Our Mission Statement

The St. James family is a welcoming Catholic community sent forth from our celebration of the Eucharist to walk in faith, live in hope, and act in love.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are committed to justice and peace through Prayer, Education, Evangelization, and Stewardship.

We Remember,
We Celebrate,
We Believe
We Welcome....

Matthew Marcheschi, FOCUS Parish Missionary

December 20, 2015

Hello! I hope you have had a blessed Advent as you have prepared your hearts for the birth of Jesus this Christmas. My name is Matt Marcheschi and I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to start working here at St. James as your parish missionary.

I have served as a missionary with FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, since 2004 serving the majority of my time at George Mason University in Virginia, and the most recent years in a regional leadership position overseeing our Midwest campuses. Now, I am eager to help launch a new initiative of bringing the FOCUS model to the parish. FOCUS was founded and fueled by the Church’s call for a “New Evangelization,” which is to re-propose the gospel of Jesus Christ and Church teaching in a language today’s culture can understand. Our goal is to invite men and women into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships, in which they lead others to do the same in the parish. Through Bible studies, one-on-one mentoring and outreach events, FOCUS missionaries aim to embody the love and truth of Christ and the Catholic Church and to send out those with whom they serve to reach others in the parish, in their neighborhood or in the workplace. Now alongside my wife, Christi, we hope to continue our journey together with you, the individuals and families of St. James.

As parish missionaries, our hope is to walk with you in faith, no matter where you might be in your journey or relationship with Christ. When I was in college, Thomas, a missionary with FOCUS reached out to me while I was on campus. He shared with me his life, his joy, and most importantly his relationship with Jesus Christ. He helped shake me out of going through the motions and encouraged me to work towards becoming the man God created me to be. I have come to experience that life with Christ is a great adventure and I hope to continue our journey together with you through mentorship, sharing meals, Bible Studies and outreach events.

Every morning, each one of us steps off our doorstep into mission territory, confident that, from the beginning of time, God willed that we would live in this historical moment. For our salvation and the salvation of the world, He has given us a specific role to play in the New Evangelization.

Pope Paul VI told us, “The Church exists in order to evangelize,” but we have lost sight of our mission. Those who have called for a New Evangelization - including Blessed Paul VI, St. John Paul the Great, Benedict XVI, and now Pope Francis - have exhorted pastors and parishioners: Recover your mission! Spring from maintenance into mission!

While visiting the United States, Pope Francis spoke about St. Katherine Drexel. He recounted a meeting she had with Leo XIII about the needs of the missions, during which the then-Pope asked her: “What about you? What are you going to do?” “Those words changed Katharine’s life, because they reminded her that, in the end, every Christian man and woman, by virtue of baptism, has received a mission,” the Pope said.

So, what about you? What about me and my family? What are we going to do to answer this call with courage and boldness? In the words of St. Catherine of Siena, let’s be who we were meant to be and set this world on fire!

My wife Christi and our three daughters, Gianna (4.5), Gemma (3) & Natalie (1) and I are thrilled to be a part of such a friendly and vibrant community here at St. James and look forward to meeting you!

God Bless you,

Matt Marcheschi
Save the Date!

On Thursday, January 7th, St. James will host a traveling ICON of the HOLY FAMILY.

This traveling Icon will be made available to us by the Knights of Columbus, Holy Rosary Council, # 4483.

The ICON will be available for viewing in the CHURCH on January 7th, during daily Thursday Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm, and during Thursday evening Holy Hour, from 7-8pm, with the Rosary, Exposition, and Benediction.

Rosary Group

Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:

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Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 8:00am-3:00pm every Thursday in the Church. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

Adoration Contacts:

Jo Jozwiak: 847-259-2433
Sue McPherrin—847-506-1618

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.

Children’s Rosary Group

The Children’s Rosary Group will meet in the Church at 4:00pm on the second Monday of each month.

Year of Mercy

For some reading options for this “Year of Mercy”, check out the following site: www.DynamicCatholic.com

Oplatki Christmas Wafers Available at the Parish Office

The Oplatek, or Christmas wafer, is offered right before the Christmas meal, and is usually begun by the oldest member of the family. This member breaks off a small piece of the wafer, and offers it to another family member with a blessing—i.e., good health, happiness, etc. in the year ahead. Each family member receives a piece of the (white) wafer, and a blessing. Oplatki are offered for sale at the Parish Office this year for $4 a package. (Colored (pink) wafers in the package were also traditionally offered to animals or the family’s pets.)

Ministry of Praise

Ministry of Praise

The Ministry of Praise is a spiritual ministry in which members offer their prayers to God to help others in need. There are no dues or meetings.

If you or a loved one is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact parishioner Marilyn Neuman at 224-345-7200 or MinistryofPraise@stjamesah.org
We warmly invite you to join us in prayer this Christmas!

December 24th—Christmas Eve (Carols before each liturgy)

Church:
3:00pm—Mass
5:00pm—Mass
7:00pm—Mass

Parish Center:
3:00pm—Children’s Mass
5:00pm—Children’s Mass
11:00pm—Mass

December 25th—Christmas Day (Carols before each liturgy.)

Church:
8:00am—Mass
10:00am—Mass

Parish Center:
10:00am—Mass
12:00 Noon—Mass

December 31st—New Year’s Eve
Church: 5:00pm—Mass

January 1st, 2016—New Year’s Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the Church

Special Needs Mass

All are invited to attend the SPECIAL NEEDS MASS (Mass of Inclusion) on Sunday, January 10th, at 11:30am in the Parish Center.

Families and individuals with special needs are invited to participate in this Mass. Please contact Anne Rago at 847-204-8323 or arago25@sbcglobal.net for information.
St. James Parish offers **Eucharistic Adoration in the Year of Mercy**  
Every Thursday SJ parishioners, friends and visitors stop by to embrace prayer and silence in the Presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Have you ever thought of making Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament an integral part of your personal spiritual journey? *It will change your life!*

**St. James Church** is open for six (6) **hours of quiet adoration** from 9 am - 3 pm. We seek committed adorers on a weekly or monthly basis to keep watch so that Our Lord is never left unattended. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)

What time (hour) works best for your schedule? **Please print**

**Today's Date:**

Name ______________________________

Email ______________________________

Phone ______________________________

Cell Phone ___________________________

Parish (other than SJ): ________________

Best way and best time to reach you? ________________________________

Adoration is available each Thursday. Your preferred Adoration HOUR, Please check:

______ 9 am – 10 am, ______ 10 am – 11 am, ______ 11- noon,

______ noon – 1 pm, ______ 1 pm – 2 pm, ______ 2 pm – 3 pm

Can you commit only ½ hour per week? Best time? ________________________________

Can you be a substitute adorer? Preferred time? ________________________________

Additional hours you may be able to fill each Thursday? __________________________

Reminder: You are welcome to join for 3 pm **Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. An evening Holy Hour is also available in the Church at 7 pm. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM to: SJ Parish Office or directly to Thursday Adoration leaders:**

Sue McPherrin or Josephine Jozwiak. Email: smcpherrin@yahoo.com or call: Jo Jozwiak, (847) 259-2433. Please join the St. James Parish Adoration team!
KINDERGARTEN

Educating the Whole Child

Your child is away from you many hours each day. You want a school that embraces the values you instill in your child at home and enriches them academically, spiritually, and emotionally. You want a school that embraces and encourages a partnership with parents. With our faith based approach, academic standards, and welcoming parental involvement, Saint James is the right school.

WE CATER TO OUR FAMILIES’ NEEDS

We offer class options to fit our families’ busy lifestyles. We also offer before and after school care.

Half-day Morning Program: Monday-Friday 8:45am-11:30am

Half-day Morning with Afternoon Extension: Monday-Friday 8:45am-11:30am and M/W/F option to stay until 3:35pm. Flexible per month.

Full-day Program: Monday-Friday 8:45am-3:35pm

Before School Care: For a fee, children may participate in before school care beginning at 7:00am, which is monitored by a teacher.

After School Care: For a fee, children may participate in after school care from dismissal until 6:00pm.

Come and Visit Us!
January 14, 2016 at 7:00pm: PreK and K Parent Information Night
January 31, 2016 from 12:30pm-2:00pm: Open House
February 19, 2016 from 9:00am-10:30am: Kindergarten for a Day

Call for more information: 224.345.7145
www.stjamesschoolaha.org
Lake house Weekend Retreat!

What: Weekend Retreat & Snow tubing trip  
(Does fulfill Confirmation retreat requirement)

When: January 22-24, 2016  
Leave on Friday at 5:30 pm from Parish Center  
Come back Sunday for 11:30 am Mass, families invited to join us!

Where: Linscott Lake House, Ingleside, IL  
Space is limited; 10 guys & 10 girls

Who: For 9th – 12th grade

How to Register: Fill out the Permission slip and turn it in with the registration fee.

Cost: $80 to cover the cost of the retreat, meals and tubing in the snow

Why: a chance to get away from the busyness of life and spend time in prayer, have fun, and encounter God’s great love for you!
During this JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, the Archdiocese of Chicago has prepared weekly reflections, which will be printed in our bulletin.

The JUBILEE, also called HOLY YEAR, opened on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will close on November 20, 2016, with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Our St. James daily Adoration on Thursdays will conclude with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm.

Please join us to pray for mercy and healing in our families and in the world.

You are also invited to join us for our Thursday evening Holy Hour, from 7-8pm each Thursday in the Church.

For additional information on the Year of Mercy, please see the Archdiocese of Chicago’s website, at: www.archchicago.org

(Once you have reached the Archdiocese of Chicago website, go to the home page, and click on Jubilee of Mercy on the bottom left side.)
Come to the quiet.....

“Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place to pray.” Mk 1:35

In our noisy fast paced lives, it is often hard to hear God’s voice!
- Are you longing for a moment to be still and listen?
- Are you yearning to be renewed and grow in faith?
- Are you looking for peace to face daily challenges?

Come join us for a 6 Week Experience of

Catholic Meditation

Mondays: January 11-February 15 from 7-8PM
Or
Tuesdays: January 12-February 16 from 9:15-10:15 AM

Both sessions meet in the chapel.
Please enter and sign in at the parish office door BI.

First class is a free “come and see.”
Remainder of course is $25, checks made payable to St. James

Sessions will be led by parishioner Joy Anderson
who has been leading meditation for 25 years.

To register please contact Joy at 224-315-9507
Stewardship in Action!

The St. James Women’s Club and the St. James Seventh Grade Girl Scouts joined forces to provide lunches for the homeless/Rest. The Women’s Club provided all of the ingredients for the lunches and the Girl Scouts made them.
Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Christmas to you all.

My greeting comes at a time marked by sad and troubling news for our city, our nation and our world. The joyful news of Christmas competes in these days with stories of street violence in our city, of wars, conflicts and acts of terrorism throughout the world including in our own nation.

As people of faith, we must read these “signs of the times.” As we do, so Christmas gives us a proper perspective: the sadness of violence and war does not have the last word. God has come to save us, for we cannot save ourselves. The savior born to us raises us up from darkness and brings us into his own wonderful light.

One of the Christmas readings taken from Paul’s letter to Titus says this:

When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
he saved us... Titus 3:4-5

We hear those words “because of his mercy,” especially as we celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy this year. The challenge for us is not just to believe that God is merciful, but also to believe that God is merciful to us and that God is blessing us with his mercy precisely at this very moment, and in the limited circumstances of our lives and relationships. When we accept that mercy, we will be transformed and become the merciful light of God in a dark and cold world. Then, our own works of mercy will, in turn, bring hope, healing, and renewal, just as God’s mercy has done for us.

May God bless you and your families with his mercy and enable you to be the hands of his mercy in our world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago
St. James Peace & Justice

Did you miss our sale of Just Haiti Coffee and Equal Exchange Chocolate Bars?
There is still time! Support Haitian coffee growers with your purchase!
Email us (address below) with your contact info and we will let you know what is left over for purchase!

Hope Out of Darkness
“I was a stranger and you welcomed me..” (Matthew 25:35)

“We should appeal to the basic sense of fairness that is very much alive in the human spirit,” - Archbishop Cupich

We recall the journey of Mary and Joseph, searching for a place to give birth, being told there was no room. Open our hearts to always have room for the migrant and refugee searching for a place to live in dignity.

**ACTIONS**: Urge Congress to extend support for Syrian Refugees. Visit [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org) for a list of actions to welcome Syrian Refugees.

Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education
3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
Elena Segars (312) 334-5333, esosquera@archchicago.org

V+DEF Ministry Commission presents
**“Just Neighbors”**
A Social Justice and Poverty Program
Of Education and Call to Action

**Dates**: Thursday evenings
**Time**: 7:00—8:45pm

Come to one or both sessions. RSVP due to limited space.

Jan 14  **Does Working Work**
Church of the Holy Spirit
1451 W. Bode Road, Schaumburg

Feb 11  **Housing Matters**
St. Edna Church
2525 N. Arlington Heights Road

RSVP to Sue Geegan at 847.907.3443
Or email sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org

Save the Date!
**Haiti Culture Night**
Friday, Feb 5, 2016
7:00 pm in the Laramie Room

As we continue to build a relationship with the coffee growers of Haiti and the Les Cayes Catholic Diocese Department of Education, we invite you to experience the food, music, art, dance and history of this beautiful country!
Stay tuned for more information!

Interested in helping or attending these and other events? Email us:
peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org
From the Business Office....
FAQ on year end donations:

Q: I have heard that the Parish is thinking of making the Church handicapped accessible. I would like to take advantage of a year end tax break. Can I donate to that Building Fund?
A: Yes. Any money donated to the Building Fund will be earmarked for that campaign and 100% will stay here at St. James. If you are interested in donating to that fund, please make a note on your envelope “Building Fund” or donate online through GiveCentral. Here is a direct link: https://www.givecentral.org/location/270/10409

Q: What about donating stock. Can that be earmarked for the building fund as well?
A: Absolutely. Email or call the business office at 224-345-7212 for instructions and information on donating stock/mutual funds.

Q: What can you tell me about the IRA charitable rollover provision that allows taxpayers who have reached 70½ to distribute up to $100,000 out of their IRA directly to charity (it enables non-itemizers to give more to charity)?
A: Although there is currently no legislation that provides for a 2015 IRA charitable Rollover, you can still request that your IRA administrator transfer funds directly from your account to St. James. While your gift will currently be taxable as a regular withdrawal, it can also count towards all or a portion of your required minimum distribution at age 70 1/2; and you may be eligible to take a federal income tax charitable deduction for your gift. Should Congress reinstate the IRA charitable rollover retroactively for 2015, you will have the choice of which strategy to employ.

St. James Parish accepts online gifts through GiveCentral. You can donate by using your credit/debit card OR checking account, making either one-time or recurring donations.

For those who are already enrolled in GiveCentral, please take a moment to review your contribution settings as well as update your address or credit card expiration date. There is still time to make adjustments/corrections before the end of the tax year. For issues with your GiveCentral login, or for any other assistance, please contact the business office at 224.345.7211 or 7212.

Thank you for your generosity and support!!
Welcome
Newly Registered Parishioners

Timothy & Megan Baker Family
Peter & Rebecca Balyeat Family
Andre & Kelly Benoit Family
Peter & Dawn Buelow Family
Denise Buten nee Benjamin Family
Michael & Melissa Cantal Family
Marlene Dantino Family
Ben & Jody Ernst Family
John & Katie Feeney Family
Brian & Ashley Gallagher Family
Anthony & Jacklyn Gaudio Family
Kathryn Goforth Family
Joseph & Julianne Grable Family
Robert & Jennifer Green Family
James Hager Family
Rebecca Howe Family
Adam & Edyta Jaworecki Family
Joseph & Joanne Johnson Family
Edward & Agata Kaczmarek Family

Nicholas & Phyllis Koclanis Family
Matt & Liz Mc Donnell Family
Marine Medan Family
Joe & Kate Murray Family
George & Shirley Ostendorf Family
Mark & Kathleen Parilla Family
Kent & Jean Pharr Family
Frank & Trudy Piekarz Family
Jim & Teresa Ploetz Family
Carolyn Purdy Family
Katherine Scanlan Family
Robert & Mary Ellen Schmack Family
Jack & Maria Seamans Family
Sharon Spak Family
Paul & Judy Spychalski Family
Barbara Strand Family
Jeffrey & Amy Ziolkowski Family
FAMILY MOVIE

& Pizza Night

Friday, January 22, 2016
Doors open: 7:00pm, Movie time: 7:30pm
St. James Parish Center
$1.00 per person

Concessions for sale:
Pizza, Popcorn, Nachos, Candy and Soda

Bring your sleeping bags, dress comfy
and get ready for some fun!
Bag chairs will be allowed in designated areas.
Respite Care—Gero Solutions
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

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

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.

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 an appointment.

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—Family support group, meets at 7:00pm, the third Wednesday of the month at Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott, Arlington Hts. 847-899-0195

Escorted Transportation
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available for older adults in our community who are in need of rides to medical or dental appointments. It is a non-denominational outreach service to seniors. If you are in need of such assistance, please call Kelly at 847-222-9227. To volunteer to drive and be a part of this outreach team call Kelly at 847-222-9227.

Annulment Support Ministry
Richard Nagengast 847-732-0970

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.

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. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with your treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at cancer.org You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

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

Office for Protection of Children and Youth 312-534-5254

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.

LOSS
Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide is a free, non-denominational program offered by Catholic Charities to support individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. 312-655-7283 or www.catholiccharities.net/loss for info.

SHARE
Job & Networking Ministry
Are you in transition or looking for a better job? At each meeting, we have a speaker on various topics, followed by networking.
Our Lady of the Wayside 434 W. Park St., Arlington Hts.
For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Jim Pekarek at 847-767-7859, or Beth Ann Finis at 312-813-9162

Grief Support Group
The St. James Grief Support Group meets every Tuesday from 7-8:15 pm 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. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message. The next sessions run from January 12th through February 16th.

St. Viator High School Entrance Exam
1213 E. Oakton St. Arlington Hts. Saturday, January 9th, 2016 8am-11:30am
Please bring 2 #2 pencils, a $25 check made out to SVHS and a completed Class of 2020 information Sheet and Records Release Form.
www.saintviator.com 847-392-4050 ext. 256

JANUARY 17, 2016

JOIN US, men, women and families...
March for Life from Federal Plaza downtown Chicago. Bus transportation departs 12:00 noon to & from St. Edna, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., provided by Knights of Columbus
Holy Rosary Council.
Cosponsored by the parishes of the Holy Rosary Council. Details to follow. Questions contact evelyngetty@yahoo.com
## Weekly Intentions

**Please pray for our sick...**  
Julia Jachec, Edna O. Martin

**In Loving Memory**

John Amstad..., father of Adeline (Rick) Bergling and Katherine (Tom) Callard; grandfather of Todd Bergling, Dana (Rob) Plemons, Jason (Kristin) Callard, and Bradley (Erica) Callard; great-grandfather of Graham and Audrey Plemons and Grace and Logan Callard

Raymond Ossman..., husband of Joan; father of Dr. Karen (Ted) Johnson; grandfather of Paige Dunlavy, Margaret and Bryce Johnson

**Baptisms**

Max Estes Ferracane..., son of Paul & Erin (Estes) Ferracane

Charlotte Foster Ferracane..., daughter of Paul & Erin (Estes) Ferracane

Cole Tucker Gallagher..., son of Brian & Ashley (Mueller) Gallagher

Evan Bryant Bartels..., son of Sean & Suzanne (Melecio) Bartels

**Wedding Banns**

January 2, 2016  
Richard Craig & Iwona Boska

January 9, 2016  
Alex Moreno & Jackie Tomaso

**Rose for Life**

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by The Helinski Family in loving memory of their son and brother, Jeffrey, on the 13th anniversary of his death.

## Remembrances

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, Dec. 20**

Dana Mangi, Andrew Firnbach & Family, Irene Lombardi, Bart Ribando (1st Anniv.), Patricia M. Moore (1st Anniv.), Joanne Heinz, David Sutter, Marco & Anna Sblendorio

**Monday, December 21**

Michael McMaster, Janet Ganzier (1st Anniv.), Juan Arias (1st Anniv.), Guylaina Canterrelo, Susan Becker Paige, Ronald Durbin

**Tuesday, December 22**

Leonard L. Waller, Russ and Marie Fitton, Arnold A. Ruiz, Walter Kania, Mary Jane Meyers

**Wednesday, December 23**

Bronius Underys, Howard Anderson, Vanessa Parzatkka

**Thursday, December 24**

Edward L. Gehrke, Dana Mangi, William Destiche, Vincent Mangi, Joanne Mangi, Joanne Destiche, Louis Metzger, Greg Boyes, Dion Terres, Cecelia Olson, Steve, Terry & John McBride, Evelyn Wegryn

**Friday, December 25**

Edward O'Connell, Sharon Lynn Scanlan, Stephen Thomas Patterson, Stephen W. Patterson, Jerry & Jim Rusch, Jack Ackerman, Donald Seiler, Louis Metzger, Kelly Conway, Phyllis Annand, Raymond J. Bieniasz, Virginia T. Bruski, Dana Mangi, Alexander Wrobel, Beverly Wrobel, Edward L. Gehrke, Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr., Richard Lyons, Catherine Lyons, Yolanda Macik, Marion McDermott, Alice Matthews, Lauren Bovis, Frank and Victoria Bosco, Carmela Krogstad, Joseph and Helen Hertvik

**Saturday, December 26**

Tom Schuld, Christina Mahoney, James Warnken, John & Anna Burzynski

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, Dec. 27**

James Warnken, Pauline Warnken Ryan, Mary Ellen Huber, David Sutter

## Stewardship

**December 13, 2015**

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## Our Charity

Thank you for your generosity to our December charity, the Appeal for the Retired Religious.  
Your donations have assisted so many of the retired priests, sisters, and brothers who have played such an important role in our religious formation.  
We are most grateful for your help!
Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of December 27, 2015

Liturgical Ministers

Christmas and New Year have special schedules.
Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist at our Masses on these days.
Altar Servers: Please check your individual schedules for the times you are serving.

Eucharistic Ministers

(B Team)

Saturday evening: Parish Center
5:00 pm  S.Garlick, T.Johnston, M.Meissner, N.Nordin, M.Opon, S.Resch, G.Stec, S.Stec, L.Trezsnelwski, C.Williams, B.Jaffe, J.Cruz, J.Houlihan, R.Howe
Coordinators: S.Bobowski, R.Cruz, J.Garlick

Sunday: Church
7:00 am  M.Cripe, G.Roller, J.Shrader, J.Shrader
Margaret Lorincz Michaels, Dom Cantal
Sandy Cantal
Coordinator: M.Walsh,Jr.


Sunday: Parish Center
(2 EMs for choir)
Coordinators: D.Burke, B.Minaglia

11:30 am  J.Gedmin, J.Zikut, N.Paulson, M.J.DeShon, E.O.Martin, J.Van Eck
Coordinators: C.Zikut, C.Zikut

Sunday: Church
Coordinator: L.Matz

Liturgical Ministers

Presiders
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  Fr. Joji Thanugundla
Sunday:
7:00 am  Fr. Matt Foley
8:30 am  Fr. Joji Thanugundla
10:00 am  Fr. Matt Foley
11:30 am  Fr. Matt Foley
5:00 pm  Fr. Joji Thanugundla
(A signer will be present at the 5pm Sunday Mass.)

Altar Servers
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  D.Pawlok, C.Kamp, T.Reiss
Sunday:
7:00 am  L.Pittas, B McCarrthy, K.Miletic
8:30 am  T.Haisman, S.Bell, J.Doherty
10:00 am  T.Schafer, A.Chengery, C.Chengary
11:30 am  S.Villasenor, K.Neary, J.Doherty
5:00 pm  A.Bech, A.Bech, B.Bech

Lectors
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  M.Robbins, J.Staley
Sunday:
7:00 am  T.Arens, M.Michals
8:30 am  R.Cerabona, A.Michelini
10:00 am  C.Collener, J.McDermott
11:30 am  A.Meyers, R.Howe
5:00 pm  B.Mangi, C.Jarosz

Scripture Readings

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20

Monday:  
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:  
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:57-79
Friday:  
Vign: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22, 25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-23]
Night: Is 6:1; Ps 96:1-3, 11, 13; Ti 2:11 14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 8, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-6; or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015  FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stay the course

John the Baptist didn’t waste any time getting started on his life’s work of heralding the coming of the Messiah—while still in the womb, he leapt with joy in the presence of his not-yet-born Lord. Some people are blessed to have callings that are given, but not everyone figures theirs out right away. It can take a long, frustrating time, full of false starts and failures. Trust that those experiences are useful in showing those who you are.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (12), “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

FEAST OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Embrace the outsider

To imagine the life of the 16th-century Dutch Jesuit Peter Canisius, who lived during the height of the Reformation, we might look to our present Pope Francis. Like Francis, Peter lived energetically, but also took to heart the Jesuit pattern of study, reflection, and prayer. For example, the easy way to challenge the thinkers of the Reformation would be to vitii them, but that’s where daily “reflection and prayer” produce effects. While his fellow Catholics might attack Protestants such as John Calvin, Peter—as Francis might—said that with such an approach “we do not cure patients, we make them incurable.” What is your attitude toward outsiders?

TODAY’S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (127), “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Keep your eyes on the prize

At this moment, we may well be concerned with last-minute shopping and counting the gifts to be given to family and friends. It is so easy and tempting to get distracted, yet in faith we are called to the corporal works of mercy, such as caring for the poor and lowly and feeding the hungry. In this Year of Mercy, generosity born of mercy for all of God’s children should help us reset priorities and make good decisions as we edge nearer to this feast of Incarnation. Our joy then on Christmas Day will bear witness to our belief that “it is in giving that we receive.”

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

FEAST OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

A man for this season

It seems a little unfair to John Kanty to give him a memorial two days before Christmas. It would be like a child whose birthday is so close to Christmas there might be fewer presents! For John, however, a day and season of giving would be a further incentive to give away the shirt on his back, literally, since his money and clothing were at the disposal of the poor of Krakow, Poland. Even his intellectual gifts, which were many, were at the disposal of others. He was a man who knew how to effect what many wish were true: that the Christmas spirit abided year-round.


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Ready or not here God comes

Christmas is near upon us—at last! With the setting of the sun, the celebrations of the Eve begin. Take a moment, in this Year of Mercy, to remember that God became one with us to show us how to live and to love. Advertising budgets to the contrary, Christmas is not about finding the perfect gift, creating the perfect meal, or sharing the festivities with the perfect family, grateful as we are for all good things in our lives. It is also the season to search for and find the merciful presence of Emmanuel (literally, God-with-us).

Take a deep breath and spend a moment in quiet prayer asking for patience and peace in the days to come.

TODAY’S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (200), “All this is the work of the kindness of God … to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Be a bearer of Good News

The word Christmas comes from the Old English words “Christes moesse,” meaning the “mass or festival of Christ.” Christmas is not only a time to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus Christ. It is also a wonderful time to consider the ways that we can continue to be bearers of Christ in the world today. How might you do this through your everyday words and actions? In the coming year, how might you proclaim the Good News of great joy in our world?


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

FEAST OF STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Profiles in courage

Who’s on your personal roster of heroes? Most of us are quick to catalogue figures from the history books: pioneers, leaders, entrepreneurs. Perhaps a few martyrs like Saint Stephen, or Oscar Romero, or truth tellers like Nelson Mandela or Cesar Chavez, or often our mothers and fathers. Past heroes aren’t enough, however; we too must be counted among the brave. On this second day of Christmas, give the gift of a courageous example, especially to the young, the weak, and those who lack the consolation of faith.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 (699), “As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’”
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Sunday Morning      7am  Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning      8:30am  Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning     10am  Parish Center (Contemporary Choir
and Children’s Liturgy of the Word)
Sunday Morning     11:30am  Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening      5:00pm    Church (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
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