



ST. GEORGE CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 12th – 13th, 2026
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Sirach 27:30, Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

SHARING OUR TREASURE

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 31st – September 6th

\$6,513.00

BUDGETED WEEKLY GOAL

\$5,500.00

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

JULY: **\$2,854.00**

2026 YTD: **\$26,046.00**

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

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: **\$28,800.00**

2026 YTD COLLECTED: **\$25,190.00**

OF DONORS: **130**



PRAYER LINE ~ PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sergeant Tyler Bailey; Sue Bergan; Jeanette Brucken; Lisa Conrad; Angela Davault; Sandy Donley; Piersen Eaker; Craig Fortin; Rachel Gezich; Mary Lu Gillian; Paul Hannig; Dave Hanrath; Sara Hart; Charles Heckler; Kaz Konik; Kristi Martin; Mike Sicinski; Barry Spevack; Darrell Stauffenberg; Raygen Sue; Jim Tharp; Jimmy Wasser Jr.; 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, September 16th

8am: * Tom Lambert (Jim & Carol Wasser)
* James Raymond (Jim Raymond Family)

Friday, September 18th

8am: * Rich Bergan (Ron & Jan Thomas)
* Parishioners of St. George

Saturday, September 19th

5pm: * Paul Walsh (Mark Walsh Family)
* James & Antionette Granger (Dave Granger)

Sunday, September 20th

8am: * Catherine Lambert (Paula & Tom Wasser)
* Ken Bertrand (Eloise Bertrand)

10:15am: * Joan McGinnis (Paula & Tom Wasser)
* James Hoffman (Frechette Family)



A Prayer For The Week

Heavenly Father,

You call us to follow Your Son with undivided hearts and steadfast faith. Grant us the wisdom to seek Your will above our own and the courage to embrace the sacrifices that come with being true disciples of Christ. When the path is difficult, strengthen us to carry our cross with hope, trusting that Your grace is always sufficient. Help us to let go of anything that keeps us from loving You more fully and inspire us to live each day with generosity, humility, and unwavering trust in Your providence. May our words and actions reflect the love of Christ, drawing others closer to You through our faithful witness. Fill our parish with hearts eager to serve, hands ready to help, and spirits committed to building Your Kingdom. May we joyfully answer Your call each day until we share in the everlasting joy of Your heavenly home. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE

K – 6th:

9/13: 9-10am (PH/FQYMC)

9/20: 9-10am (PH/FQYMC)

9/27: 9-10am (PH/FQYMC)

7th & 8th:

9/16: 7-8:30pm (FQYMC)

9/30: 7-8:30pm (FQYMC)



O.C.I.A.
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

*Are you interested
in becoming
Catholic or know
someone who is?*

**St. George Parish
2026-27
O.C.I.A.
sessions will begin Soon!**

For information, please contact the Parish Office at
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MEETING MEETING

ST. GEORGE CHURCH
Holy Name Society

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****STAG PLANNING MEETING****

**Wednesday, 9/16/26
6:00 pm PARISH HALL**



YOUTH MINISTRY
(GRADES 6-12)

GAME NIGHT

**SUN., SEPT. 20TH
6:30-8:00PM
MBVM PARISH
CENTER/OUTSIDE**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AMANDA FIERCE
AFIERCE@MBVM.ORG
815-933-8285 X335

LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 19-20

5:00 PM Saturday, September 19th

READER: Jim Czerwionka

USHER: Tom Nevills

USHER: Tom Gavin

GREETER: Myra Swanson

SACRISTAN: Marty Knight

L/EM: Curt Saindon

EM CHOIR: Lynn Nevills

EM CUP L: Kathy Saindon

EM CUP RT: Marianne Gezich

8:00AM Sunday, September 20th

READER: Megan Nims

USHER: Jeff Berns

USHER: Mike Lambert

GREETER: Donna Kohl

SACRISTAN: Terri Henderson

L/EM: Kathy Lambert

EM CHOIR: Kelly Kidd

EM CUP L: Bruce Heldt

EM CUP RT: Alyce Heldt

ALTAR SERVERS: Luca/Giavannah Nims,
Teagan Kidd

10:15 AM Sunday, September 20th

READER: Amy McCrary

USHER: Brendan Jedlicka

USHER: Liam Jedlicka

GREETER: Matthew/Isabella Buzas

SACRISTAN: Mary Ann Kingsnorth

L/EM: Jean Beck

EM CHOIR: *Contemporary Choir*

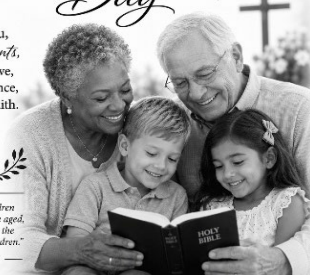
EM CUP L: Russ Absher

EM CUP RT: Debby Absher

ALTAR SERVERS: Nate/Ella Absher

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S Day

Thank you, Grandparents, for your love, your guidance, and your faith.



"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."
— Proverbs 17:6 —

Loving God,

We thank You for the precious gift of grandparents and for the love, wisdom, faith, and traditions they share with our families. Bless the grandparents who are with us today. Grant them good health, strength, peace, and joy. May they always know how deeply they are loved and appreciated for the many ways they enrich our lives. We also remember with love the grandparents who are no longer with us. Welcome them into Your eternal embrace, and comfort us with the treasured memories they have left in our hearts.

May the love and lessons they shared continue to guide us throughout our lives. Help us to cherish the time we have together, to honor those who came before us, and to remain grateful for the beautiful gift of family. May Your love surround all grandparents and their families, today and always.

~ Amen

St. George Parishioners:

The Finance Committee is pleased to include in this weekend's bulletin, as required by the Diocese of Joliet, financial statement summary information for the 2025-2026 fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, as well as budget information for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<u>Major account balances as of 6/30/26 were as follows:</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Operating Fund	\$ 145,843	\$ 106,535
Building Fund	\$ 259,128	\$ 455,664
Cemetery Fund	\$ 8,681	\$ 44,269
Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,314

We have approved conservative and balanced budgets the past five years given the fact that we were emerging from the pandemic and were unsure how revenues and expenses would develop. We continued that trend for fiscal year 2026-2027 with a small budget increase of 3.7%. For this year, we project \$388,450 in budgeted revenues and \$388,450 in budgeted expenses, resulting in a balanced budget for 2026-2027. This includes revenues from collections (\$310K), fundraisers (\$34.5), donations (\$23K), tuition (\$5K), rentals (\$3K) and grants (\$1K), in addition to a planned transfer from the building fund to assist with ongoing maintenance and repair projects (\$11.95K), if needed. For expenditures, we anticipate salaries and wages (\$121.75K), benefits (\$12.5K), repairs (\$12K), purchased services (\$67.2K), supplies (\$33.5K), insurance (\$17K), utilities (\$35.5), assessments (\$50K), subsidies (\$23K) and other expenses (\$16K). This budget is based on projected revenues and expenses and is similar to prior years. As you can see from the June 30th checking and savings account balances above, we have adequate reserves in the event we encounter small operating deficits, although that is not expected. Weekly Tithing and Building Fund Collections have been running slightly below budgeted estimates during the first few months of this year, but that is expected as summer collections typically lag. The elimination of Summerfest as a major fundraiser affected revenues for sure, but we are developing some other events to help plug that hole and make up for lost revenues. These fundraisers are critical to our financial success and help pay for our ongoing Property Insurance Premiums, the Diocesan Assessments and any Assistance Fund needs.

We completed several repair, renovation and beautification projects over the past year and we have a few additional projects in the works for this coming year. These included seal coating the parking areas (\$12K), flooring upgrades at the church (\$5K), HVAC upgrades at the church (\$3K), painting in the church and rectory (\$2K), structural work at the church (\$3K), landscaping around the grounds (\$2.5K) and a various other miscellaneous maintenance and repair projects (\$7.5K), totaling about \$35K. We budgeted \$10K out of Operations and \$25K out of the Building Fund to cover this work. This year we are looking to complete a few additional projects with the biggest being the reroofing of the church and rectory (\$75K, with \$50K covered by insurance and \$25K by the parish), additional landscaping work (\$2.5K), implementation of our safety plan (\$25K) and some technology projects (\$7.5K), totaling about \$60K in anticipated capital projects.

We are hoping to realize a small surplus again this year, if revenues slightly outpace expenses, and our existing fund balance reserves can cover any small deficits if they do occur.

While we completed our formal capital campaign several years ago, we do ask that you continue to thoughtfully contribute to the Building Fund through the gold building fund envelopes each month, to assist with ongoing capital projects, such as reroofing the church and rectory, updating our security and communication systems, completing various ongoing maintenance, repair and beautification projects, and staying on top of the never ending task of maintaining an aging church, rectory and parish hall.

We encourage you all to become involved in the life of our parish and stay active with the various ministries, committees and groups that we have here at St. George, and please be a voice for those less fortunate and those who are in need. As the Viatorian mission and charism states, we are a community dedicated to helping those of little standing and making a difference in our community through action and deed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Pat Render

Parish Priest
St. George Church

Robert Lampley

Chairman
St. George Finance Committee

Amy McCrary

Bookkeeper
St. George Church

Liturgy Ministry Training

*New Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters
and Altar Servers are all wanted and needed.*

Training Schedule is as follows:



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (New):
SUNDAY 9/27 @ 9:00 AM



LECTORS (New):
SUNDAY 10/4 @ 9:00 AM



ALTAR SERVERS (New):
SUNDAY 10/18 @ 9:00 AM

***Altar Server parental information/permission forms
will be handed out in R.E. class on 10/4.***

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