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2014

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
– Luke 1:38

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An Advent Reflection...

4th Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2014

How many times in our lives have we received a request to do something of which we were unsure? How many times has it been difficult for us to consider doing what was being asked of us? There might have been elements of anxiety, confusion, fear, or perhaps moments of questioning why this particular request was being asked of us at this time.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us try to imagine how Mary might have felt when God’s Angel appeared at her home in the small village of Nazareth, with this message: “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” Scripture tells us that Mary “was greatly troubled by what was said, and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.”

This was not a simple phone call asking her to be on a committee, to take on a specific job, or to assist with a special project. This was God’s messenger, and the Angel’s message and God’s request were life-changing for Mary! She was being asked to be responsible for bearing and nurturing a child—one who “will be called Son of the Most High”, and “of whose kingdom there would be no end.” This child would be the Son of God, the Savior, the Redeemer of our world. Receiving a message and a request like this one would cause anyone to stop and consider what to think or do next, and certainly, how to answer.

But Mary, in love and faith, offered the following response: “…..I am the hand-maid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Mary’s “Yes” and her faithfulness throughout her life is a wonderful example to us of what it means to trust. Our own lives might at times lead us down difficult paths. We might be asked to take on a task or responsibility that might not make sense, one that might be uncomfortable at the time or that might mean altering our own lives for the sake of others. During all of these times, there is only one thing we need to know: God is always with us!

As we end this season of Advent, and wait in hope for the coming of the newborn Savior at Christmas, let us always respond faithfully, fearlessly, and joyfully to the Lord’s call, for we truly know that “nothing will be impossible for God.”

We invite you to join our parish community in worship during this coming Christmas season. A schedule of our Mass times is listed on the facing page. Whether you are a St. James parishioner, are visiting family for the holidays, or have been away from the Church for some time… you are most welcome to pray with us!
St. James Parish Christmas Mass Schedule—2014-15

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
12:00am—Midnight Mass

December 25th—Christmas Day (carols before each liturgy)
Church:
8:00am—Mass
10:00am—Mass

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

December 31st—Church
5:00pm—Mass

January 1st, 2015—Church (a holy day of obligation)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00am and 10:00am Masses

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Holiday Signup

The Christmas and New Year sign-up books for Masses are in both sacristies. All EM's, whether you are assigned to a team, you are a substitute, or you have not served for some time, are encouraged to sign up for one or more of the holiday Masses as soon as possible. If you are unable to get to one of the books to sign up, you may email Peter Lippert at pglipps@gmail.com with your preference.

Thank you, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mass for those with Special Needs

Feast of the Holy Family, December 28th, 2014

We welcome those with Special Needs and their families to the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 28th in the Parish Center.

Please join us as we worship together during this Christmas season.
Rosary Group
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

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration takes place from 8am to 4pm every Thursday in the Church. Contact: Jo Jozwiak at 847-259-2433.

Baptism Time Change
Effective January 1, 2015, Sunday Baptisms will take place at 12:00 Noon in the Church.

Reminder: Mass Time Change
Our 11:45am Sunday Mass in the Parish Center has changed to 11:30am.

12:00 Noon Mass During Advent
12 Noon Mass in the Church will still be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday, December 22nd & 23rd.

Fr. Matt’s Monday Family Prayer
2nd Monday of each month, at 4pm in the Church, with the Rosary and Adoration. Next Monday Prayer will be January 12th.

Weekly Bible Study (Lectio Divina)
Every Thursday, 7pm—O’Brien Rm.

ALL ARE WELCOME.
Come on any Thursday, even though Bible Study has started.
No classes on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day.

Questions:
Fr. Joji at 224-345-7201.

Ministry of Praise
The Ministry of Praise is a spiritual ministry in which members offer their prayers to God to help others in need. This ministry was developed for the sick and homebound so they might experience a closer relationship with the parish. There are no dues or meetings. If you or a loved one is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Marilyn Neuman at 224-345-7200, or MinistryofPraise@stjamesah.org

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

EUCARISTICADORATION
Thank you St James Parishioners!
Did you know that St. James just celebrated 10 years of Eucharistic Adoration this past September?

We are an important part of the SAINT JOHN PAUL II EUCARISTICADORATION ASSOCIATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO Offering St. James parishioners and those nearby an opportunity to spend time with Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament

Are you being called to be an hourly captain?
Please contact Jo Jozwiak at (847)259-2433 or Zina O’Callaghan at (847)375-6125 to learn more.

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."
- Blessed Mother Teresa

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in the Church at St. James every Thursday following the 7:30 am Mass until 4:00 pm. Starting at 3:00 pm, we recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, and end with Benediction.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: O RADIANT DAWN (O ORIENS)
Darkness before the dawn
O Oriens (O Radiant Dawn) is one of the seven O Antiphons sung or recited at Vespers. In English, it goes: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. On this, the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, fill your heart with anticipation for the coming light of Christ.
TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 (L). “He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22
ADVENT WEEKDAY: O KING OF NATIONS (O REX GENTIUM)
Radical Mary
The Song of Mary, or Magnificat as it is known in Latin, is one of the most ancient Christian hymns, perhaps the earliest Marian hymn. It reflects the strong biblical tradition of justice for the poor and oppressed. It is a song of reversals of power, as all is upended by the true power and glory that is the coming of the Lord. Have your eyes seen the glory? Are you looking in the right places? We pray today: O King of Nations and keystone of the church, come and save those whom you formed from the dust.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
FEAST OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST O GOD-WITH-US (O EMANUEL)
‘Tis a gift to be simple
John Kanty was well known in the city of Kraków for his generosity and compassion toward the poor. He subsisted on what was strictly necessary to sustain his life. He slept little, only on the floor, and ate a spare vegetarian diet. He made one pilgrimage to Jerusalem and four pilgrimages on foot to Rome carrying his luggage on his back. He died in 1473 at the ripe old age of 83. Guess he knew what he was doing with his life. Do you? Maybe John offers some hints. We pray today: O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver; the Expected of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
ADVENT WEEKDAY
Anticipation, anticipation
Perhaps you remember “Anticipation,” Carly Simon’s hit song from 1971, in which she breathlessly awaits the arrival of her date. The song captures the mood of Christmas Eve very well. But unlike a song about a date that might or might not live up to its billing, Christmas Eve always lives up to its promise, because God is faithful in fulfilling promises and God’s promises are forever. As you await the celebration of the birth of the Savior today, what song is in your heart?
TODAY'S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (C). “In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
SOLEMITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Do you hear what I hear?
Imagine yourself a shepherd minding sheep (and your own business) when suddenly a chorus of angels announces, “A child is born to you this day!” It would get your attention! The Incarnation of Christ means a real child in a real world placed in your care in the shape of those in need. Incarnation means “in flesh,” and even if Jesus is no longer a baby and no longer present physically, he is always present in the flesh of every poor, naked, hungry, lonely, rejected person in this world. We’re not shepherds, but the angels are singing to us, too.
TODAY'S READINGS: Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (D); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (E). “He has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
FEAST OF STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
Speaking truth to power
Saint Stephen was both a martyr and a prophet as he challenged his fellow Jews to stop being “stiff-necked” people who, just as their ancestors had done, resist the Holy Spirit. Such courageous witness changes lives. Saul (later Saint Paul) was a young man present at Stephen’s stoning who started off persecuting the followers of Jesus and ended up leading them. Surely Stephen’s courageous witness helped Saul see the light. Who inspires your faith?
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 (F). “As they were stoning Stephen, he called out ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
Treat one another divinely
John the Evangelist is sometimes called “John the Divine” because of the sublimity of his vision of Jesus and God’s love. We see it in majestic phrases from his gospel such as “the Word became flesh,” or “God so loved the world,” or “Love one another.” Yet he also portrays Jesus as a warm, tender human being, weeping at a friend’s death or dancing at a wedding. Like John, you paint pictures of Jesus with your words, but more by how you treat others, how you put flesh on your faith by acts of kindness, forgiveness, and the good cheer we offer at Christmas time and, one hopes, all year round.
TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:14 and 2:8 (G). “Woman, you are set free of your sinfulness.”
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.

Come and Visit Us!
January 15, 2015 at 7:00pm: PreK and K Parent Information Night
January 25, 2015 from 12:30pm-2:00pm: Open House
February 6, 2015 from 9:00am-10:30am: Kindergarten for a Day

Call for more information: 224.345.7145
www.stjamesschoolah.org

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.
You are invited to attend the
Pre-School & Kindergarten Parent Information Night!

January 15, 2015
Saint James School
Resource Center/Library
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd.

7:00pm Check-in
7:15pm – Administration presentations
7:30pm – Teacher presentations

Sitters will be on site, if needed. Please call 224.345.7145 to RSVP.

Please visit www.stjameschoolah.org to learn more about how we are building futures with faith.
Christ Alive in our Marriage Retreat

Saturday, January 10, 2015
Old St. Patrick’s Church, Chicago, IL

This retreat, designed especially for couples in their first five years of marriage, is open to all young adult couples, and offers an opportunity for young couples to reflect on your vocation of marriage and how you are being invited to live out your faith. How is Christ in alive in one another, your journey as a couple, and in the world through your vocation? Spend the day hearing the lived experiences of other young couples, talking with your spouse and other couples, as well as praying and reflecting as a couple. Visit www.charisministries.org for more information and to register!

Charis Ministries is a Jesuit ministry to those in their 20’s and 30’s. A ministry of the Chicago/Detroit Provinces of the Society of Jesus, Charis offers retreats, service, leadership and speaker opportunities that bring the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality to the lives of young adults.

Financial Information - Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Why Are Gifts of Appreciated Assets So Valuable?

What is the best asset a person can give to our Church? From a tax perspective, gifts of securities, real estate, or other assets that have gone up in value are the hands-down winners.

Why? Because donors receive double tax benefit: they can deduct the full fair market value of their appreciate assets—if owned more than one year—and they save again by avoiding all capital gains taxes on their “paper profit.”

Also keep in mind that you can give appreciated securities right now and still keep the right to income from the assets for as long as you live. We get the use of the property only after your death. But you receive an income tax deduction this year for the value of what you have given to us. And you minimize capital gains tax on your paper profit.

Please call Patti Condon in the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development at 312-534-7911; she would be happy to discuss your gift in greater detail.
The 3 loves of my life!

What: Confirmation Retreat
When: January 31, 2015
         From 9 am – 3 pm
Where: St. James Parish Center
       Rooms to be determined depending on size of group

Who: For Confirmation Students in Year 1 & 2
How to Register: Fill out the Permission slip and turn it in with the registration fee.

Cost: $30 to cover the cost of the retreat & food

Why: preparation for your Confirmation and a chance to get away from the busyness of life and spend time in prayer, have fun, and learn about God’s great love for you!

God Loves you greatly!
ST. JAMES PARISH PRESENTS

LEE ROESSLER & BAND

JAN. 6TH
6:30-8PM

JAN. 7TH
4:30-6PM
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ST. JAMES PARISH CENTER 820 N. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS RD.
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL

COME FOR THE MUSIC. TAKE IN THE MESSAGE.
FAMILY MOVIE
& Pizza Night

Friday, January 16, 2015
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.

KIDS, YOU GET TO VOTE FOR THE MOVIE!
Tear off this portion and check which movie you would like to see on the big screen.
Write your name on your ballot to automatically enter a special raffle.

NAME: ____________________________

The Lego Movie  Home Alone  How to Train Your Dragon 2

Drop your vote in the box marked Family Movie Night located at the rear of the church and Parish Center.
You may also give your form to your SJS or RE teacher. The last day to vote is Friday, January 9, 2015.
The Fourth Week of Advent
December 21st—December 24th
Preparing the Way

~Light three purple candles and one pink candle during the fourth week of Advent~

“Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” ~ Luke:1:35

For the past weeks, we have spiritually journeyed with the unaccompanied children. While our Advent journey will soon come to an end with the celebration of Christmas, the journey of the children is far from over as they face nearly unbearable hardships of their travels.

This week’s Gospel portrays Mary as troubled by the announcement of the angel Gabriel. Like Mary, we are troubled. We are troubled by the number of unaccompanied children entering the US, the conditions from which they are fleeing, and by the rejection of some to the children in our own country.

We are called to see the holiness of all children to see every person as created in the image and likeness of God. This is a basic tenant of our faith.

In his remarks on World Refugee Day, Pope Francis said, “We cannot be insensitive to these families or towards our refugee brothers and sisters. We are called to help them, opening ourselves to understanding and hospitality...In their faces is etched the face of Christ!” As we prepare to enter the Christmas season, let us see the face of Christ in all God’s People! Let us always remember our commitment to make straight the paths for these children and all journeying from a distance!

PRAYER: Beloved Jesus, who knew the safety and love of a family, we pray that unaccompanied children may be safely united with their families. May we be brother and sister to all who come from distant lands.

An Advent Prayer
by Sr. Katherine Feely, SND

Emmanuel,
Our world waits in darkness longing for Your light.
In the midst of darkness, enkindle our hope.
As we long for lasting peace in the midst of violence, Be with us.
As we long for families to be reunited, Be with us.
As we long for enemies to be reconciled, Be with us.
As we long for decent jobs and economic security, Be with us.
As we long for love and community, Be with us.
Fulfill the deepest longings of your people and dispel the darkness in our hearts and in our world.
Let your Word ignite the hope the world needs to bring to life Your love and justice.
Amen.

Do your part to make it a GREEN Christmas!

Recycle your wrapping paper
Recycle your Christmas cards
Reduce your Carbon Footprint
by using less lights or plugging them in for shorter times.
(Check out www.carbonfootprint.com)
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.
Wednesdays 7-9pm (Hurley Center)
St. Edna’s Parish 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.
For information about upcoming events, please contact Tom Mannard at: tmannard@aol.com, or leave a message at 847-398-3362.

Grief Support Group
The St. James Grief Support Group meets from 7-8 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.

Grab those work gloves and put on your painting gear!

Join St. James Young Adult Ministry (SJYAM) and post-college young adults as we join Windy City Habitat for Humanity on Saturday Jan. 3, 2015 to build ‘affordable housing’ for residents in the West Pullman neighborhood of Chicago. Interested?? Please email JoAnne Mullen-Muhr at: jmullenmuhr@stjamesah.org to reserve your spot. We are limited to 15 participants. Cost is $20. Two required forms can be obtained on the website under adult faith formation. Forms are due in the parish office by December 27th.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry
Did you know that St. James offers funeral luncheons following the Mass or burial? This gives an opportunity to celebrate your deceased loved one and share refreshments with relatives and friends. For information contact your funeral director or the parish office.

St. James Resource Center
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Our parish Resource Center is located on the Arlington Heights Road side of the parish office building.

It is open Monday-Friday—from 9:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

During this busy Christmas season, stop by to spend a few quiet moments browsing our shelves. A great selection of books is available for immediate access!

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

St. James Resource Center

Photo: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Church opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8,16).—Pope Francis, for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees (9/3/2014)

National Migration Week 2015 will take place January 4-10, 2015 with the theme, “We are One Family Under God”. Mary and Joseph intimately knew the importance of family unity as they traveled to Bethlehem and when they later fled to Egypt with their infant son.

ACTION: This Advent and Christmas, let us remember to pray for all migrants, refugees and especially the unaccompanied children in our country. Journey with the Holy Family through Advent by downloading the advent reflection pamphlet entitled: A Journey of Solidarity with Families: Make Straight the Paths at www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org

Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education
3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
Elma Fagans (312) 574-5233, efagans@archchicago.org
Welcome To All St. James Visitors!

If you would like to register at St. James Parish or know more about the parish, fill in this form and place it in the collection basket. A St. James Ambassador will contact you.

I would like to know more about or register at St. James Parish.

Name

Address

Phone Email
VICARIATE I CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Preparation Sessions begin
Monday February 9, 2015

WHERE: St. Edna Church – Doherty Center
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Hts., 60004

WHO MAY ATTEND: A candidate must:
➢ be 18 years old AND out of high school
➢ have already received the sacraments of
  Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation

PLEASE BRING: 1) A copy of baptismal certificate
2) Registration form below, signed by a priest or
   staff member from the candidate's home parish
3) Registration fee of $45.00
   (Please make checks payable to St. Edna Parish.)

PREPARATION SESSIONS: Mondays at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM,
February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

REHEARSAL (required) & RECONCILIATION: Wednesday April 8th, 7:00 PM,
at Church of the Holy Spirit,
1453 W. Bode Rd., Schaumburg, 60194

CONFIRMATION MASS: Wednesday April 15th, 7:00 PM,
at Church of the Holy Spirit,
1453 W. Bode Rd., Schaumburg, 60194

For additional information, please e-mail Lorie Crepeau at lcrepeau@stedna.org.

REGISTRATION FORM - 2015 ADULT CONFIRMATION

Please Print

Name__________________________________________

Address_______________________________________

City_________________________ Zip______________

Phone_______________________ E-mail________________

Parish Name/Town________________________________

Date of Birth_________________________ Age________

*Priest/Staff Signature from your home parish________________________

Please bring registration form and a copy of your baptismal certificate on the first night.
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 Northwest Community Hospital on the first Monday. 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
Alanon/Alateen 312-346-1475
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. 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 www.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 www.archchicago.org 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.

St. Viator High School Entrance Exam
Saturday, January 10, 2015
8am-11:30am

Please bring two #2 pencils, $25 cash or check (made out to SVHS) and a completed Class of 2019 Information Sheet from: www.saintviator.com

No calculators allowed
Questions? Mr. Jason Kuffel at 847-392-4050 x 256.

Save the Date!
Catholic Charities Hearts for Homeless Families
Saturday, February 28th, 2015
6pm at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling

Encountering the life of Christ through faith, love and service.

The Parish Office Staff wishes you and your family the peace and joy of the Christmas season.
Our Charity

Thank you for your generous contributions toward our Charity for December—The Retirement Fund for Religious.

This fund assists in the care of our retired religious Sisters, Brothers, and religious order Priests, so they may enjoy the dignified care they so richly deserve as they continue to devote their lives to prayer and service.

Thank you for your continued generosity to this very special initiative.

Weekly Intentions

Please pray for our sick...
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Becky Sweeney, Julia Jachec, David Sutter, Jerry Walsh, Bill Glass, Roberta Dolos

In Loving Memory

Virginia Robinett...wife of Raymond; mother of Michael Albanese, Terri Tracey, Mary Donna Albanese, Carol (Steve) Rozday, Patrick (Janet) Albanese, Rosemary (Eric) Shapiro, Diane Vilimek, James (Debbie) Robinett, Susan Robinett, and Carol (Ken) Kuhn; grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of 3

Madalyn Bablo...aunt of three nieces and three nephews; also great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nephews

Wedding Banns
December 27, 2014
Michael Meaden & Caitlin Moran

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 12th anniversary of his death.

Remembrances
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 21
Dana Mangi, Branimir Kucera, Kelly Flanders, Jean Wroblewski (1st Anniv.), Lin Connell, Mary Wydra, Susan Becker Paige, Don Palmeter

Monday, December 22
Leonard L. Waller, Arnold Anthony Ruiz, Walter Kania

Tuesday, December 23
Howard Anderson, Bronius Underys, John Glasstetter

Wednesday, December 24
Edward L. Gehrke, Margaret “Peggy” Taffe, Dana Mangi, William Destiche, Vincent Mangi, Joanne Mangi, Joanne Destiche, Dion Terres, Cecelia Olson, Steven, Terry, and John McBride, Louis Metzger

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26
Christina Mahoney, Ann Laurie, Phyllis Shields

Saturday, December 27
Deceased members of St. James Parish

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 28
José Maria Guzmán, Wil Schwantz (7th Anniv.), Andrew Firnbach Family, Jeffrey Helminski, Sophia Bell, Phyllis Shields, Rita Bedner, Nancy Garich, William Yopchick

Congratulations!

50th Wedding Anniversary
Stanley & Mary Schultz
October 10, 2014

40th Wedding Anniversary
Barbara & Andrzej Bizon
December 25, 2014
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

Altar Servers

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm     C.Jones, M.Fahey, J.Stenger

Sunday:
7:00 am     C.Brennan, C.Durkin, E.Madden
8:30 am     J.Curtin, N.Doherty, J.Doherty
10:00 am    C.Reiss, T.Reiss, C.Chengary
11:30 am    C.Chambers, M.Garland, J.Goolsby
5:00 pm     K.Thorton, A.Hemminger, A.Beck

Lectors

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm     N.McShane, M.Belter

Sunday:
7:00 am     R.Bruett, J.Bruett
8:30 am     E.O’Hare, M.O’Hare
10:00 am    M.Lombardi, K.Konopasek
11:30 am    G.O’Neill, R.Cormier
5:00 pm     P.Farrell, K.Ponce

Scripture Readings

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 21st

Monday:  1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:  Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:  Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Friday:  Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:  1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday:  Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40

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.Trzesniewski, C.Williams, B.Jaffe
Coordinators:  S.Bobowski, R.Cruz, J.Garlick

Sunday: Church
7:00 am     M.Cripe, G.Roller, J.Shrader, J.Shrader
Coordinator:  M.Walsh, Jr.
8:30 am     E.Cahill, P.Cahill, L.Holland, T.Holland, M.Kennedy, V.McQueeney, K.Newgard, K.Parus, M.Philips, B.Scullion, T.Stengren, M.Vanderwiel, L.P. Martin, L.Miossi,
Coordinators:  F.Miossi, D.Varchetto

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


Sunday: Church
Coordinator:   J.Soukup

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Your Liturgy Board is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James. We welcome your evaluation of Mass in the Church and Parish Center and your ideas about things we are doing well or ways we can improve our experience of praying together.

E-mail us at:  stjamesliturgyboard@yahoo.com
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