those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to become Catholic
- Catholics who were baptized but did not receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

We meet weekly throughout the year and collaborate with St Elizabeth Seton Parish, St Julie Billiart, and St Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish. Each week we explore topics related to the richness of our faith, such as Sacraments, Church History, Scripture and Tradition. We also offer opportunities of prayer, reflection and a Retreat Day.

This year we are excited to tell you at this time that we have 2 catechumens, to be baptized and 2 candidates to complete their sacraments in the Catholic Church. The Church is growing, and it is through your prayers and support that we continue invite others to complete their faith journey as Catholics.

Why is this in the bulletin where many non-Catholics do not see it? That's where you come in! You by now have received the Golden Ticket through your Valu-Pak in the mail, share it! There are more tickets available at the entrances of our church. Someone may be waiting for your invitation. As a fully initiated Catholic, we are responsible to hand down our faith. You have an opportunity to invite and inform people you know who might be seeking to either complete their initiation or join the Catholic Church.

We begin Tuesday Sept 15. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne Lassandrello at jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org or call 708/532-8211 ext. 514. I will be happy to discuss this with you or anyone who may like more information.



Daily Rosary

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

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

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!

Saint George School Fall Fundraiser

8 Inch Mums - \$11 Each

Please submit your order to the Parish Office
by September 14.

Mums can be picked up by the parish garage
on Tuesday, September 22 at 3:30 PM



Red Mum	Orange Mum	Yellow Mum	Pink Mum	Purple Mum	White Mum	White Mum
Qty. _____	Qty. _____	Qty. _____	Qty. _____	Qty. _____	Qty. _____	Qty. _____

Total Number of Plants Ordered at \$11 each. _____

Customer Name _____

Total Dollar Amount Enclosed _____

Phone / E-Mail _____

LITTLE DRAGONS CAMP FOR TODDLERS

St GEORGE

DISCOVER FRIENDSHIP Play Grow

OPEN TO ALL 2 YEARS OLD WITH CAREGIVER

A Fun Learning Experience That Sparks Creativity and Growth.

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Friday, September 19 through November 20

8 Sessions for \$50
(Checks or Cash Accepted)

Little Dragon's Name _____

Child Caregiver's Name _____

Phone Number _____

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
Group of 4 - \$600
Lunch & Drinks Included.

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





Coming Soon! A Whole New Year of THAT MAN IS YOU!

Are you looking to strengthen your faith? Do you want to be a better husband? Would you like to become a more loving father? Are you interested in building friendships with other like-minded men? Then plan on joining us at TMIY this Fall!

We meet on Saturday mornings for breakfast in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. Hot coffee, fresh pastries, egg casseroles, pancakes, bacon, fruit and other breakfast items are available beginning at 6:30 AM, along with smiling faces & good conversation. Our video program begins promptly at 7:00 AM, followed by small group discussions related to that week's topic. We always adjourn at 8:00 AM because we understand that everyone has busy weekend schedules and commitments that need our attention.

Discover a GREAT way to start your weekend! If you participated in last year's program, now is the time to reach out to other men and invite them to join us on this journey.

Please mark your calendars for September 26. ALL adult men, 18 and older, are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at 630-886-4526 or pghendzell@gmail.com.

Creation Care Corner

"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation" -U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Celebrate the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics worldwide to pray and care for God's creation. It starts September 1 and ends October 4. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...."

Pope Francis urged us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world, saying "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it" (LS 139). Advocating for creation care helps safeguard the inheritance the Creator has given us, ...an inheritance essential to our well-being. Francis' predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, also emphasized that protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of creation.

Thank You...

A word of thanks for all the support and prayers I received from parishioners these past two months since the false accusation of sexual misconduct from over thirty years ago. Father Paul was required to read a letter from the Cardinal stating that a lawsuit would be filed. After all this time, no such suit has been filed.

The Archdiocese is engaged in a process established in 2002 by the NCCB, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, referred to as "One strike and you're out". Just for an accusation a priest is removed from all active ministry, nor can he dress as a cleric until the allegation is declared "unfounded" by an independent review board of the Archdiocese and/or a court decision is adjudicated. The accuser and lawyer have decided not to have the normal discovery by the Archdiocesan Independent Review Board. They claim to have chosen to have a trial, yet no legal actions have been filed. Unfortunately for priests in this predicament, there is no statute of limitations on how long they can delay court proceedings if they happen at all.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me. I respect the process and will work to clear my name. I also ask your prayers for victims of child abuse. The archdiocese and all the bishops are keenly aware of "Protecting God's Children". Cardinal Bernardin is credited with exposing this hidden secret acknowledging this sin and crime against children.

Father Ken Fleck

Pope Leo XIV on Pontifex



It is not always easy to understand and accept God's ways, especially when they are very far from our own. Then the temptation arises — against all the reasoning of faith — to think that the Lord is the one who is wrong, or worse still, that he is not listening to us or is not concerned about us.

Live the Liturgy

Christ tells us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?

LPI

Saint George Respect Life

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 12 will be the 15th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. You are invited to Saint Damian (5220 W. 155th, Oak Forest) for a solemn prayer service to commemorate the more than 66 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child, and to pray for healing for all those harmed by abortion. Our guest speaker, Jennifer Shea, will share from her years of experience as a member of Silent No More and a Rachel's Vineyard retreat leader. This observance will begin at Saint Damian's Grotto (west side of the church) immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass.

There will also be memorial services at three Southland area gravesites of some of the aborted babies whose remains were retrieved from garbage dumpsters outside abortion facilities in downtown Chicago 30+ years ago: Saint Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park, Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, and Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. This year's memorial service at Saint Mary Cemetery (S. Hamlin Ave. and W. 87th Street, Evergreen Park, IL) begins at Noon with special guest Bishop Joseph Perry. The memorial service at Queen of Heaven Cemetery will be at 2:00 PM. The memorial service at Resurrection Cemetery begins at 1:00 PM. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair

Prayer Vigil in Orland Park

Please plan to join a prayer vigil to be held at Orland Park Planned Parenthood. We will gather along the public sidewalk extending from 14470 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. This vigil will take place from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, September 14. Parking is available in the Orland Chateau lot (14500 S. LaGrange Road), but please park in the back.

Even if you can only stop by for a short time, please join us. Show your concern to protect our teenagers from Planned Parenthood. Pray for the conversion of Planned Parenthood's staff. Contrary to their claims, Planned Parenthood's birth control and sex education programs always lead to more unplanned pregnancies and more abortions, not less.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

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 confidential conversation. 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.

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. 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



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

Starting at Saint Elizabeth Seton Youth Room
6300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills
Enter in the Saint Elizabeth Seton Gym Doors

GodSEND Teen Group is for students in 8th – 12th Grade who belong to Saint Elizabeth Seton, Saint Stephen and Saint George Parishes.

We are all One in Christ

Tuesday Dates:

September 27 and 28

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@stesetson.com or 708-986-2446.

2026 GodSEND Mission Trip Reflection

My name is Annabeth Bartling. I am a Saint Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parishioner and Senior at Saint Laurence High School. I am 17 years old, and I was blessed with the opportunity to attend the 2026 Waterloo, Iowa mission trip.

Every year I go, I always look forward to the events planned. Just like every year, I was partnered with a group of random people I had never met before. This year, however, I was tasked to work with another group. At first, it was strange because I had never been able to do that before, but it gave me the opportunity to get to know even more people. Even though we were separate groups, I felt that we all got along and learned a lot about one another. We worked together without complaints, all while singing along to the music. It really taught me the importance of teamwork. Even though we didn't know each other, we were able to come together, work as a team, and get the job done.

This year, I felt as though I experienced it in a different way, just as I do every year. There is always something new that you take away from these trips. This year, Adoration and Four Corners were especially meaningful to me. For whatever reason, those two events just really called me forward.

In the past, I never felt I took much away from Four Corners. I participated in it, but it never felt like it truly meant something to me. This year, however, I felt like I needed it, and I was right. I was able to go to confession and talk to people about the thoughts and things I had been carrying with me. It was incredibly meaningful, and afterward, I felt as though a weight had been lifted off my chest.

Adoration was also very special to me. There is something amazing about simply sitting with Jesus and listening for anything He may be trying to tell you. One of my favorite parts is hearing all the teens singing. They don't care who is around them because they are so focused on the Lord. They are completely unafraid to worship and give everything to Him.

My favorite thing about the mission trips overall is getting to share my love for God with teens from all over. In the beginning, you may see teens who think they are too cool to participate, but by the end of the week, they are singing, dancing, and celebrating with everyone else. They don't care who is watching because they are there for God.

Overall, my mission trip experience was another one I will never forget. Every year, I walk away with something new, whether it is a lesson, a new friendship, or a deeper relationship with God. I am so grateful that I was able to be a part of the 2026 Waterloo mission trip, and I highly recommend that anyone who has the opportunity attend a mission trip. You never know what God will have waiting for you there.

Saint George Block Party - August 23, 2026



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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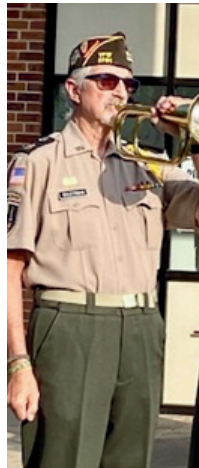
Thank you.



Saint George School

Beginning of the 2026-2027 school year flag ceremony.

We were honored to have a 100 year old veteran join us and ring the bell for the start of the school year



God Bless America

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.

Registration: We welcome new members with open arms. Please call the parish office for additional information.

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 for additional information.

Funeral, 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: Each Every Saturday from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

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.

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

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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