Third Sunday of Advent, 2017

Make straight the way of the Lord
A Reflection from Deacon Tom Westerkamp

December 17, 2017

“*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*”

Today’s gospel describes how the priests, Levites, and Pharisees struggled to understand who John the Baptist was. They didn’t understand what he was doing and what his role was. They failed to understand why John the Baptist did what he did.

Today I want to highlight our Ministers of Care, so you know what they do. We have more than 60 ministers that go out week after week, and visit, pray and bring Holy Eucharist to those that are unable to join us physically at weekly Mass. Some of our ministers visit bed-ridden patients in Northwest Community Hospital, some visit those confined to their homes, and some go to one of four (4) nursing homes in the area. We have teams that go every week to Manor Care, the Moorings, Transitional Care of Arlington Heights, and the Lutheran Home.

Some of these ministers have been seeing the same homebound person every week for more than 5 years. Some of our ministers have been visiting the nursing home for more than 20 years. We have several ministers that visit people in two nursing homes! These dedicated, humble servants of the Lord go out quietly and routinely visit those in need, with no one reminding them. They simply go out week after week, month after month, year after year. These hard-working, dedicated ministers are a true gift from God to the people they visit, to their families, to the people of St James, and to me personally. I am honored to serve with them, and deeply grateful for the service they perform. They truly are the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve God by serving others.

It is important to note how many people these dedicated ministers serve in order to understand the scope of our ministry. When we add up the people in the hospital, and the nursing homes, and those bed-ridden at home, we visit, pray and serve Holy Eucharist to more than 150 people every week!

I am humbled by these hard working Ministers of Care that get very little recognition or attention for the amazing service they provide. St James and the people in our community are indeed blessed that we have these dedicated ministers. I am grateful for these wonderful ministers who volunteer their time, and wanted everyone at St James to know what they do as well.

I know there are many other ministries here at St James, with countless volunteers that quietly serve the Lord. We are fortunate to have many caring parishioners helping others, many ministers that live out the Gospel. We are grateful for all that they do. Most ministries are in need of additional helpers, so please consider joining a team and helping those in need.

Just as John the Baptist served the Lord by serving others, so do our Ministers of Care, and all our ministers. The Spirit of the Lord is indeed upon them.

*Deacon Tom Westerkamp*

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
Liturgy and Worship

**Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:**

Monday: Human Life  
Tuesday: Military  
Wednesday: Marriage  
Thursday: Priests and Religious  
Friday: Sick  
Saturday: Souls of the faithful departed

**Children’s Rosary Group**
The Children’s Rosary Group will meet in the CHAPEL at 4:00pm each Monday afternoon. Please join us!

**Holy Hour**
All are invited to the 7pm Thursday Holy Hour in the Church with Deacon Matthew Hahn. This 7pm Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction.

**Advent 12Noon Mass**
During the Season of Advent, we will offer a Mass at 12:00 Noon in the Church, Monday, through Friday. All are welcome to attend.

**Adoration of Our Lord**
Would you like to visit the holiest place on earth? Visit your Adoration Chapel or Church. Why is it so holy? Because God dwells there in His Real Presence.
Every Catholic Church and Chapel is a dwelling place for God. Stop in and visit Him.
All are invited to St. James Adoration on Thursdays, from 8am-8pm in the Church.
Join the SJ Adoration Team! Please contact Regina Kastner: 847-207-8893

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**ADVENT MULTI-PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**Monday, December 18th** – 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside, Arl. Hts.

**Tuesday, December 19th** – 3:00pm at St. Edna Parish, Arl. Hts. 7:30pm at St. Mary Parish, Buffalo Grove

**Wednesday, December 20th** – 7:30pm at St. James Parish (in the Church)

**Thursday, December 21st** – 7:30pm at St. Colette Parish, Rolling Meadows (Spanish service)

Please join us for our Multi-Parish Advent Reconciliation Services.

Please note that there are 2 services on Tuesday, December 19th:
One service at 3:00pm at St. Edna and another at 7:30pm at St. Mary’s in Buffalo Grove.

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**Advent Taizé Prayer**
We will have an Advent Taizé service on December 22nd at 7pm in the Church.
As we are awaiting the birth of Christ, the Light of Hope, let our voices be a light for all as we pray through our singing.
Taizé worship is a prayer consisting of meditative singing and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state.
All are welcome to come to participate in our singing and in our silent prayers.

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**Masses on December 23/24, 4th Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm Saturday, 12/23—Parish Center  
7:00am Sunday, 12/24—Church  
8:30am Sunday, 12/24—Church  
10:00am Sunday, 12/24—Parish Center
St. James 2017 Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

December 24th – Christmas Eve
(Carols before each liturgy)
Church: 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm
Parish Center:
3:00pm and 5:00pm - (both will be Children’s Masses)
11:00pm Mass

December 25th – Christmas Day
(Carols before each liturgy)
Church: 8:00am & 10:00am
Parish Center: 10:00am & 12:00 Noon

December 30/31 – Feast of the Holy Family
December 30th – Saturday
5:00pm Mass in the Parish Center
December 31st – Sunday
7:00am and 8:30am Masses in the Church
10:00am & 11:30am Masses in the Parish Center
5:00pm Sunday Mass in the Parish Center

January 1st – 2018 – New Year’s Day
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the Church
(January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but please join us at Mass to celebrate the beginning of the new year.)

Let’s be good neighbors…

St. James has been hearing about some issues with parking on both Pine and Evergreen Avenues. We know that parking for Masses, Religious Education & School drop off/pick up times can be very congested, but please remember to follow the rules of the road. Please be cognizant of our neighbors and keep all driveways open and streets passable.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.
Preschool & Kindergarten
Parent Information Night

January 18, 2018

7:00pm  Check-in
7:15pm  Presentations in Library
7:45pm  Visit classrooms & tour school

Call 224.345.7145 to rsvp
www.stjamesschoolah.org
**Open Our Hearts in Welcome**

As of November 15, 2017

- Remaining Funds needed, $220,034
- Pledges Cancelled, ($42,862)
- Parish Contribution, $1,250,000
- Pledged but not received, $5,781,947
- Pledges Received, $3,290,881

Project Total $10,500,000

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**St. James Respect Life Ministry**  
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you…” Jeremiah 1:5

**MAY WE BE PREPARED TO WELCOME YOU**

Pray daily the Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby’s name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

**BY WELCOMING ALL HUMAN LIFE.**

- **Saturday, Jan 13** – 2nd Annual Chicago Rose Dinner ([www.marchforlife-chicago.org](http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org))
- **Sunday, Jan 14** – Bus to March for Life Chicago from St. Theresa’s with Cardinal Blase Cupich
- **Friday, Jan 19** – March for Life in Washington D. C.
- **Monday, Jan 22** – Annual Tri-Parish Celebration of Life Mass at St. Edna – 8:00 a.m. Mass with reception afterward (45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade).

For details of these events, contact **mschoney@wowway.com** or (847) 392-5506.
Open on December 24th!

Merry Christmas! Starting on Christmas Eve, you can download the new Saint James Parish app on your smartphone.

The app will provide on-the-go access to parish and school upcoming events, calendars, the bulletin, videos, podcasts, news, “snap & share” photo sharing, social media and the school directory (school families only).

Users also will be able to sign up for alerts. We will continue to add new features over time.

Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for Saint James Catholic Community starting Dec. 24th.
Thank you from Jubilation!

For 23 years Jubilation at James has brought our parish and community together to share our blessings with those in need. This year, while the structure changed to an all-volunteer model, the essence of Jubilation remained firmly rooted in serving those within our parish, throughout our community, as well as globally. This year we had a fantastic team who brought much energy and passion and worked countless hours creating all that is Jubilation. It is with deep appreciation and respect that we acknowledge these volunteers.

John & Sheryl Lifka
2017 Jubilation Co-Chairs

Erin & Paul McAndrews
2017 Jubilation Co-Chairs

2017 Jubilation at James Volunteers

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*Committee Chair

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Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...

We are excited to share that Jubilation at James netted almost $260,000! The final budget for the event can be found below. With your generosity we will be able to continue to offer food and a warm place to sleep for the homeless in our area; faith formation for children whose families are enduring financial hardship; and funding to organizations that serve the needs of others. These organizations provide hope to those who are struggling, comfort and care to those who are sick; and light to those who live in darkness. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

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A special thanks to Anne McGrath, Tom Sommers and Chad Woehrle for their generous donation toward the design, layout, printing and production of Jubilation marketing and event materials including the logo, invitation, posters, raffle tickets, signage, place cards, name tags, bid numbers and auction program book.

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Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Advent Gospel Acclamation

Psalm Response

Sung Psalm Refrain:

Proclaim the greatness of God; rejoice in God, my Savior! Rejoice in God, my Savior!

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
his ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Holy, Holy

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**Order of Worship**

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).


**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

| Monday | Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25 |
| Tuesday | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:25 |
| Wednesday | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 |
| Friday | 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 |
| Saturday | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66 |
| Sunday | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 |

**REJOICE**

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God’s coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God’s coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today’s readings are full of joy. Mary’s Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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People, Look East

1. People, look East. The time is near
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare.
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
5. Angels announce with shouts of mirth

Of the crowning of the year.
One more seed is planted there:
Guard the nest that must be filled.
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Him who brings new life to earth.

Make your house fair as you are able,
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
Even the hour when wings are frozen
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Set every peak and valley humming

Trim the hearth and set the table.
That in course the flow’r may flourish.
He for fledging time has chosen.
Bright as sun and moon together.
With the word, the Lord is coming.

People look East and sing today:

Love the Guest is on the way.
Love the Rose is on the way.
Love the Bird is on the way.
Love the Star is on the way.
Love the Lord is on the way.

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Tune: BESANCON, 87 98 87; French traditional; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1875-1958
Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always? Who can do that?" It sounds absurd, but the next two lines give it context: If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Whatever happens is the will of God for us. Even the bad things, things we don't like, can be allowed by God, so that God can bring good out of them. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

The next two sayings may be a little obscure. When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit, he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17) we won't be so distracted by the things of this world that we cannot hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit in us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? The next phrase helps with that: Test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. And most of all trust God to help with all this because God wants us to be holy. God will make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.
Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se’s stem,
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai’s height
From ev -’ry foe de - liv - er them
And o - pen wide our heav’n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the law,
That trust your might - y power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
And give them vic - t’ry o’er the grave.
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Molly McDermott of St. James Parish who received a Golden Rose Award from the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women on December 2, 2017. The honorees were from 18 of the parishes in Vicariate 1. Those present received the award from the Very Reverend Ronald Hicks, who is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Award is given to a young woman who is a high school student who shows Leadership, Spirituality, Service and is a practicing Catholic who attends Mass regularly. St. James Women’s Club is honored to nominate Molly for this award.
**St. James Parish Groups**

**Annulment Support Ministry**  
Richard Nagengast  847-732-0970

**Elizabeth Ministry**—A ministry of women reaching out to other women in their childbearing years. We offer prayers and support regarding pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, child loss, adoption, NFP, and other issues. Visit the Rosebud Display in the Parish Center Gathering Space or connect with us: ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org or http://bit.ly/ElizMinStJamesAH

**Grief Support Group**  
The St. James Grief Support Group meets on every Wednesday (during session times) from 7pm-8:15pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The group offers support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. Next session: Oct 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15; (No Nov. 22 mtg.), and finish on 11/29. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - is an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

**Wheels to Worship**  
If you need a ride to Mass or wish to be a volunteer driver, please call Carol at 847-253-4680. carolserranianderson@yahoo.com

**Stepping Stones**  
Everyone deserves to be in a safe, healthy relationship. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or locally, contact WINGS 24-hour Hotline at 847-221-5680.

**Lunches by Catholic Charities**  
Luncheons are served M-Fri for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis only. Call 847-797-5354 for more info & reservations.

**Senior Health Insurance Program**  
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5532 for information.

**Mended Hearts** - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Alexian Bros. Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

**AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** - meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

**Community Resources**

Alcoholics Anon.  312-346-1475  
Alanon/Alateen  847-358-0338  
Narcotics Anon.  708-848-4884  
Families Anon.  847-795-8320

A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts.

**NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness**—847-899-0195

**Office for Protection of Children and Youth**  
www.archchicago.org 312-534-5254

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**Escorted Transportation for Seniors**  
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available to those 60 and over in our community who are in need of rides to medical and dental appointments. It is a multi-denominational outreach to the elderly. If you are in need of such assistance, or if you would like to volunteer to serve seniors in our community as a part of this outreach team, please call Gia at 847-222-9227 or gias@etsnw.org

**Cancer Research Network**  
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org

**For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:**  
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962  
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

During this Advent season, please also refer to our parish website, www.stjamesah.org for a list of activities, special events, and opportunities for prayer.
**Weekly Intentions**

Please pray for our sick...*Amalia Palacios*

**In Loving Memory**

*Jeannette Moquin-Bergeson...*mother of Lawrence (Gwen) Bergeson, James (Debra) Bergeson, Marianne (Bill) Fritsch, Paul (Cindy) Bergeson and Laurajeanne Bergeson; cherished grandmother of 6 and dear sister of the late Mary Rose Lachman and Joan Moquin.

*Mary T. Heybrock...*wife of Charles; mother of Anne (Dan) Campbell, Denise, Charles (Cathleen), Gregory (Gia), and Susan (Tom) Jones; grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of one

*John “Rick” Bowman...*husband of Monica; brother of Karen, Sharon, Linda, and Aaron; uncle of many nieces and nephews

*James O’Leary...*husband of Rosemarie O’Leary (deceased); father of Kevin (deceased), Catherine (Brian) Buck, Patrick (Ann), Margaret (Charles) Amsler and Anne (Michael) Gallagher; grandfather of Brian & Diane O’Leary; Helen, Kim, Alex and Chris Buck, Scott, David and Abbey Gallagher; brother of late Jean Curtin, the late Mary Gerlestis, Betty Kane and Margie McMahon; uncle of many nieces and nephews

**Baptisms**

*Violet Genevieve Tumpane,* child of Brian & Melissa (Sansom) Tumpane

*Gavin Donovan Schneider,* child of Jason & Amy (Markowski) Schneider

**Wedding Banns**

December 31, 2017

Justin Zeeb & Elena Coughlin

**Rose for Life**

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by *The Helminski Family* in loving memory of their son and brother, *Jeffrey*, on the 14th anniversary of his death.

**Remembrances**

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 17**

Dana Mangi, John G. McLoraine, Peggy Holland, Kay SELFridge, Ron Oppedisano, Catherine Sabay, Mary Evelyn Flynn

**Monday, December 18**

Sr. Delores Krentner, Helen McCarter (1st Anniv.)

**Tuesday, December 19**

Thomas Rothfus, Genevieve Waller, Irene Lombardi, Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr., Beth Klopp Lansing

**Wednesday, December 20**

Nicholas Papanicholas, Sr. (1st Anniv.), Dana Mangi

**Thursday, December 21**

Susan Becker Paige, Robert C. Buckley, Janet GANzer, Mary E. McDonald, Carolyn Klenske, Mary M. HAGerty

**Friday, December 22**

Carolyn May (1st Anniv.), Leonard Waller, JT Foley, Joan Trama

**Saturday, December 23**

Dana Mangi, Bronius Underys

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 24**

Dr. & Mrs. Walter Powers, Dana Mangi, John Bowman, Andrew Firnbach Family, John Hie, Dion Terres, Steve, Bernice, Terry & John McBride, Cecelia Olson, Greg Boyes, Gerald Boyes, Tom Bolger, Helen HERTVik, Joseph HERTVik, Carmela Krogstad, Joan KRISTY, Louis Metzger (7th Anniv.)

**Stewardship**

**December 10, 2017**

Weekend Masses — 593 Envelopes \( \$29,058.04 \)

GiveCentral — 19 Online Donations \( \$685.00 \)

Faith Direct — 239 Online Donations \( \$40,333.00 \)

December 10th Total Collection \( \$70,076.04 \)

*Please note: As the parish transitions from GiveCentral to Faith Direct, there will only be two weeks per month that will have online giving.*

**Our Charity**

During this month of December, our charity is the Retirement Fund for Religious, one of our yearly Archdiocesan appeals.

There are more than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests living in the United States. Through prayer, love and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your donations help their religious communities with necessities such as medications and nursing care. Thank you for your generous donations.
Liturgical Ministers—4th Sunday of Advent

Weekend of December 24, 2017

Mass Times | Presider | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers
---|---|---|---|---
5:00pm | Fr. Matt | R. Cruz, J. Garlick, S. Garlick, T. Johnston, M. Meissner, K. Resch, S. Resch, G. Stec, S. Stec, L. Trzesniewski, B. Jaffe, C. Williams, R. Howe, J. Houlihan | Coordinators: B. Jaffe, R. Cruz, J. Garlick | R. Howe | T. Dillon, J. Dillon, E. Madden

Inviting ALL 1st through 5th Graders to be a part of the Christmas Eve Children’s Masses 2017

Sunday, December 24th
3:00 PM & 5:00 PM Mass

1st through 5th graders are invited to have a special role in our children’s masses. We will be asking parents to provide simple costumes for the children. Girls/Angels - white dress or white fabric. Boys/Shepherds - bathrobes or dark color fabric. **We will provide the angel wings.**

There will be one rehearsal for each mass. **Both rehearsals will take place in the Parish Center. Plan to attend the entire rehearsal with your child.**

**3PM Christmas Eve Mass will rehearse on Sunday December 17th 1:00 PM**

**5PM Christmas Eve Mass will rehearse on Sunday, December 17th 2:00 PM**

Again, if your child would like to participate in this St. James’ tradition, **please be sure to attend the rehearsal with your child**, based on the Mass you will be attending on Christmas Eve.
St. James Divorce Ministry

The St. James Divorce Ministry is offering the Divorce Care program. Divorce Care is a 13-Session journey aimed to provide education, support, and healing. This free video seminar presented over multiple sessions meets on most 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Attend one or all sessions. Our ministry is geared toward supporting those who are separated / divorced / annulled to provide healing and renewal.

December 19, 2017 - 7pm
Session 8: “Financial Revival”
O’Brien Room, St. James Parish Office
820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arl. Hts.
Contact Deacon Jim Bannon for more information:
224-345-7200
jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net

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St. James School Presents
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First Annual Daddy Daughter Dance
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January 26, 2018 • 7:00pm - 9:00pm
PK-5th grade girls • Parish Center

Topics
Jan. 10 What is “Church?”
17 Sacraments / Initiation
24 The Eucharist
31 Healing Sacraments
Feb. 7 Vocation Sacraments
21 Mary & the Saints
28 Intro to Christian Morality
Mar. 7 The Thorny Issues

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When: Wed. evenings 7-9 PM
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 7:00am Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 8:30am Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning 10:00am Parish Center Contemporary Choir & Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sunday Morning 11:30am Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Teen Ensemble)

Weekday Masses (Church) 831 N. Arlington Hts. Road
Monday–Friday 7:30am Mass
Saturday 8:30am Mass

Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days.

Sacramental Celebrations
Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date at least one month in advance.

Marriages
Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior to your wedding date, we warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office. Our Office Manager will explain the process of preparing for a Christian marriage and assist you in selecting a date for your wedding liturgy.

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30–4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

Parish Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–8:00pm
Friday 9:00am–6:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am–1:00pm
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Parish E-mail Address: parishoffice@stjamesah.org

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