



ST. GEORGE CHURCH



OCTOBER 3rd – 4th, 2026
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

SHARING OUR TREASURE

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 21st – September 27th

\$4,861.00

BUDGETED WEEKLY GOAL

\$5,500.00

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

SEPTEMBER: **\$2,382.00**

2026 YTD: **\$31,108.00**

Our 2026 goal is: **\$50,000.00**



PRAYER LINE ~ PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sergeant Tyler Bailey; Sue Bergan; Frankie Brazel; Jeanette Brucken; Lisa Conrad; Angela Davault; Sandy Donley; Piersen Eaker; Sharon Ferguson; Chuck Fisher; Carter Fortin; Elizabeth Garber; Rachel Gezich; Mary Lu Gillian; Paul Hannig; Dave Hanrath; Sara Hart; Charles Heckler; Becky Heitz; Kaz Konik; Amanda Martin Fmly; Mike Sicinski; Barry Spevack; Darrell Stauffenberg; Raygen Sue; Zoe Swanson; Jimmy Wasser Jr.; Cam Weber Fmly; Jenny West; Dave Worobey; Teresa Zak; Dave Zivo; *Special Intentions*

--REMINDER: To add OR remove a loved one to the Prayer Line please contact the Parish Office: 815-939-1851 or stgeorge@stgeorgeil.com



Wednesday, October 7th

8am: * The Repose of the Souls of the Stranger Family (Richard H. & Alice R. McMurry Fund)

Friday, October 9th

8am: * Richard Bergan (Barb & Gary Johnson)

Saturday, October 10th

5pm: * Tom & Pat Walsh (Mark Walsh Family)

Sunday, October 11th

8am: * Scott & Ann Brassea (Tom & Lou Hagemaster)

10:15am: * Parishioners of St. George



A Prayer For The Week



Heavenly Father,

You have lovingly planted us in the vineyard of Your Kingdom and entrusted us with countless gifts. Fill our hearts with gratitude for Your faithful care, and help us to bear the fruits of faith, hope, and love in all that we do. Teach us to be faithful stewards of the blessings You have given us, using our time, talents, and treasures to serve You and one another. Guide us to live according to Your will, seeking what is true, honorable, just, pure, and worthy of praise. May our words and actions reflect the love of Christ, bringing peace to our homes, our parish, and our community. Strengthen us to remain faithful in Your service each day, so that our lives may bear lasting fruit and give glory to Your holy name.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~Amen

Youth Ministry
BONFIRE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
5:30-7:30PM BONFIRE

St. George Parish Firepit/Gazebo
 5272 E 5000N Rd in Bourbonnais
 (drop off/park behind Parish Hall)

dinner, smores & drinks provided

Grades 6-12



No registration or cost. Questions? Amanda Fierce
 afierce@mbvm.org; 815-933-8285 x335

8th Grade Confirmation Class of 2027

COOKING
 AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Come Location: 5444 S. Drexel Ave, Chicago

Wednesday, October 14th
Wednesday, November 11th
Monday, December 14th

SIGN UP HERE →

Questions: Amanda Fierce,
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Help us provide a delicious, home-cooked meal for families with children being treated at Comer Children's Hospital. Transportation is provided!




God's blessings to our new parishioners:
The Cuomo Family
 Welcome to the St. George Church Family!

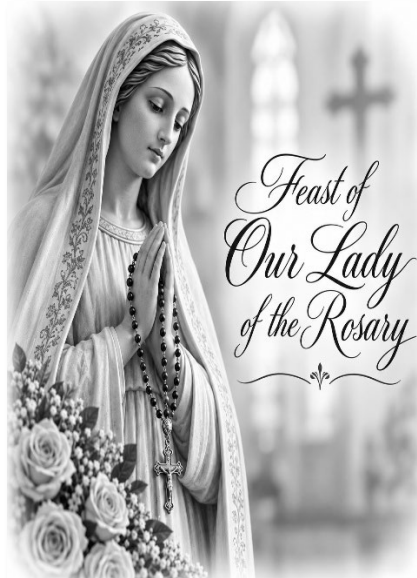
MEETING MEETING

ST. GEORGE CHURCH
Holy Name Society

STAG

**** STAG ENVELOPE STUFFING MEETING ****

Wednesday, 10/21/26
6:00 pm PARISH HALL

O Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Our Lady of the Rosary,
 we honor you on this feast and ask for your loving intercession. Lead us ever closer to your Son, Jesus Christ, and teach us to treasure His Word and follow His example. Through the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and renew our love for God and for one another. Help us to turn to the Lord in prayer, especially in times of trial, and to trust always in His mercy and providence. May our devotion to the Rosary draw us more deeply into the life of Christ and unite us with His Church. May your prayers guide us on our earthly journey and bring us one day to the joy of eternal life.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

~ Amen

LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 10-11

5:00 PM Saturday, October 10th

READER: Sandy Blanchette

USHER: Merle Raymond

USHER: Tom Gavin

GREETER: Cathy Trezise

SACRISTAN: John Mroz

L/EM: Curt Saindon

EM CHOIR: Denise Dillard

EM CUP L: Michelle Tharp

EM CUP RT: Kathy Saindon

8:00 AM Sunday, October 11th

READER: Michael Hidalgo

USHER: Joe Verrill

USHER: Jeff Berns

GREETER: Karen Verrill

SACRISTAN: Rosa Carroll

L/EM: Rosa Carroll

EM CHOIR: Patty Page

EM CUP L: Lisa Conrad

EM CUP RT: Anthony Michals

ALTAR SERVERS: Elodie Ekhoft,

Dylan/Wyatt Pallisard

10:15 AM Sunday, October 11th

READER: Julie Lampley

USHER: Jake Krisko

USHER: Mike Krisko

GREETER: Auggie/Allie Moran

SACRISTAN: Mary Ann Kingsnorth

L/EM: Bobby Lampley

EM CHOIR: Stephanie DeCarlo

EM CUP L: Russ Absher

EM CUP RT: Debby Absher

ALTAR SERVERS: Ryan Lampley,

Nate/Ella Absher

Dear Friends,

The revised By-Laws of the parish Pastoral Council recommend that an Annual Report on the life and mission of the parish be provided each year. It may be verbal or printed as the situation of parish life changes. For the July 2025 – July 2026 year we have chosen to issue this simple written report.

During this 156th year of our parish history we conducted an in-house census which indicated that we were about 1042 registered and active parishioners, including 385 families. Our student enrollment in religious education was 85 students. Generous volunteers served as catechists, aides, and safety personnel on Sunday mornings while classes were in session. Two adults were received into our Catholic community through the OCIA process and 25 infants were baptized during the year.

A new Mission Statement was adopted by the Pastoral Council along with a revision of its By Laws. That Mission Statement calls us *“to receive, to live and to proclaim” the gospel of Jesus Christ* and *“to celebrate the sacramental and liturgical life of the community, to support the faith formation of our adults and children and to serve those in need within our parish and beyond”*. Our liturgical and sacramental life follows the seasonal calendar of the Church’s liturgical year and is supported by a very active and creative Liturgical Art and Environment committee, our Choirs, Cantors and Liturgical Musicians, and growing numbers of both young and adult liturgical ministers. Specific training sessions were held this past year for Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. Usher training included both CPR and AED demonstrations. A Safety Committee was established to review all procedures and equipment in each parish building. High school students were welcomed into the ranks of Ushers, Greeters, and Eucharistic ministers. New Altar Servers came from our religious education population as well as students enrolled in Bishop McNamara Catholic School. At the end of daylight savings time the Saturday evening Mass was moved up an hour (to 4:00 pm) at the request of and for the safety of parishioners driving during winter darkness.

The Christian Service commission of the Pastoral Council undertook a number of outreach efforts including collections of food, clothing, art supplies, gift cards, and Christmas presents. Volunteers assisted with Communion services at the Veterans Home and at several senior residential facilities. Parishioners assist at the Catholic Food Pantry, the Clothing Closet, and the Medical Services connected with the pantry. Other devoted parishioners bring Communion to home-bound family and parish members. Deacon Milt’s ministry to various nursing homes is supported by donations from the parish and individual members of the community.

The social life of the parish community was celebrated by our first annual Parish Picnic and by a festive “Wedding Crashers Ball”. The picnic replaced the historic Summerfest and the Ball introduced a fun and fund-raising effort to foster community life. Hospitality Sundays fed us throughout the year with donuts, biscuits and gravy, egg casseroles and the traditional Holy Name Stag brought home the bacon. The Family Ministry efforts saw a change in format and transformation under the broader title of Parish Life efforts and events. Pancake breakfasts continued through the Scouts and Advent calendars brought joy to chocolate lovers.

Along with all other parishes in the diocese we participated in the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, this year increasing our participation rate to 40% of our households. We also received from our former Bishop Hicks his first Pastoral Letter encouraging our evangelization efforts to MAKE disciples of all people. That invitation and challenge still guides the efforts of our Pastoral Council for the new year.

Julie Lampley

2025/2026 Council President

Rev. Patrick Render, csv

Pastoral Administrator