True Love

“Love hurts.” Ouch!

Those two words sum up what most of us have experienced. True love is commitment. When we look to the crucifix we see what love is all about. God didn’t just tell us he loves us on Valentine’s Day or once a week on Sunday, but each day God shows us a Father’s love.

One of many reasons we gather each Sunday, not just when we feel like it, is to love as God loves us, that is, to be present to God and one another. How can you say you love someone and not want to be present to them? It is not a matter of controlling the other, but merely being present to them.

A child is comforted after an accident not by a bandage or medicine or treatment, as much as the hug and kiss of a parent who reassures them that everything will be alright. The silent language of a parent embracing their child tells them “I am here. I will not leave you alone.” That is why a toddler cries at the thought of going to sleep without the parent by their side, they are afraid they will be alone. Sometimes parents reassure that child with a nightlight. Isn’t that what Christ has done for us?

We stand before the darkness of our sins, past failures, sometimes serious sins, and even the specter of death, which are darkness we cannot see through to the other side and we are afraid. God has given us his son, Jesus, as our “nightlight”. Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of our souls and gives us the reassurance that he will never leave us. What a treasure we have!

However, we are asked not just to be comforted by this spiritual presence; we are asked to be the light of Christ for others. Mark’s gospel today, Mk 1:40-45, jumps right into Jesus’ ministry. He touches a leper to cure him. By doing this Jesus makes himself unclean. According to Jewish law he now is not worthy to enter into the Temple. He puts himself in harm’s way for the healing of this leper. Love hurts.

Which is easier to do, when insulted to shout an insult back or be quiet and walk away? When frustrated do you keep pursuing the solution the way you have always done something or can you be open to another way of looking at things? Does your spouse think you were “Mr. or Mrs. RIGHT” when they first met you, not knowing your first name was “ALWAYS”?

Want to know how to stop hurting? Hug the ones you love! Valentine’s Day falls on Ash Wednesday! Why wait, celebrate today with your sweetheart. Read 1Corinthians 13 to each other, slowly, intentionally. Say the Lord’s Prayer and reflect on how those words apply to you. Say the Prayer of St. Francis. Forgive.

If you want to deepen your love for family, friends and others, start with your relationship with God. Join us for the men who gather for That Man Is You, Saturdays 6:30 – 8:00 am in O’Connell Hall. Sign up for the Kingdom Retreat on Palm Sunday weekend. Attend Mass each weekend with your family. As you sow; so you shall reap.

Fr. Ken Fleck
**MONDAY, February 12**
7:00 am - 4:00 pm SGS-O’Connell Hall, Georgian Rm., Gym
12:00 pm CPR Training-Meeting Rooms 1&2 (Set-Up 11 am)
4:00 pm Athletic Association-Gym
7:00 pm AGAPE-Meeting Rm. 1
7:30 pm Choral & Guitar Group Rehearsal-Church

**TUESDAY, February 13**
Daybreak Shelter
7:00 am - 4:00 pm SGS-O’Connell Hall, Georgian Rm., Gym
8:15 am Burning of the Palms-Pkg. Lot
8:15 am Perfectly Yourself Book Discussion-Meeting Rm. 1
9:30 am Fun & Games-Meeting Rm. 4
2:30 pm Girl Scouts-Meeting Rm. 1
4:00 pm Athletic Association-Gym
6:15 pm Children’s Choir & Handchimes Rehearsal-Church
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-O’Connell Hall
6:30 pm SPRED II-School Classroom, Kitchen

**WEDNESDAY, February 14**
Ash Wednesday Masses-7:30 am, 6:15 pm-Church
Youth Mission Trip Collection
7:00 am - 4:00 pm SGS-O’Connell Hall, Georgian Rm., Gym
1:30 pm School Mass-Church
3:30 pm Ash Wednesday Prayer Service-Church
4:00 pm Athletic Association-Gym
6:00 pm Teen RCIA-Teen Room
6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal-Church
6:00 pm Religious Education Grades 1-8-School Classrooms, Cahill Center, O’Connell Hall, Georgian Rm., Kitchen
7:30 pm Kingdom Retreat Meeting-Rectory Meeting Rm.
8:00 pm Al-Anon-O’Connell Hall

**THURSDAY, February 15**
7:00 am - 4:00 pm SGS-O’Connell Hall, Georgian Rm., Gym
9:00 am Catholic Women Sharing Faith-Quiet Rm., M.R. 4
11:00 am Band Lessons-Meeting Rms. 1-3 (until 3:45 pm)
4:00 pm Athletic Association-Gym
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus-O’Connell Hall
7:00 pm Living Stations Practice-Church
7:00 pm RCIA Meeting Rm. 1
7:00 pm Teen Choir-Church

**FRIDAY, February 16**
No School (SGS In-service)
4:00 pm Athletic Association-Gym
6:00 pm Day of Reflection Set-Up-Meeting Rooms 1-3
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross-Church
7:00 pm Bingo-O’Connell Hall, Georgian Rm., Kitchen
7:00 pm Teen Game/Movie Night at St. George-Teen Room
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous-School Classroom

**SATURDAY, February 17**
Ministry Weekend (Worship and Spiritual Life)
Pro-Life Prayer Card Distribution at all Masses
Rectory PART sales 1:00 - 4:00 pm
6:30 am That Man Is You-O’Connell Hall
7:00 am Athletic Association-Gym
7:00 am Day of Reflection-Meeting Rooms 1-3
5:00 pm Reconciliation-Church
7:00 pm Adult Volleyball-Gym

**SUNDAY, February 18**
First Day of Lent
Ministry Weekend (Worship and Spiritual Life)
Parish Registration after the 9:30 am Mass-Meeting Room 1
Pro-Life Prayer Card Distribution at all Masses
Reconciliation after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses
8:30 am PART-Bride’s Rm.
9:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word-Rectory Meeting Rm.
9:30 am Choir-Church
10:00 am Bread & Word-Meeting Rm. 4
10:30 am Perfectly Yourself Book Discussion-Meeting Room 1
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Parish Registration Christmas Party-Meeting Room 1
12:00 pm Girl Scouts-O’Connell Hall, Georgian Room, Nicholas Crosby Room, Kitchen
1:00 pm Baptismal Preparation-Meeting Room 4
1:00 pm Baptism-Church
1:00 pm Teen Open Gym-Church
4:00 pm Adult Volleyball-Gym
7:00 pm Adult Men BB Open Gym-Gym

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**Trivia Night**

**2018 Trivia Night at St. George**

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**Gym doors open at 6:00 p.m...Questions begin at 7:00 p.m**

$10 per person – up to 10 per table
(Pay at the rectory office, school office, PART table or that night at the door.)

Cash prizes will be awarded.

Dragon Drop Raffles!! Mulligans! Split the Pot!
Bring your own drinks, food and paper goods.

Questions? Call Stacey Yock at (708) 374-1342.

CELL PHONES MUST BE PUT AWAY DURING ROUNDS!
Strike It Rich
Tickets are available NOW!!
Date of drawing - Friday, May 4, 2018.
Tickets only $20 each!!
Grand Raffle prize of $10,000!!
Tickets are available through the St. George School office, rectory office or help a St. George School family fulfill their fundraising obligation and purchase from any St. George School family.

ST GEORGE SCHOOL
6700 W. 176th Street, Tinley Park, IL
STRIKE IT RICH
GRAND PRIZE $10,000
2nd Prize .................. $5,000
3rd Prize .................. $2,500
2 Prizes of ................ $1,000
COST $20.00
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018
at the St. George Special Bingo Night
Winner need not be present. Must be 18 years or older for ticket purchase. Must claim prize in 30 days from drawing.

We would love your support!
Buy your Valentine’s Day gifts at Smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates.
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2258526

ST GEORGE PARISH
KINGDOM WEEKEND RETREAT
MARCH 23, 24 AND 25
RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

The Kingdom Weekend Retreat is a weekend of reflection and growth for adult men and women. We will explore our spirituality as well as develop friendships. There will be group prayer, speakers and small group discussions. There will also be time for personal reflection.

It's the perfect way to begin Holy Week!
Contact Sheila Swillum at (708) 560-7506 or email swillumrs@sbcglobal.net.
Registration forms available on the posters at the entrances of church and on the St. George webpage: www.stgeorge60477.org.

St. George School Fannie May Fundraiser
St. George School is holding an Easter Fannie May Fundraiser. The school will earn thirty percent of all sales, including gift card orders! The best part is that all orders will ship directly to your front door. Extra catalogs, order forms and envelopes are available at all the exits of church. Please return your orders to the rectory office or drop them in the offertory baskets no later than Sunday, February 25. All orders will be delivered the week of March 12 directly to your home address.

If you have any questions, please call/text Stacey Yock at (708) 374-1342 or email to staceyyock@aol.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!
Over the next four months, we are going to take a journey through all of our wonderful ministries that we have at St. George. Next weekend, February 17 and 18, we will start by visiting all the ministries within Worship and Spiritual Life. These are the ministries that you are most familiar with. They include the ministries you see daily and/or weekly, such as Altar Servers, Cantors, Choir, Choral & Guitar Group, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers and also the ministries in the background such as Art & Environment and Sacristans. Throughout the year, other ministries participate during the holidays and special events, such as Children’s Choir and Handchimes Choir, Handbell Choir, Parish Mission, Kingdom Retreat, Young Adult Musicians and Youth Choir. The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration spends an hour with the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Family Chapel every week. Please stop and visit all of these ministries and pray about your own involvement here at St. George. Remember Mother Theresa’s special request:

“BE A PENCIL IN GOD’S HAND.”

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Lay Ministry
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Ministers of Care (Agape)
Ministry of Praise and Mercy
Parish Bulletin/Publicity
Parish Registration
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St. Vincent de Paul
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Parish Life
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Finance Committee
Fun and Games Club
Garden Club
Women’s Golf League

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Prayer Shawl Ministry
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**Active Parishioner Status**

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at St. George. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an “active member” of St. George. Because of the nature of our congregation, having so many visitors, it is difficult to know everyone.

An “active member” of St. George Catholic Church:

- Is properly registered and supporting the Church.
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- Participates in parish activities when possible.
- Uses the parish envelope system for donations.

Adult children living at home are required to register separately from their parents as parishioners. While assessments of an inquirer’s status will be made individually, the adjacent are the main factors what will be considered in making that determination.

Registration will take place next Sunday, February 18, 2018, after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Life Center, Meeting Rm. 1.
A PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Almighty God, send your blessing upon all who serve in our armed forces. Shield them from all harm. Let peace be the sentry that stands guard over them. Put an end to wars all over the earth, and hasten lasting peace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, now and forever. Amen.

PO3 Mary Balkas, Coast Guard
Sgt. Jacob Berry, Army
Lt. Timothy Berryhill, Army
LCpl. Phillip Bosco, Marines
LCpl. Mark Bradley, Marines
Sgt. Amanda Brennan, Army
Staff Sgt. Robert Brennan, Army
Capt. Michael Caddigan, Army
A1C Brad Clemmer, Air Force
SSgt. Heidi Currie, Air Force
Lt.Col. Kevin Currie, Air Force
Maj. Patrick Currie, Air Force
Pvt. Matthew Daliege, Army
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PO2 James J. Guerino, Navy
Cmdr. Daniel Hollendoner, Navy
Cpl. Ryan Hollendoner, Army
Randy Hrdlicka, Navy-ABE Aviation E3
L.Cpl. Jonathan Idrovo, Marines
Lt. Erin Janofski, Navy
Becky Johnston, Air Force
L.Cpl. Bryan Johnston, Marines
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Spc. Martin McCarthy, Army
Lt. Cmdr. Sean Miner, Navy
Spc. Joshua S. Mitchell, Army
Alexandra Novak
Lt. Charles W. Novak, Marines
HM3 Elizabeth O’Neill, Navy Corpsman
Lt. Thomas I. Ohi, Marines
L. Cpl. Brian Richard, Marines
Ann. Michael Sarniak, Jr, Coast Guard
Bo Shipman, Marines, LCPI
SSgt. Alison Smallwood, Air Force
SSgt. Chaise Smallwood, Air Force
Lt. David F. Steinberger III, Navy
L. Cpl. Ryan Swiecicki, Marines
Col. Donald Tomich, Marines
Spc. Alexander Waters, Army

If there are parishioners currently serving in the United States military, we would like to know. Please call the Rectory and tell us the name of your dear one and he/she will be remembered in the prayers of our community and the name posted in the bulletin. Please indicate branch of service and rank.

CHURCH SUPPORT

February 3 & 4, 2018
Offertory Envelopes...........$17,855.00
Sharing Parish
St. Gerard Majella.............$428.00
Children: 51 envelopes.........$61.55
St. George School Fund........$951.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. George Parish!

Our Parish uses GiveCentral for online donations.
Sign up at: www.givecentral.org

There are sign up forms at the exits of church. For more information, please contact Darlene Georges at (708) 532-2243.

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Electronic Giving

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 12
7:30 - Mass for Parishioners

Tuesday, February 13
7:30 - Clara Pjosek †
       Joan Hasenkamp †

Wednesday, February 14
7:30 - George Powers †
       Helen & Sam Baumann †
3:30 - (Prayer Service)
6:15 - Mass for Parishioners

Thursday, February 15
7:30 - Mass for All Souls
       Patrick Cahill †
       George Blasco †

Friday, February 16
7:30 - James Gierut †

Saturday, February 17
8:00 - Anna Spengler †
4:00 - John Faller †
       Catherine McCarthy †
       Amanda Petty †

Sunday, February 18
7:30 - Mass for Parishioners
       Joan Murphy †
       Ann Jage †
9:30 - Delia Brennan †
       Edward Robins †
       Jack Clough †
11:30 - Philip Gabel †
       Thomas Hernon †
       David Hernon †

† Deceased
In Need of Your Prayers

Please pray for the following members of your parish community:


Called Home to the Lord

Please remember in your prayers those who have died in the past weeks:

Nancy Ann Adler, Michael Kill

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LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Prayer: The Key to Hearing God’s Voice
Reflection - Contemplation - Discernment

Saturday, February 17, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

“Until you are convinced that prayer is the best use of your time, you will not find time for prayer.”

Our own Deacon Greg Bartos will share with us some less familiar forms of Catholic prayer with the intention of having prayer become an indispensable daily habit that helps us better live authentic Christian lives and discover the God who lives within.

The day will begin with 8:00 am Mass followed by a continental breakfast.

Lunch will also be served.

Reconciliation will be offered to participants in the afternoon.

A free-will offering will be taken to cover breakfast, lunch and the cost of the speaker. Please call the rectory at (708) 532-2243 to register so we can plan accordingly.

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St. George Parish 2018 Fish Fry

Food provided by:

Salina’s

Menu

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Find your favorite seat and waive down a server. We have plenty of volunteers ready to take your orders and deliver them to your table.

Indulge in a tasty treat! $1 desserts

In a rush...stop by and pick up a dinner to go!

WHEN: Friday, March 16
5:30 – 8:00 pm

WHERE: St. George School Gym.

WHAT: Fish fry to benefit St. George School.

HOW: Come in that evening. The food will be hot and delicious and the service and company impeccable!
LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE

Next weekend St. George Pro-Life will be distributing a variety of Pro-Life prayer cards. Please select the one you like to take home with you. We suggest that you use the prayer card regularly during Lent. By praying for an end to abortion, we can reflect on the mothers and their preborn children who are in danger of becoming victims of abortion. As abortion facilities are closed around our nation, we get closer to the day that our nation will again recognize that all human life is a gift from God.

BREMEM-ORLAND FAMILIES FOR LIFE

You are invited to the monthly meeting of Bremen-Orland Families for Life on Monday, February 12 at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Brementowne Manor located at 16130 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park. We will plan for future activities and discuss current Pro-Life events and issues. For more information, call Bill Beckman at (708) 429-2762 or Lana Stack at (708) 429-0760.

SpeakOut Illinois 2018: Choose Love, Choose Life

Join hundreds of pro-life advocates for the largest pro-life gathering in Illinois. SpeakOut Illinois’ Annual Conference: Choose Love, Choose Life will be held at The Meadows Club (2950 Golf Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008) on Saturday, March 10 from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm and will feature Father Thomas Loya, Rep. Tom Morrison, Pastor John Kirkwood, and Mary Zeien. Tickets are $65 each; table of 10 for $600 or table of 8 for $480.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

A national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion begins on February 14 and runs through March 25. Mark your calendar now and plan to spend an hour or two in prayer on site at the recently opened Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor IL at 19831 S. Governors Highway. This 40 Days for Life is one of 352 locations in 25 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). For more information, call Bill Beckman at (708) 429-2762.

Catholic Women Sharing Faith

God gave each of us to the world in this time and place for a purpose. Some of us know exactly why we are here, some have not a clue and there is a whole range of understanding in between. We have an opportunity to learn our purpose from others who share time and space with us; we can use the wisdom we have been granted to help others understand their purpose as well. There is beauty and power in making an effort to understand ourselves and each other. One way that our world seeks to understand is through generation analysis, as there are psychological and sociological dimensions in the sense of belonging and identity that define generations. People alive in our world today can be categorized by their generation, and each generation has specific characteristics. Years are reported differently in different resources, but loosely, these are the generations that we live with:

- G.I. Generation: Born 1901 to 1924
- Traditionalists, or Silent Generation: Born 1925 to 1944
- Baby Boomers: Born 1945 to 1964
- Generation X: Born 1965 to 1984
- Millennials, or Generation Y: Born 1985 to 1999
- Generation Z, iGen, Post Millenials or Homeland: Born 2000 and later

The best ways to communicate with people of different generations vary; some appreciate a written card or letter, a phone call, a personal visit, an email, a text, a skype call, a snap chat, etc. We hope that everyone would appreciate a “Hug from God”, and that is something you can provide freely, thanks to many generous donors, and hard-working prayer shawl ministers at St. George. Consider reaching out to someone of your own generation, or select someone special of another generation, and give them the promise of your prayers, and a lovely, unique shawl. Call Pina Quatrini at (708) 606-0898, or Maureen Cetera at (708) 253-5592; we can leave a shawl at the rectory for you to collect at your convenience. With Love!

Thursday Mornings in February:
9:30 - 11:30 am in the Quiet Room
2/15/2018 February Birthday Party!
2/22/2018 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tax Letters

St. George is grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. Sacrificial giving enables us to offer a variety of services and programs. Tax letters have been mailed out. If you did not receive a letter and need one for income tax purposes, please call the rectory office at (708) 532-2243.

Online givers can print a donation statement anytime directly from Give Central by following these steps:

- Log into your account.
- On the menu on the left, select Tax Letters.
- Select the Year - 2017.
- Select the location - St. George

To print, you can create a PDF file from the tab at the bottom of the donation list. Just use the buttons Control P to print the page.
**Friends of Jesus Project**

The fifth grade students of St. George School were given $1350 by an anonymous donor. The children and their families completed twenty-four different projects within our community. Each project was given $50.00 with the condition that it be used in service of others. This was completed through the Friends of Jesus Project.

Projects included donating wish list items to Gigi’s Playhouse, CTF Illinois, Together We Cope, nursing homes, and the Teen Bridge program to name a few. The students researched charities with their families, contacted them and provided the desired items. All of this was to help those people or animals in need of care, not for attention, but for the joy of helping those in need.

Some students personally delivered their items or monetary donations to their chosen charities. The fifth graders were humbled by the opportunity to make such generous donations. Students then wrote letters to the Friends of Jesus Project thanking them for this learning experience, explaining where they chose to donate, how it made them feel and what they learned while completing this project. Many have said that they will continue to serve others as Jesus taught us.

**Encounter Lent**

**Lenten Prayer:**
God of the journey, whenever we stumble on life’s roads, you are with us. Your love enables us to get back up and start again. May our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving be an encounter with your mercy. May our experience of your selfless love inspire us to “go and do likewise,” becoming companions for our neighbors most in need and for every member of our human family. Amen

**RICE BOWLS**
Join our faith community-and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the baskets at the entrances of church. During the 40 days of lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

**Included with the Rice Bowl is a daily calendar to guide your Lenten journey.**

Here’s what you can do:
- Read the Story of Hope as a family each Sunday.
- Set aside five minutes a day with the reflections on Jesus’ life and example.
- Prepare and share simple meatless meals on Fridays.
- Put your Lenten sacrifices into your CRS Rice Bowl.

**God of All people,**
You are the source of every blessing. May we be mindful of your presence now and as we use these CRS Rice Bowls in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May they be instruments of encounter, bringing us closer to you, our God, and to our neighbors both near and far. May this time of reflection help us to see our role in caring for the most vulnerable-those experiencing hunger, lack of economic opportunity and violence that force them to migrate. Through these forty days, may we deepen our faith in you and love for one another, as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

Amen

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

Neighbors helping neighbors.

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Be sure to sign up for **The Best Lent Ever**
using the link from Dynamic Catholic:
www.BestLentEver.com/ParishChampion
As part of your Lenten game plan!
It is a free email program that will guide you on a 40-day journey to become the best version of yourselves.
This year’s program is based on Matthew Kelly’s book “Perfectly Yourself”
and it includes daily emails and short inspirational videos.
Youth Group News This Week:

Tonight February 11: Mardi Gras Party! at St. Julie’s Youth Room at 7pm. Please join us and bring your friends for a night of FOOD, FUN and GAMES!!

Movie Night Friday, February 16 at St. George Youth Room at 7pm. Please join us for “The Shack”. We will have snacks for you to enjoy during the movie. Invite your friends! This night will be open to all seventh graders and older!

Reminders:

Passion Proclamation
As we begin to prepare for Lent, we are very thankful for those who have volunteered to be part of this year’s Passion Proclamation. If you are on the fence about being part of the cast or not sure you can do it, I urge you to pray about it, rehearsals begin soon and we would love to have all who feel called to join us. If you have not yet signed up to be a part of this year’s production please hurry! If you have questions please direct them to Holly Hesselschwardt at holly@stjulie.org. Please pray for us as we begin rehearsals that we are able to show the beauty and joy that is in our Lord’s most Sorrowful Passion.

Good Friday Living Stations
On Good Friday evening, we will present the Living Stations of the Cross at St. George Church. We will have reflections with contemporary music between stations. We need Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, Pilate, Roman soldiers, and crowds both for and against Jesus as he makes His way to Calvary.

Practices will begin March 1, 2018. The church opens at 7 pm. Practice will start as soon as everyone has gathered. If you plan to take part in the Station, but cannot make it to practice or will arrive late please let us know. Please help us by taking part. No lines to memorize. For more information, call Fran Fancsali, (708) 429-3979 (ffatpts@ameritech.net) or contact, Youth Minister, Holly Hesselschwardt at holly@stjulie.org.

Practices will be March 1, 8 and 15, we will have a dress rehearsal on March 21 for the Religious Education students and anyone else who would like to attend.

Saint George Seventh graders please note: This can be used as a service experience for your parish in your Confirmation Service Journal.

Mission Trip!!
Theme this year is Blessed, Broken and Shared (14 spots remaining)

When: June 24 – 30
Where: Detroit, Michigan
Non Refundable Deposit Amount: $50

Registration & $150 Deposit Due: To register please fill out a form and return to Holly, along with the non-refundable deposit, as soon as possible. Forms can be found outside the office at St. Julie or at the rectory at St. George.

This will be open to those who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grade from both St. Julie and St. George Parishes.

If you plan to attend this trip your deposit and Registration HAS to be turned in NO LATER than 2/23/2018. If we do not get enough participants with registration and deposit turned in we will have to cancel for this year!

Steubenville Youth Conference!!
Theme this year is Revealed (5 spots remaining)

When: June 15 – 17 or July 20 – 22
Where: Steubenville, Ohio
Non Refundable Deposit Amount: $40

Registration & $40 Deposit Due: To register please fill out a form and return to Holly, along with the non-refundable deposit, as soon as possible. Forms can be found outside the office at St. Julie or at the rectory at St. George.

This will be open to those who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grade.

The trip is open to both St. George and St. Julie youth. There are five spots available for each parish. Spots will fill up fast: first come, first served. Possibility for more spots if more interest is shown.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Holly Hesselschwardt, Youth Minister at (708) 532-8234 or hhesselschwardt@stgeorge60477.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
"PURITY AND THE PRESENCE OF OUR LADY"
Saturday, February 17 – 6:30 to 8:00 am
O'Connell Hall at St. George School

Thank You & Welcome to all the men who have chosen to join us for this year’s LENTEN JOURNEY. It’s not too late to still join us and pick up your FREE LENTEN GUIDEBOOK to enjoy along with a FREE BREAKFAST every Saturday morning!

This weekend we will continue to examine the life and teachings of St. John Bosco and his model for the Christian Family. Our presentation and discussions will include:

- Transforming Our Hearts
- Moral Formation: The Freedom to Love
- The Power of a Message
- The Need for Consistency
- The Guidance of Our Lady
- Developing Devotion to Our Lady
- Practical Advice

Please join us for good food, fellowship, lively discussions and a chance to make some new friends! You’ll be glad you did!

That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings for breakfast in O’Connell Hall at St. George School. All adult men, 18 and older, are invited to join us. To learn more about TMIY, please contact Gary at (708) 614-1734; ghendzell@msn.com.

Perfectly Yourself

Discussion groups have started. All are invited to join us after reading Matthew Kelly’s book: “Perfectly Yourself, Discover God’s Dream For You.” All sessions will be held in the Cahill Center.

Wednesdays in Meeting Room 2 of the Cahill Center during Religious Ed. classes, 6:10 – 7:25 pm.
(No discussions on February 14, February 28 or March 21.)

Tuesday mornings, 8:15-9:15 am in the Cahill Center

Sundays, after the 9:30 am Mass in the Cahill Center
**Divorced and hurting?**

Divorce can be painful and often shattering. Divorce does change every aspect of a person's life. If you would like help in managing these changes, St. George Parish offers a 10-session Study/Discussion Group using the book, *Divorce and Beyond*. Those who have suffered a divorce or are in the process are invited to register.

The first meeting will be February 25 at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room 1, Cahill Center.

*To learn more about future programs, contact Deacon Joe Truesdale at (708) 614-0286.*

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**Knights of Columbus’ 2018 Comedy Night**

Fr. C.C. Boyle Knights of Columbus council is hosting their annual Comedy Night show on Saturday, February 24, 2018 in O’Connell Hall at the St. George School.

Ticket price is $40.00 per person which includes the show, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, soda, water. We cannot allow any outside beverages to be brought in to the show.

Doors open - 6:30 pm/Dinner - 7:00 pm/Showtime - 8:15 pm
Ticket sales are limited due to room capacity so call early.

Please join us for a fun filled evening.

For reservations or more information please call Don Clark at (708) 532-8653. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will call you back.
ST. GEORGE PARISH INFORMATION

• **Anointing of the Sick/Reconciliation** can be arranged by contacting the Rectory to have a priest celebrate the sacraments with the person who is seriously ill or homebound.

• **Baptisms** will take place on the first and third Sunday of every month at 1 pm. The family must be registered. A baptismal program is obligatory in ADVANCE; call the Rectory to register.

• **Christian Initiation of Adults** is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith. Contact the Rectory.

• **Holy Hour with Benediction** takes place on the First Friday of the month at 7 pm in the church.

• **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, St. 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 Rectory when this service is needed.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ANGELA KVASNICA - COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Summer Hours (May - August):
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
School Year Hours (September – April):
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed
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**Perpetual Adoration** takes place in the Holy Family Chapel located southwest of the church.

**Registration** We welcome new members with open arms. We set the table to welcome you after the 9:30 am Mass on the third Sunday of the month in the Cahill Center or by appointment with one of the priests in the rectory.

**Stewardship** involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the Rectory for assistance in getting started in any of the Parish’s ministries and organizations. Please remember St. George Parish when planning your estate or preparing your will.

**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.

**Bulletin information** provides updates on parish and Archdiocesan events. Please submit articles or recommendations to bulletin@stgeorge60477.org by Monday noon before publication date. Because of space limitations, articles will be limited to St. George activities and information, as well as Archdiocesan events and news. 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.