



SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time – October 11, 2026



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

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Monday through Friday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 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
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A Message from the Pastor

This weekend, we reflect on stewardship. The practice of stewardship calls us to recognize every good thing we have in life is a gift from God. As we become aware of these gifts, we can't help but be grateful. Our gratitude becomes the motivation for our generosity, particularly in Time, Talent and Resources.

This is not a straight line. Rather it is a circle that grows, bringing about more awareness, deeper gratitude, and greater generosity.

We pray for awareness, live in gratitude, act in generosity.

TIME --- *"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer."* (Romans 12:12)

By registering as a parishioner at Saint George, each parishioner commits to attending Mass on weekends and Holy Days. This is a graced time each week in which we gather as the People of God to hear God's Sacred Word and share in the Eucharist. There are many prayer opportunities, as well as study groups on the Bible and other topics that can help us develop a rich longing for Jesus in our lives. **How can I pray to bless the people of Saint George and the world?**

TALENT --- *"As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another."* (1 Peter 4:10)

Each of us has been blessed with various gifts. All of these can be used to strengthen the bonds we have with God and each other. Practically any talent can be used to enhance our parish in ministries like Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians/Singers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Art and Environment, Bereavement Ministers, Finance Committee, School Board, Parent Teacher League, School Team Coaches, Men's Club, Women of Purpose, That Man is You, Knights of Columbus, Catechists, the Welcoming Committee, Shawl Ministry and more! **What talent can I offer at Saint George that will further our mission?**

RESOURCES --- *"What return shall I make to the Lord for all the goodness He has shown me?"* (Psalm 116)

As Christians, we are called to support our parish and those in need. In one of the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass, we pray, "Open our eyes to needs of our brothers and sisters." As we have received, so we are called to give. The Biblical mandate is ten percent. That is a challenging number, a dime on a dollar. So what is a gift that reflects your gratitude to God? Is it 10%? 8%? 5%? If it goes much lower, then it might be good to rethink your understanding of stewardship. The only way to know if you can give sacrificially is to try it! Whatever you can give to the parish and other charities is always appreciated. **What gift can I give to support Saint George and other charities that displays my gratitude to God?**

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, Orazio 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., Geraldine Hernandez, Gil Herrera, Diane Herse, Jace Hettinger, Michael Hogan, Paul Hosso, John Jacobsen, Sandra Jakala, James Kapocius, Mary Kelly, Beverly Klosowski, Arthur Kozlowski, John Kristinat, 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, Ronald & Linda Rose, Dorothy Saunders, 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, Dan Vinke, 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

Jack Pacente, Brother of Nancy Opyd, Joseph Mellots, Elizabeth 'Liz' Brennan, Dorothy Hitterman

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), Matthew Daliege Army (Army)

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, October 10

4:00 PM Stephen Rucnak+
Eleanor Hunter+
Deceased Members of the
Brady Family+

Sunday, October 11

7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Florence T. Budz+
Mary Lou Kavanaugh+

9:30 AM Mass for Mothers
Joseph & Irene Spytek+
Pat & Jim Laasch
60th Wedding Anniversary

11:30 AM Robert Woolet+
Intentions for Janine &
Tom McGrath
Robert & Bernice Schmidt+
Tom & Mary Hernon+

Monday, October 12

8:15 AM Elizabeth Hanlon+
Thomas & Harriet Matella+
Bonnie Wall+

Tuesday, October 13

8:15 AM Irvin John Hansen+
Mary Ellen Hernon+
Joan Miller+
Ken Grachan (For Healing)

Wednesday, October 14

8:15 AM Charlie Kirk+
Sharon Clifford (For Healing)
Patrick Noonan+

Thursday, October 15

8:15 AM Danka & Wieslaw Kolb+
Father Ken (Special
Intentions
Tim Quilty+

Friday, October 16

8:15 AM Timothy Patrick Kelly+
Lawrence Hitzman+
Mary Alice Rickey+

Saturday, October 17

4:00 PM Dennis Schultz+
Ken Cozzie+
Jeanne Marie Mulvihill+

Sunday, October 18

7:30 AM Deceased Members of
Knights of Columbus+
James J. Schmitt+
Czeslaw Hanusiak+

9:30 AM Brian Quilty+
Nancy K. Gatto+
Tomas P. Torres, Jr. &
Therese Meehan Evans+

11:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
Dennis Payonk+
Tammy Thomas+

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 17 - 4:00 PM

Celebrant	Father John
Deacon	Jerry Souta
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Prokop - Cup Drew Roskos - Cup Charlene Yock - Cup Ron Yock - Cup Pamela Kavanaugh - Bread Karen Kiner - Bread Pat Kukula - Bread Shirley Roskos - Bread
Lector	Mary Spengler

Sunday, October 18 - 7:30 AM

Celebrant	Father John
Deacon	Tom Schutzius
Eucharistic Ministers	Phyllis Hendzell - Cup Donna Kavanaugh - Cup Karen Lyons - Cup Rita Walker - Cup Christopher Barrett - Bread Jennifer Barrett - Bread
Lector	Naomi O'Malley

Sunday, October 18 - 9:30 AM

Celebrant	Father Paul
Deacon	Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Adalakun - Cup Ini Adalakun - Cup Kevin Byczek - Cup Kathy Wilson - Cup Dennis Hogan - Bread Kate Mitchell - Bread Ventura Quatrini - Bread Teri Radtke - Bread
Lector	Kay Keating

Sunday, October 18 - 11:30 AM

Celebrant	Father Paul
Deacon	Tim Keating
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Gertos - Cup Tim McCabe - Cup Diane Wawzenek - Cup Wally Wawzenek - Cup Mary Cermak-Vis - Bread Shirley Wiesenthal Grivakis - Bread
Lector	Bob Page

Weekly Readings

Sunday, October 11

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or
22:1-1

Monday, October 12

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-
2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47,
48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,
5-6/Lk 11:47-5

Friday, October 16

Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-
13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-
7/Lk 12:8-1

Sunday, October 18

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8,
9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-2

Take Time to Visit Holy Family Chapel

School is in session. Take time to 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.

Monday 7:00 PM and Tuesday 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM need a new adorer. While there are many hours to consider that might fit your schedule, if possible, see if one of the following hours might work as your regular hour: Monday: Noon, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM; Tuesday: Noon, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM, Thursday: 2:00 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").

Parish Registration



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our parish.

The Saint George Parish Registration Team is happy to announce that registration for new parishioners will take place next Sunday, October 18, AFTER the 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Life Center, Meeting Room 1.

Join us for coffee and a light breakfast as we welcome you into the Saint George Parish Family!



Tinley Park Food Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food for the Tinley Park Food Pantry can be brought to Saint George Church on the third weekend of each month. The next collection will take place next weekend (October 17-18). Thank you for your generosity!

Some suggested items that might be included are: canned soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, packaged side dishes (rice and noodles), cereal, oatmeal, coffee/tea, cake and brownie mix, boxed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, boxed pasta, macaroni and cheese, ketchup and dish soap.

Please note: We cannot accept food items that are past the expiration date or partially opened.



Wedding Banns

Robert Millhuff & Alexandria Hollendonor
October 17, 2026



Congratulations to

Zachary Schar & Mary Kathleen Luzzo
who recently celebrated the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week at Saint George

Sunday, October 11

8:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
1:00 PM	Tail Gate Party (MR 1, 2 & 3)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

10:00 AM	Bible Study (MR 3)
6:00 PM	Pro-Life Holy Hour (Church)
6:30 PM	Baptismal Prep. (MR 3)
7:00 PM	OCIA Meeting (MR 1 & 2)
7:00 PM	SPRED II (SC, K)

Wednesday, October 14

3:30 PM	Children's Choir (Church)
5:30 PM	CFF GR 1-8 (SGS, CC, O'CH, GR, G, K, MR 104, BR, QR)
7:00 PM	SPRED (Rm. 205)
7:00 PM	Women of Purpose Cookie Exchange (MR 1-2)

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

5:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Bingo (O'CH, GR, K)

Saturday, October 17

	Blessing of Mothers & Pre-Born Children at all Masses
	World Mission Sunday Collection
6:30 AM	TMIY (O'CH)
2:00 PM	Wedding (Church)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball (Gym)

Sunday, October 18

	Blessing of Mothers & Pre-Born Children
	World Mission Sunday Collection
9:30 AM	Bread & Word (MR 4)
9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (RMR)
10:30 AM	Parish Registration (MR 3)
11:30 AM	Baptisms (Church)
5:00 PM	Adult Volleyball League (Gym)





**Saint George School's 13th
Annual Trunk or Treat is
Thursday, October 22
from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Dear Saint George Parish Families,

We are excited to provide a fun, safe night out for our children, families, and local community. To make that happen, we need your help!

Trunk Hosts



We are looking for St. George families and parish ministry groups who are willing to host their vehicle for the night and hand out candy to hundreds of happy, adorable trick or treaters. Decorate your trunk as much or little as you'd like! We will provide candy to you through the SGS candy donations. We are hoping to get a LOT of trunks!

Candy Donations

What's a Trunk or Treat without candy?! We are anticipating over 500 children this year, so we will need lots of it!! Candies must be individually wrapped. Bins will be available for your candy donations in the church entrances now through October 18.



Local Business Sponsors

We also have great Sponsorship opportunities for local businesses and organizations! Please reach out to us if you know of a local business owner or organization who would like to join us for a fun event, host a trunk, and market their business at the same time! Businesses will need to provide their own treats to hand out and are welcome to hand out any promotional or marketing materials, as well.

For more details or to host a trunk, please e-mail Saint George PTL: ptlstgeorge@gmail.com.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL

Oct 22nd, 2026

Trunk or Treat

6 to 8 pm

6700 W. 176th St., Tinley Park

*****ONLY enter parking lot from 176th St.*****

Please bring one non-perishable food item to share with our local food pantry.

For Further info - email PTLstgeorge@gmail.com

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
SPIRIT • GRACE • SUCCESS

SUPER FALL BINGO

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 A.M. | GAMES BEGIN AT 12:00 P.M.

Dragon Cafe will be Open With Delicious Food & Beverages.

Big Prize Payouts.

Dragon Drop Raffle Room.

Fun Pull Tabs

\$35 Per Ticket

Saint George School
6700 W. 176th Street, Tinley Park

Saint George School



Our First
Grade
Dragons

Our Awesome
Second Grade
Class



Meet
Our
Third
Graders

Presenting
Our Fourth
Graders



Saint George Respect Life

Pro-Life Holy Hour

You are invited to a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 PM in Church. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for true respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Please come to pray that our nation will be converted to a culture of life.

Flossmoor Planned Parenthood Vigil

Please join us during 40 Days for Life for a vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursdays from October 15 through October 29. These are known abortion days so Saint George Pro-Life is encouraging on-site prayer on these days for the victims of abortion. Saint George will focus on 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM to pray on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor at 19831 S. Governors Highway. This vigil coincides with the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion running from September 23 through November 1 at over 600 locations in 30 nations. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation (e.g. make extra visits to Holy Family Chapel and/or attend weekday Mass). Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th St. which goes west from Governors Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). For more information, call Bill Beckman at 708-429-2762.

Blessing of Mothers and Preborn Children

Celebrate God's gift of life. If you are a mother with a preborn child, please plan to attend any Mass next weekend (October 17-18). In a brief ceremony, the celebrant of that Mass will bless you and your preborn child.

Creation Care Corner



"No peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation."

– St. John Paul II

Creation Care and RESpect Life: A Connection

Life and Dignity of the Human Person and Care for God's Creation are separate but interconnected themes in Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings call upon us to respect human life. Many examples demonstrate the relationship between environmental degradation and negative impacts on human life, which are cause for action. Poor air quality from industrial pollution and burning fossil fuels ends life prematurely for 100,000 Americans each year. Carbon pollution contributes to worsening droughts, more intense hurricanes, and flooding... all of which cut lives short or cost additional lives. Respecting human life and dignity calls us to be better stewards of the environment. In caring for the environment, we are also acting on our special responsibility to the poor, the vulnerable, and the unborn of future generations who are most affected and least heard



That Man is You!

Week 4: The Faith of the Apostolic Fathers (Dr. Andrew Swafford)

Saturday, October 17 – 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

What did the Christians who learned directly from the apostles believe? This week we turn to the Apostolic Fathers and discover a Church already united around bishops, the sacraments, apostolic teaching, and the Holy Eucharist.

Their writings reveal a faith that is unmistakably one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. This session will help us see that Catholicism is not a later addition to Christianity, but the fullness of the faith handed down from the very beginning.

Our discussions will include:

- The Successors of the Apostles
- The Early Use of "Catholic Church"
- The Four Marks of the Church
- The Real Presence of Christ
- The Eucharist Makes the Church

Hot coffee and a hearty breakfast are available beginning at 6:30 AM. Our video program begins at 7:00 AM, followed by group discussions, and we adjourn at 8:00 AM

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings in O'Connell Hall at Saint George School. To learn more about TMII, contact Gary at 630-886-4526 or pghendzell@gmail.com

Stewardship

September 26 & 27, 2026

Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 13,951.68
Weekly Offering / Holy Days Budgeted	\$ 17,500.00
Difference	\$ (3,548.32)
School Fund	\$ 301.00
Sharing Parish: Lord of Mercy	\$ 70.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 740.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Fund for Retired Priests	\$ 10.00
Fiscal Year 2027 Year-To-Date	
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days	\$ 197,684.86
YTD Weekly Offering / Holy Days Budgeted	\$ 227,500.00
YTD Difference	\$ (29,815.14)

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.

Next week we have a second collection. Please be sure to use the envelope provided in the packet sent home. If you don't have it, please use the envelopes in church and mark accordingly.

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 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!

Don Stachnik Memorial WINTER COAT DRIVE

Donation Dates: Saturday and Sunday

**October 17-18, October 24-25,
October 31 - November 1**

This season, please help families in need by participating in our Winter Coat Drive event. Donate your gently used or new coats and help someone stay warm during the cold winter.

Questions? Contact Lance Bertolli at 708-334-1713



Second Collection Next Weekend World Mission Sunday



One in Christ, United in Mission

For one hundred years, this day has been set apart for prayer, reflection and contributing to the Church's mission of evangelization, especially in areas where the proclamation of the Gospel is just beginning and where the Church is young. Let us pray and offer spiritual and material sacrifices for 1,130 mission dioceses with the greatest needs. Every gift becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. WeAreMissionary.org/wms



August 28, 2026

Saint George Catholic Church
Attn: Joan Schumacher

Dear St. George Families,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the congregation and families for organizing a collection during your Block Party this summer and blessing the children of My Joyful Heart with gift cards, underwear, socks and warm pajamas. These will be so perfect for our Fall and Christmas events.

Your leadership, coordination, and support made this so impactful for the children we serve. Because of your dedication and commitment to serving others, children with real needs are receiving essential items and experiencing genuine care and encouragement.

We are truly grateful for your partnership, your generosity and the time and effort you invested to make this happen. We couldn't do this without you. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference

For the children we serve,

Erin Burns, Director
Our 25th Anniversary is approaching:
www.myjoyfulheart.org/25



To: September 30, 2026

From: The Hope's On The Way
Board of Directors

Re: Thank you from the Hope's On The Way Ministry

Dear Father Paul,

On behalf of the Hope's on the Way (HOTW) board members, I wish to thank you for your support and the support of your parishioners and staff with our 2026 Fill the Buckets of Hope Appeal.

Through the generosity of Saint George Catholic Parish parishioners, 200 Buckets of Hope were filled, including approximately \$2,470 in supplies procured by Saint George Parish. In addition, \$2,580 was selflessly raised in monetary donations. Your parish's generosity will guide the Hope's On The Way ministry to provide relief to people impacted by natural disasters.

These donations will aid those who are struggling with the aftermath of hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding. We want to acknowledge Renee Beemsterboer for her leadership in coordinating the appeal at the parish.

May the Good Lord bless all those who have generously helped with this appeal.

Deacon Larry Oskielunas
Chairman – Hope's On The Way

Women of Purpose Bunco

WELCOME BACK LADIES & NEW GUESTS! So good to see everyone! Hope you enjoyed the fun evening, our special guest & those wonderful desserts (thank you)!

Congratulations to our September Bunco winners: Nancy, Judy, Lynn and Yvonne! Well done ladies!

And we can't forget our Mums winners- Judy & Helene!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Tinley Park Food Pantry. You have shared support to local families & individuals by your love and kindness.

Last but not least, thank you for all the "helpers"! You are appreciated

The next Bunco will take place on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM. Information will follow in the bulletin. Hope to see all of you - feel free to bring a friend!

Joan & Nancy from Women of Purpose



The Beatification of Blessed Fulton Sheen

By Sheila Vaclavik, Director of Liturgy

On September 24, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was the first American-born bishop to be beatified. I felt quite compelled to be in attendance, at the Dome in Saint Louis, mostly because of my desire to witness a most unusual liturgy, a Beatification Mass.

The Mass was everything that I had hoped it would be, beginning with the procession consisting of 1,000 priests, 250 bishops, 850 seminarians and taking every bit of 40 minutes to complete. In addition to the clergy in procession, James Fulton Engstrom, 16, who was the recipient of a miracle attributed to Fulton Sheen, carried in the relics of this now blessed bishop.

In a regular Mass, we pray the penitential rite (Lord, have mercy), and we immediately sing the Gloria. In this Mass, inserted between these two familiar parts of the Mass was a request made by the local bishop, Bishop Louis Tylka, followed by a short biography of Bishop Sheen extolling his virtues. Then a formal decree of beatification in the form of an apostolic letter from the pope was read, first in Latin, and then in English.

Next, an image of Bishop Sheen was revealed for the first time, and his relics were venerated with incense and adorned with candles and flowers. After a short prayer, proper to Blessed Sheen, Mass proceeded as usual. There was one unique element of this Mass: the inclusion of multiple languages. The first reading was read in Spanish; the second, in Portuguese; and the Gospel, in English.

We heard the words of Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle who presided over the Mass as a representative for Pope Leo. We sang familiar hymns and Mass parts, and we prayed the ever-familiar prayers that we pray weekly on Sunday. When we arrived at the Prayer of the Faithful, we once again heard various languages. The assembly of 50,000 people sang Lord, hear our prayer, first in English, then in Latin, and finally in Spanish while people of various cultures read the prayers in English, Spanish, French, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. This inclusion of many languages was also done in honor of the work Fulton Sheen had done with the missions around the world. It was also a manifestation of who we are as a Church.

What was most impressive to me was the reverence in a venue that was usually filled with unrestrained noise. While 50,000 people moved from place to place to receive communion with very little direction given, all were silent.

The next day we attended a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Blessed Sheen's hometown of Peoria Illinois. Before Mass, we were allowed to venerate his remains entombed in a vault just to the left of the altar area in the church. Our wait was rather short, but by the time we were done, an interminable line had formed and dozens upon dozens of people stood in the rain and waited for the opportunity to venerate the bishop's remains.

I left Saint Louis and Peoria with far more than the satisfaction of attending such a different type of liturgy. I learned that the person who could draw in so many people of all different faiths and cultures was a man who met people where they are; and despite many obstacles, he tirelessly and relentlessly taught others about the Truth, about our faith. He is an inspiration to us all!

Blessing of the Pets – October 3, 2026

On October 4, people all over the world celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It is customary that in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are brought to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals". This Blessing took place at Saint George on October 3.





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**GodSEND Youth Ministry Spiritual
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6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**October 13, 20 and 27,
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Every second Tuesday of the month, we will collaborate
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Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
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Questions? Contact John Sobol,
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Monday, October 12 – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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Registration: Phone 815-464-3880
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Most of us will someday be called to care for another,
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 emotionally and physically exhausting, leaving little time to
 reflect on the experience.

In this workshop, you are invited to pause, reflect, and
 explore what it means to be a caregiver through guided
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To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of Saint 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 to arrange a confidential conversation. Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our ministry.



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An information meeting will be held on
Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM in the
Parish Life Center.

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.

Order 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: 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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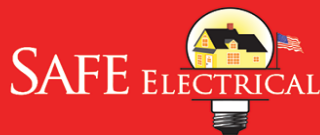


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