**ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3, 2017 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.

~ Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2–3

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*First Sunday of Advent*
A Reflection...from Fr. Matt Foley, Pastor

December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be Alert!

Advent is a season of watchfulness. We remember the waiting of our ancestors, watching for God’s sending of the messiah, fulfilled in Jesus coming. We watch and wait for Jesus’ coming again in glory.

This past Sunday, many St. James parishioners gathered to bless the Nativity Scene that is placed in North Park. The children sang and prayers were offered to remind one another that we are in preparation for the celebration of our Lord’s birth. The prayers were fervent, the songs were heartfelt and we all felt blessed to pause and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

We all begin the Advent season with wonderful intentions to keep focused on preparing our homes and ways for Jesus. Unfortunately, we can get distracted and find ourselves asking God as Isaiah did, “Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways” We are blessed with the gift of free will. God does not want us to lose focus, we choose to fall away or be distracted. We are called to hold one another accountable in the community of believers. When we are in communion with Christ and one another our relationship with Jesus remains the essence of our lives.

I pray that your Advent Season will be attentive to Jesus each and every day.

- Fr. Matt

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

**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

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

*Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and a Holy Day of Obligation*

**Mass times are as follows:**

- 6:30am  
- 7:30am  
- 9:00am (St. James School Mass)  
- 12:00 Noon  
- 5:00pm  
- 7:00pm  

_all Masses are in the CHURCH._

**Day of Reflection**
Women of St. James are invited to participate in the Opus Dei Women’s Day of Reflection, which will take place on Wednesday, December 13th, at 9:30am in the Church. All are welcome!

**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 co-operation.

**Our Charity**

During this month of December, our charity will be 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.
Join us for the fifth annual “Celebrating Motherhood” event!

This special mass and reception is an awesome night where we gather with other women in our community to give thanks to God and to celebrate being or knowing a mom!

Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. by Fr. Matt Foley in the St. James Church, followed by a reception with light refreshments and drinks downstairs in the Laramie Room.

Sponsored by the Moms Plus Ministry and Women’s Club at St. James.
If you have questions about the event, contact Sandra Chaplin at sandramchaplin@gmail.com.

St. James Annual Advent Lessons and Carols

December 10th, at 2PM in the Church

Featuring our Parish Children’s Choir and Adult Choirs.

Come and bring the family to ring in the birth of the Baby Jesus!
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 12, 2017 - 7pm
Session 7:
“New Relationships”
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

St. Vincent de Paul
AS OF NOVEMBER 17TH the ST. VINCENT de PAUL PANTRY IS CLOSED.

With your help, we were able to provide food boxes to over fifty families this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.
If you would like to continue to give food—we suggest that you give to either Catholic Charities in Des Plaines or Wheeling Township on Arlington Heights Road.

THANK YOU—ST. JAMES COMMUNITY…
for all your support of our mission through the years!

Save the Date!
PRODUCEMOBILE
Free fresh fruit and vegetables

2018 Distributions, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am
January 11—St. Colette, 3900 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows
February 8—St. Edna, 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Hts.
March 8—Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Rd., Inverness
April 12—St. Thomas of Villanova—1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine
May 10—St. Emily—1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect
Please note: Dates may change due to special occasions, holidays, or emergencies and ending time may vary. Please call 773-247-FOOD with questions. chicagofoodbank.org

St. James Peace & Justice

Merry Christmas!
Give Just Haiti coffee and fair trade chocolate!

Coffee Sale December 9th and 10th in the Parish Center after Masses
Coast and Sweatshirt Collection for Detention Center at the Coffee Sale

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

**Respect Life Lessons About Our Lady**

*December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception,* a Holy Day of Obligation... Mary was immaculately *conceived* in the *womb* of her mother – preserved from Original Sin from the first moment of her *conception.* This is an infallible doctrine about Mary.

O Mary *conceived* without sin  
Pray for us  
Who have recourse to thee.

*December 12, The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.* This image miraculously appeared on the tilma of St. Juan Diego. The dark ribbon above her *womb* indicates that she is “a *pregnant* woman, an expecting woman, a woman of Advent.” (One of the doctors who analyzed the tilma placed his stethoscope below the black band at Mary’s waist and heard rhythmic beats at 115 pulses per minute, the same as that of a *baby in the maternal womb.*) “This image of Our Lady manifests two important dogmas of Mary: that she is *ever-virgin* and, at the same time, that she is the *Mother of God.*”

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of *unborn children* and ask that you intercede for us, to join you in protecting *all human life,* with the same love with which you conceived in your *womb* the life of the Son of God.”

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**St. James Earth Shepherds: Hearts that Beat with Pure Joy from Nature**

Diane Adam and Bonnie Cimo are Earth Shepherds, and they help care for our planet. "When I come out here to this forest preserve, I feel God in everything He has created," Bonnie says. And Diane says, "I brought my entire family here [to a nearby forest preserve campout] so we could be one with God and with all those who came here and to be one with nature, even with this rainy nature in all its beauty."

Read more at your EXODUS TREKKER blog about this joy-filled campout and unusual St. James ministry by going to: [http://www.exodustrekkers.blogspot.com](http://www.exodustrekkers.blogspot.com) or to the St. James web site and enter Exodus-Trekkers in the “search” bar and then “blogs”. It will be posted Sunday, Dec. 3.
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—Nov 8th—Nov 17th—Fr. Matt joined 49 faithful pilgrims on a journey through Galilee and Jerusalem. Below is the River Jordan, Mount Tabor, Fr. Matt saying Mass in the Church at the Garden of Gethsemane and at Shepherd's Field.
Advent, 2017

As Advent begins a new liturgical year (Year B), our calendar year draws to a close, cluttered with things to be done and expectations to be met. The absence of light, the onrush of darkness leaves us cold; it is in just such a spirit that Advent breaks through. It is in the liturgies of Advent that God offers us a place of stillness in the quiet of winter, a place to prepare for the Lord’s coming, as Emmanuel-God with us.

Our Advent liturgies are filled with beautiful scripture passages of promise and fulfillment and prayers that call out to us with hope. Isaiah provides us powerful images that stir our senses and call for radical change: change in both our world and in our hearts. The Gospel of Mark urges us to prepare, to be watchful, to follow the lead of John the Baptist, to straighten our paths, and to become disciples. The focus of Advent is certainly a recalling of the past, but more importantly, the focus is on the future, when all will be accomplished. This is clearly seen in the words of the Advent prophets.

The season of Advent affords us the opportunities to find God deep within us, always and everywhere in our midst. Through Advent prayers, environment, song and gesture, we are offered in our liturgies a place of waiting stillness, a centering point, assurance in these uncertain times. Let our parish family join together this Advent in joyful hope to prepare for the coming of the Lord in our hearts and in our homes!

Advent Sunday Scripture Readings

1st Sunday—December 3rd
1st-Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7; Ps: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 2nd-1 Cor 1:3-9; Gospel-Mark 13:33-37

2nd Sunday—December 10th
1st-Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Ps: 85:9-14; 2nd-2 Pt 3:8-14; Gospel-Mark 1:1-8

3rd Sunday—December 17th
1st-Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11; Ps: Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 2nd-1 Thes 5:16-24; Gospel-Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

4th Sunday—December 24th
1st-2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps: 89:2-5,27,29; 2nd-Romans 16:25-27; Gospel-Lk 1:26-38

Advent Environment

Inside the church and parish center, it’s peaceful and quiet and not quite Christmas...yet. You’ll see the season’s blue-violet liturgical color in the vestments and banners with hints of gray (the natural world) and rose (for hope). No red bows...yet. You’ll see posters in the gathering space proclaiming each Advent week’s focus—Peace, Hope, Love and Joy—and in the church banners that anticipate not only Christ’s coming birth but His death and resurrection as well. No gold stars...yet. You’ll see the Advent wreath up front being lit at the beginning of each mass in each space, but twinkling lights? Not yet. You’ll notice evergreen wreaths, plants and trees start to appear but no wrapped presents underneath...no, not yet. During the four weeks of Advent, it’s peaceful and quiet inside...and not quite Christmas.

Advent Music

During the Time of Advent we are in a state of wonderment and mystery as we await the coming of the Christ Child.

The liturgical music reflects a sense of that mystery with a restrained joy. Our music is with a sense of watching, waiting, and anticipation. Our souls in stillness are waiting for Emmanuel, God with Us, to come and share in the hope of his love and his pure light. May the Savior of the nations come and show us the glory of his Son this Advent Season!
Advent, 2017
Liturical Events and Information

- **Immaculate Conception**—(A Holy Day of Obligation) **Friday, December 8th**
  Masses at 6:30am, 7:30am, 9:00am (St. James School Mass), 12:00 Noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm. All Masses will be in the Church.

- **Rosary**—The Children’s Rosary Group will meet in the Church at 4:00pm in the Chapel each Monday of the month.

- **12:00 Noon Mass**—During Advent, we will offer a 12:00 Noon weekday Mass, Monday-Friday, in the Church.

- **Thursday Adoration**—There is **all-day Adoration** each Thursday in the Church. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will take place at 3pm and Adoration will continue until the 7pm Holy Hour. (Silent Adoration from 12:30-7pm; Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm; Holy Hour at 7pm) **(Morning Adoration will still take place on Advent Thursdays.)**

- **Thursday Holy Hour**—Takes place at 7:00pm in the Church, with Exposition, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction. Neither morning nor evening Adoration will take place on Nov. 23rd (Thanksgiving), or on December 8th (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)

- **Advent Multi-Parish Reconciliation Services**—Four local parishes will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on four consecutive days during the month of December. Each service will contain the same components, and you are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any of the parishes listed:
  * Monday, Dec. 18—Our Lady of the Wayside—7:30pm
  * Tuesday, Dec. 19—St. Edna—3:00pm
  * Tuesday, Dec. 19—St. Mary (Buffalo Grove) - 7:30pm
  * Wednesday, Dec. 20—St. James (Church) - 7:30pm
  * Thursday, Dec. 21—St. Colette (Rolling Meadows -Spanish service) - 7:30pm

- **Advent Lessons and Carols**—December 10th—2:00pm in the Church
- **Advent Taizé Prayer**—December 22nd—7:00pm in the Church

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**Christmas Mercy Boxes**

If you would like to participate in the **Mercy Box outreach** this year, empty boxes will be available after Masses on the weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd**. A food list will be provided, in the box. It will not be necessary to wrap the box.

**Filled boxes** are due back on **Sunday, December 17th ONLY**, from 7am until 1pm in the Old Grade School parking lot, and will be transported to Chicago on December 18th. The boxes will be delivered directly to city parishes in need.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please see the **St. James website, www.stjamesah.org** for the link to the signup genius.

*Thank you for your generosity!*  

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**Catholic Charities “Celebration of Giving” Toy Donations**

Through your generous donation of toys and gifts, Catholic Charities “Celebration of Giving” program gives you and your family a wonderful opportunity to make Christmas wishes come true and brighten the holidays for needy families.

Donate toys online by going to our Amazon wish list [http://amzn.to/2xwufoO](http://amzn.to/2xwufoO). Order from the list and the toys will ship directly to our Workshop. Please visit our St James website for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Toys and Gifts should be delivered DIRECTLY to Catholic Charities at 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines, IL 847-376-2100
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 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.

Psalm Response

Sung Psalm Refrain:
Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we
shall be saved.

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;
he 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.

Advent Gospel Acclamation

Advent/Christmas Gospel Acclamation

David Haas

Verses 1-4


Verses 5-7

1. You are the joy of ev’ry human heart, Lord Je-sus, come!
2. You are Lord, our justice and our mercy.
   Show us how to live:
3. Eternal light, and sun of justice,
   shine in all our darkness:
4. Emmanuel, the joy of all nations,
   come to us and save us:
5. Born today, our justice and our mercy, Lord, Je-sus Christ!
6. You are light that shines in the darkness,
   star to guide the nations:
7. You are born of water and the Spirit,
   fountain of our dreams:

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Order of Worship

Memorial Acclamation

When We Eat This Bread

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading -- We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalms -- Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading -- God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel -- Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Gathering Hymn

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to main, open to us the pathway of your rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimages, we ever seek, yet unfilled remains, Creator of the mountains and the peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us, let every heart be opened to the heavens, Lord of the stars, and present to us now.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the

Text: Psalm 95 and “O” Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Communion Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jesse’s stem,
5. O come, O Key of David, come,
And ransom captive Israel,
Who orders all things mightily;
Who to your tribes on Sinai’s height
From every foe deliver them
And open wide our heav’nly home;
That mourns in lonely exile here
To us the path of knowledge shew,
In ancient times once gave the law,
That trust your mighty power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high,

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.

Text: Veni, veni Emmanuel; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937
JUST COOKIES - St James Women’s Club

Saint James Women’s Club will be selling cookies the weekend of December 9th and 10th after Mass in the Parish Center. There will be no sales after Masses held in the Church, so if you want to fill up with some delicious homemade goods, please check the mass schedules for the Parish Center. Why not skip breakfast or dinner and fill up on lots of yummy cookies, or you can store them away and save them for Santa. We’ll only be selling cookies; no muffins, no bars, no candy… JUST COOKIES! You won’t want to miss it! Funds will be used for Women’s Club so that we may continue to give to our parish, community and people in need.
Christmas REMEMBRANCES

The Environment & Art Ministry invites you to create a tangible remembrance of your departed family members and friends by helping to fund the Christmas décor in the Church and Parish Center. In addition to providing for flowers and candles and lights, the names of those being remembered will also be published in the December 31st weekend Bulletin.

To create a Christmas Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it by December 11th to the Parish Office. A donation of $25 per Remembrance is suggested. Checks should be made payable to St. James Church and either mailed to the Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004; or deposited in the collection basket at mass in an envelope marked “Christmas Remembrance.”

We thank you for your kind generosity and wish you a blessed Christmas.
The Environment & Art Ministry

Christmas 2017 REMEMBRANCE

In Memory of:
(Please print)

Remembered by:
(Please print)

Celebrate Christmas at St. James, have Milk and Cookies with Santa Saturday, December 9th 3:00-5:00 pm • $5 per child
St. James School Cafeteria • Crafts geared toward ages 2-6

Please join us after your visit for 5:00 mass in the Parish Center. Please register by December 4th!

Name: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Address: _________________________
Phone: __________________________
Child Name _______________________ Age: _____
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• Return the form to the Parish Office
c/o Cookies with Santa by December 4th. 820 N. Arlington Heights Road
  Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5699

• Make checks payable to St. James

• For questions, please email lisachengary@yahoo.com
Community Groups and Events

St. James Parish Groups

Annullment 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. carolcserrianderson@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
Lunches 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

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


Special Events
Young Adult Ministry—Northwest is gathering young adults in their 20s and 30s for the following upcoming events. Come out and join us for a great time and meet other young adults in the area!

Christmas Pot Luck Party
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Saturday, December 9, 7:00 pm
St. Hubert Church, Hoffman Estates

Winter Wine Speaker Series
January 17, 24, 31, February 7
Locations and Speaker info will follow. For more info or to RSVP, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/yamnw/ or email us at yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception Feast Day Invitation
Please join the Spiritual Care Services department and the Alexian Brothers for an engaging evening, “Two Hours with Mary,” on Friday, December 8 in honor of the Feast of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Music and reflection on the Blessed Mother starts at 4:00 p.m. in the AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center chapel. We will conclude with the Divine Office and Mass. Light refreshments will be served immediately following at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!
Please pray for our sick...
Amalia Palacios

In Loving Memory

Charles Waters...husband of Catherine; brother of Dolores & Charlene; grandfather to Mary, Michael, Bonnie and others; Uncle to many.

Joan A. Trama….mother of Thomas (Janet) Southall; grandmother of Thomas and Christine Southall

Michael Robbins….brother of Stephen (Donna) Robbins and Robert (Jayne Ann) Robbins; Uncle of Chris, Matthew, Meredith, Bob and Jill; he is also survived his dear friend Mary Wacker and by his mother and her husband. Michael is preceded in death by his wife Annette (nee Martin) Robbins and by his father.

Baptisms

Nora Marie Wallace, child of Josh & Megan (Wronsks) Wallace
Lydia Shelby Grob, child of Robert Grob & Allison Donlon
Mae Theresa Langlais, child of Andrew & Tracy (Griffin) Langlais
John James Malloy, child of Sean & Heather (Johnson ) Malloy
Rosemary Grace Jensen, child of Cory & Caroline (Knorr) Jensen
Lucas Michael Patricoski, child of Adam & Elizabeth (Stefanowski) Patricoski

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 3
Dana Mangi, Dorothy Firnbach, Mary Sachetti, Rose Mary Dickinson, John Patrick O’Hara

Monday, December 4
Herman Boyd, Mary Sachetti (1st Anniv.), Joseph Mariano, Stella Favia

Tuesday, December 5
Jeanne Weiler (1st Anniv.), James R. Enright, Virginia Robinett, Dana Mangi, Nicholas Macik, Patricia Cooper, James Popp (1st Anniv.)

Wednesday, December 6
Annie Owens, Steve Roush, Mary Egan

Thursday, December 7
Pamela Quade, Patrick Clarke, Ann J. Klumpp

Friday, December 8
Margaret McNamara, James J. Stelmack (13th Anniv.)

Saturday, December 9
Deceased members of St. James Parish

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 10
Dr. & Mrs. Walter Powers, Mary Hansen, Lucy McGrath, Gloria Erickson (1st Anniv.), Barbara McNown, Nellie & Dan Madden, Jim Madden, Anthony Lundy, Margaret McNamara

Weekly Intentions

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Sandy Enright in loving memory of her husband, James R. Enright on the 31st anniversary of his death.

Stewardship

November 19, 2017

Weekend Masses - 551 Envelopes $31,380.65
GiveCentral - 19 Online Donations $850.00
November 19, 2017 Total Collection $32,230.65

November 26th Total Collection $56,310.77

Please note: As the parish transitions from Give Central to Faith Direct, there will only be two weeks per month that we will have online giving.
## Liturgical Ministers

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**St. James Over 50 Social**

The St. James Over 50 Social Group cordially invites you to our **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**.

**Date:** **Wednesday December 13th.**  **Time:** 11:30 AM  
**Location:** Chandlers Chop House, 401 Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194.  
**Cost:** $38 for Rib-eye Steak and $33 for other entrees. Cash bar not included.

Entrees: Rib-eye steak, choice of mashed potatoes, French fries, tater tots, potato pancakes, coleslaw, vegetable of the day. Fresh Canadian Salmon, Lemon caper sauce and fresh herbs with wild rice and vegetable of the day. Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Asiago-cream sauce over linguini pasta. Choice of soup or salad. Rolls, butter, coffee, tea. Must RSVP to Frank and Peg 847 398-2233 by Fri. 12/8.

Please bring check to the Parish Office and mark “Over 50 Christmas Luncheon” in the left corner. We will car pool from the Church parking lot and meet at 10:45am to leave by 11am or you may drive direct. Entertainment by the Rolling Meadows High School “Madrigal Singers”.

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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
Sundays 9:00am—1:00pm

Parish E-mail Address: parishoffice@stjamesah.org
Parish Fax Number: 224-345-7220

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