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The Second Sunday of Advent 2014

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low.
—Isaiah 40:3–4
A Reflection…
from Fr. Gilbert Mashurano, Associate Pastor

December 7, 2014

At St. James, like other Catholic parishes around the globe, our lives always reflect the life of Christ. The mystery of the life of Christ - from birth, to ministry, to transfiguration, to suffering, to death on the cross, and to rising from dead, speaks volumes about our own lives. This also reflects our family lives, too, where there are births, baptisms, attending school, marriages, divorces, separations, re-marriages and death. In this circle, family life goes on. Family always comes together and faces these circumstances.

On November 18th, the Archbishop of Chicago, Blase J. Cupich, clearly addressed in his homily the issue of the young generation walking away from the Catholic faith. He said: “So, too, parents and grandparents wonder if they are going to be the last Catholics in their family, like wise bishops and priests, finding that the Good News is increasingly difficult to proclaim in the midst of great polarization in church and society.”

The Church is a family of faith, and as any family, has various experiences - getting along or not getting along with other members of the family, rebellion, not paying attention, listening or not listening - these can be things happening everyday in our families. If we consider the Church as a family, these things will happen in the Church too. And it is happening now.

Archbishop Cupich challenges all of us by saying “Young people have always been attracted to authenticity of life, where words match deeds”. Here at St. James we take that challenge seriously. Sr. Faustina Ferko has established a different program for our young people. From Reconciliation to Adoration, from Choir participation at 5PM Sunday Mass to Sunday evening games in the gym, from sleeping outside in boxes like homeless people do to a weekend for making new friends – we are offering our young people experiences for service to our parish and community.

Our St. James family is making sure that our young people are inspired in different ways. This is an invitation to all parishioners to participate in these programs in different ways. If we want our young people to keep the Catholic Church alive we have to participate in making this happen.

We all agree that God is inviting us to rise with Him. Let us invite the young people to rise with us to God. That is what we can do as a family to keep the circle alive.

Fr. Gilbert Mashurano

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

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**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.

**Fr. Matt’s Monday Family Prayer**

2nd Monday of each month, at 4pm in the Church, with the Rosary and Adoration. The next Monday Family Prayer time will be December 8th.

**Reminder: Mass Time Change**

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

**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 may 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

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**12:00 Noon Mass During Advent**

This year we will offer a **12:00 Noon Mass** on Advent weekdays (Mon.-Friday) in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

**Immaculate Conception Masses** (December 8th—a holy day of obligation)

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

All Masses are in the CHURCH.

**Simbang Gabi Mass**

Come and join us for the celebration of **SIMBANG GABI** (A Filipino Tradition Advent Mass), on December 19th, 2014, at 6:30pm in the Church. Snacks and coffee will be provided in the Laramie Room after the Mass. If questions, please call 847-630-1647 or 847-420-4223.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

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 Eucharistic Adoration 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 (817)975-9425 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.
**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

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**Advent Tri-Parish Reconciliation**

Three Catholic parishes in Arlington Heights will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on three consecutive evenings during the month of December. Each service will have the same components, and you may attend at any of the three parishes listed below:

**Monday, December 15th—Our Lady of the Wayside**

**Tuesday, December 16th—St. Edna**

**Wednesday, December 17th—St. James (Church)**

All services begin at 7:30pm, and all are welcome.

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The Christmas and New Year sign-up books for Masses are being placed in both sacristies the weekend of December 6th & 7th. All EM’s, whether you are assigned to a team, you are a substitute, or you have not served for some time, you 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.
Inviting ALL 1st through 5th Graders to be a part of the Christmas Eve Children’s Masses!

Wednesday December 24th  3:00 PM & 5:00 PM Mass

1st through 5th graders are invited to have a special role in our children’s masses. We will be asking parents to provide simple costumes for the children. Patterns for these costumes can be found on the Religious Education webpage; simple white dresses for the girls, bathrobes for the boys can also be used for the costume. **We will provide the angel wings.**

There will be two rehearsals offered. Please attend one rehearsal. Please attend the entire rehearsal with your child.

**Sunday, December 14**  
12:45 – 1:45 PM (Parish Center)

**Sunday, December 21**  
12:45 – 1:45 PM (Parish Center)

If your child would like to participate in this St. James’ tradition, complete the online form **no later than Monday, December 8, 2014.** The form can be found on the St. James Religious Education page on St. James website.

Please understand the number of children we need to work with and the short amount of preparation time and help us by following these guidelines. Family participation will be essential for the Mass to be well organized! Your gift of time is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Carrie Conley & Rebecca Linscott
Religious Education Co-Coordinators  Questions?  stjamesRE@stjamesah.org
On November 5, 2014, the Archdiocese of Chicago voluntarily released documents pertaining to allegations against Fr. Peter Bowman and 35 other priests. He was a former Pastor (1978-1995) and Pastor Emeritus (2001-2011) at St. James parish. When Fr. Matt Foley was approached by concerned Voice of the Faithful members regarding their concern about the impact of this news on the Parish, he listened to them and he reached out to the Office of Assistance Ministry.

The Archdiocese Office of Assistance Ministry was first established in 1992 in response to reports of sexual abuse of minors by Archdiocesan clergy. The Office of Assistance Ministry strives to provide outreach and supportive services within a climate of compassion, acceptance, privacy and respect. Over the years, the Office has accompanied many victims-survivors of clerical sexual abuse on their healing journey.

Sadly, according to the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center, “in the United States, an estimated 1 in 7 girls and 1 in 25 boys is sexually abused before turning 18. Abuse occurs in all neighborhoods and communities, regardless of economic class, ethnicity or religion.” It is difficult to acknowledge that any trusted authority figure is capable of sexually abusing a child. However it can feel worse if we don’t believe there is something we can do about it.

So, if you have any reason to believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911. If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected call the Department of Children and Family Services at 1800-25-ABUSE. If you are a victim of childhood sexual abuse by a priest, lay employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Chicago, whether it was recent or years ago, contact the Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review (CAIR) at 312-534-5205. It will receive, review and investigate allegations of sexual abuse of minors.

While it takes tremendous courage to report abuse, it is often more difficult to begin the process of healing, after acknowledging it. It is common for victims-survivors to feel a range of emotions: shock, anger, confusion, betrayal, and hurt. In addition, family members and friends of victims-survivors describe feeling guilty, believing, they “should have known.” While most of us recognize intellectually that there is little that could have been done, our hearts struggle to accept the things we could not change.

In the accompanying article, “Breaking from the Past,” (see next page…) Teresa Green, a victim-survivor of clergy sexual abuse and author shares her own struggles with facing her past abuse, and the healing she experienced once she did.

For additional information, referrals, or assistance:

Office of Assistance Ministry: Contact Tom Tharayil, LCSW, BCD, Director at 312-534-8267 or Ruth Robinson, Assistant Director at 312-534-8256. http://www.archchicago.org/assistance-ministry

Protect and Heal: for those seeking information, help, and support: https://protectandhealchicago.org/

Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center: (312) 492-3700; http://www.chicagocac.org/contact-us/

Chicagoland Voice of the Faithful: Contact Sandra Stilling Seehausen, former member of St. James Parish at 847-462-0016 or Paul Culhane, board member of VOTF.
Breaking With the Past, by Teresa Green

There are many compelling reasons for not disrupting your settled life just to revisit a childhood experience of sexual abuse. Reason not only supported my desire to ignore all of it, but reason was firing on all cylinders to help me resist grief and suffering. I had made a break with my past, and I wanted to keep it that way. Reason was my last line of defense against remembering in psychological Technicolor.

Reason, like my very ample anger, was a source of power, too. After having been overpowering by my abuser to spend years weakened, like a dazed and wounded prey, I held tightly to whatever made me feel powerful. The question was always on my mind: what if danger returned?

This explains why my young adulthood was like psychological resistance training. Every time a memory rustled or a forgotten emotion shuddered, my reason drove it back. The exercise made my faculty of reason grow ever stronger. My mind compartmentalized emotional pain and memories. I accepted, even cultivated, a rift between my public and my hidden self. There I was, unsure why no one seemed to know me when I hardly knew myself. I had become what can hardly be a very unstable thing—that is, an enigma of being. I had become what can hardly be, even if for the sake of reason.

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We are truly innocent of the sexual abuse perpetrated on us as children, but the tragedy of it all doesn’t earn us a pass later in life when difficulties occur. We emerge from abuse with unique compassion and tenacity, but that doesn’t mean our life is easier, and it doesn’t mean we are easy companions for others. Indeed, with tightly locked emotional compartments, we implicitly force those we love to accept the arm’s length at which we hold them. That is, we pass along to them the terrible isolation our abusers taught us far too well long ago.

In time, I hit that turning point in life when I confronted dire limits on my reasoning powers. I had stumbled on the end of my reasonableness. There was just too much loss. I couldn’t make any sense out of it. Friends with similar abuse backgrounds were succumbing to drugs or alcohol or episodic mental illness. I was losing friends to suicide and other loved ones to terminal illnesses.

There were job losses and moves and radical life changes. There were marriages and births and other watersheds. Reason fell short, as reason always will fall short, controlling life. Moreover, the failsafe power of my own intellect was eroding as I faced chronic physical health crises from suppressed stress. There are many tools for recovery. Gradually I used many of them. They came with promises of relief or enlightenment, even freedom. These promises proved somewhat true some of the time. Therapies helped integrate past with present, bridging the rift between whom people know and who I am. Meditative practices took up where medications left off to managing depression or anxiety. Water therapies and acupuncture helped with emotions and physical pain. The list goes on. All these things created a patchwork of support, even comfort. Yet, still, these are tools. Tools work only after we pick them up. They required my choice, again and again, between the darkness of the past and the light I was seeking. They relied on my choice before I could lean on them. And, sometimes, I was too overwhelmed to choose.

The limitations in all my options kept leading me back to the limitation of God. God begins where I leave off, works miracles where I fall short, is strongest where I am weak. God works even when I can do no more than groan in grief. Even as we demur from speaking the truth of abuse, God already knows, al-ready rejects our shame, already surrounds us with power that does not overwhelm or intrude or harm. Accepting this involves doing less, not more; that is, we stop resisting instead of starting anew.

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Coming forward to share my story with my Bishop and our diocesan ministry, then, was simply a matter of resisting less. I became willing to accept what God offers. This choice added opportunities for God to help me through others. Stepping forward turned out to be my real surrender. This surrender was not forced on me by a predator. It did not lead to my being wounded. This surrender was essential, but still had to be my own free choice. It opened me to greater grace. It let me be more the woman who I was created to be. It was the anti-wounding. It has turned out to be the anti-victimhood.

This step forward wasn’t gracious. My first statement to the Assistance Minister in my diocese was accusatory: “Is this window-dressing?” After that, the journey involved false starts, upssets and missed appointments. It was a walk crippled by all the shame that broke like a fever and screamed for me to go back into existential hiding. I learned yet again the fruits of walking through pain. As the fever of reason was breaking, was I feeling awkward, foolish, disoriented and scared. Look at Peter, faced with the impossible. To let Jesus make him part of a miracle, he had to take the first step out of the boat onto water.

So, why pull up the blocks laid in place long ago that bury the darkness and misery? What can be more appealing than having made a break with the past we’ve known?

Certainly changes we enjoy from working recovery tools are freeing, but for me they weren’t enough incentive to sacrifice my reasonable fortress of stony peace. Knowing what I know now, here’s why I’m glad I pulled up those stones and planted a garden of my choosing: In our suffering we gain astounding capacities for feeling, for appreciating, for creativity, for sensing others, for loving. Yet, our wounds restrain these gifts. As we heal psychologically, emotionally and spiritually, we are freer to offer what gifts we have drawn from our suffering to a suffering world. We become more than we could have even imagined before we took one step forward, out of the boat and onto the water.

It’s worth the struggle to face our past abuse, our current limitations, and our divine destinies. That’s not something our reason can comprehend. It’s something our hearts know. My wish for you is that, by stepping forward, you can make, like I have made, a profound break in the chain that can keep us bound to our predators for a lifetime, through their impact on our personalities, our relation-ships, and our freedom to love and live spontaneously. When we claim our identities as children of God we reject the lies predators said and showed us, that we were worthless, disposable and consumable. This is the real break with the past I wish for all survivors of child sexual abuse by clergy or any other trusted authori-ty figure.

Teresa Green is a Victim-Survivor and Author

This article is taken from the Healing, Learning and Growing Newsletter, from the Office of Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
“ALL-CLASS” ALUMNI MASS & SCHOOL TOUR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2014

Remember when St. James School had a student assigned to the job of “bell ringer”?

Remember when students cleaned the teachers’ erasers after school by pounding them on the brick walls of the building?

Kindly RSVP by December 14, by calling the Parish Office at 224-345-7200 and dial extension 8528. Please indicate in your message if you’ll be attending Mass only or joining us for the school tour.

Wow, times have changed!

All SJS Alumni are invited to come and see our new and improved, state of the art campus, where students Pre-K3 through 8th Grade are developing the skills necessary for the 21st century.

Please join us for 5:00 pm. Mass in the Parish Center followed by tours of our newly constructed St. James School. You’ll be sure to enjoy this enlightening evening while reminiscing down memory lane!

Cash donations will be graciously accepted during this event. If you are unable to attend, and would like to make a contribution, please send a check payable to “St. James School” at 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.
St. James Youth Ministry
Junior High Lock-in—November 21-22, 2014
St. James

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 2014 News

What's New:

StjamesRE@stjamesah.org

Kids have been very busy learning all about Saints as we celebrated All Saints Day. Fr. Gilbert has been teaching Adoration & Rosary. We have even been dancing, learning a praise and worship song! 85 children made their First Reconciliation last month. We are looking forward to our first RE Liturgy on Dec. 16th & 17th.

Food Drive

RE families brought in food donations in November for St. Vincent DePaul.

Awesome Volunteer Parents!

Did you know we need 8 adult volunteers every Tuesday and Wednesday? Thank you parents!

Faith is Alive at St. James
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.

Human Concerns

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.

Wed. Dec. 17—Job Ministry Holiday Social Event
For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Tom Mannard, 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 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.
St. James Peace and Justice

Immigration

The Second Week of Advent
December 7th - December 13th
Comforting the Mothers

~Light two purple candles during the second week of Advent~

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.”
~ Isaiah 40:1

During the second week of Advent, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7th) and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12th). The Immaculate Conception teaches us that Mary was free from sin. When we celebrate Mary in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are reminded of her compassionate response toward the marginalized.

Our Lady remains a source of comfort for Latin American mothers whose lives are overwhelmed by hopelessness. Mothers living in developing countries often feel trapped by a system that does not provide basic human rights. They are compelled to send their children on a journey to safety in the US. Family members living in the US agonize as they await the arrival of the children.

Our Lady intimately knows the challenge of protecting a child. On her journey to Bethlehem, she protected her unborn son. Let Mary serve as a source of hope for mothers separated from their children and our model of compassion. Just as Our Lady of Guadalupe is moved with compassion towards the unaccompanied migrant children, let us all also be moved.

PRAYER: Mother Mary, comfort the mothers who fear for the safety of their children. God of Justice, give us the strength of Our Lady as we work toward guaranteeing the safety of the unaccompanied children as we create just laws to protect all families.

Fair Trade Sale
December 13th & 14th, after PC masses
JUST HAITI coffee & EQUAL EXCHANGE chocolate bars
Drink coffee, Grow justice!
Won’t be at St. James to purchase? Email peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org

Why is Haiti so poor?
(Cont’d from Nov 23)

Political Leadership
Haiti has been plagued by political violence for most of its history which has prevented its development.

• 1957 to 1986 Haiti was ruled by the corrupt and oppressive Duvalier family.
• During the Duvalier era, while the country’s lenders turned a blind eye to the corruption within, the Duvaliers incurred 45% of the country’s current external debt.
• 1986 to 1990 Saw a series of coups, revolutions and failed elections.
• 1990 to 2004 Aristide was democratically elected with 67% of the vote, however his policies were a threat to the elite and U.S. economic interests. So he was removed from office by a U.S. backed coup, restored to office 3 years later only to be removed again and sent into exile.

Political rule has been marked by: Power consolidation by the elites, cronyism and corruption, misuse and theft of foreign aid, destruction of domestic businesses, and pervasive human and civil rights abuses.

Interested in joining this committee? Email peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org
Have You Charted Your Family Tree?  
If So, Tell Us What It's Meant To You!

EXODUS TREKKERS wants to hear from St. James parishioners who have created a family tree and how finding some of their family roots has brought joy or inspiration or perhaps family pride into their lives.

Just a few details about how you put it together will also be appreciated (and shared with your fellow parishioners.)

Your comments will be used in a feature article to be posted on the EXODUS TREKKER blog (http://exodustrekkers.blogspot.com/). Please send your comments and any questions to St. James member Bob Schwarz at "rrschwarz7@wowway.com "

Save the Date!  
Pope Francis calls us to a  
Festival of Forgiveness  
February 27th & 28th, 2015

Pope Francis has described his vision of the Church as a field hospital in the middle of a terribly wounded world. The Church herself is populated by wounded and sinful members, but by God’s grace, she still serves as an instrument of healing and forgiving mercy. During Lent 2015, the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago wants to bring the medicine of mercy not only to the Catholic faithful, but to anyone who stands in need of healing and forgiveness.

Across two days (Friday, Feb. 27th & Saturday, Feb. 28th) the Church in Chicago will offer special opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and for prayers of healing. The Catholic faithful, especially those who have been away from the sacraments, are urgently invited to come and share God's mercy. Everyone is invited. In the Archdiocese of Chicago, we will join our Holy Father and local churches throughout the world in their observance of this graced opportunity. Please watch for information after the beginning of the new year.

Thank You!

Stepping Stones thanks the individuals, organizations and businesses who made our October 2014 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Campaign possible. We express gratitude to:

- Fr. Matt for his approvals, feedback, recommendations, suggestions and support
- Fathers Joji and Gilbert for their ongoing encouragement
- Rusty McDermott for her witness concerning her sister’s journey with domestic violence
- Lisa Thomas and Shift Communications for the Stepping Stones palm cards
- Frank Rotundo and Intellisource, Inc. for the 3’X4’ purple ribbons displayed in the Parish Center gathering space and next to the Arlington Heights Road sign
- Alexian Brothers Parish Services’ Domestic Violence Services, Life Span, the Northwest Suburban Alliance on Domestic Violence and WINGS for the materials presented at the resource tables
- The Council of Jewish Women for the Silent Witness silhouettes
- Chris Kushner and St. Vincent de Paul Society members for co-hosting the “after Mass” hospitalities
- The St. James Staff – especially Debbie Bolash, Liz Czajkowski, Tom Walters and Judy Tomasiewicz – for their assistance, collaboration, facility set ups and bulletin series printing
- The Liturgy Writers for the Mass petition
- Current [Angela, Cathy, Grace, Lynn, Mary Jo, Pat, Rusty, Terri] and past Stepping Stones team members [Beth, Frank, George, Kathy] and their families for site arrangements, purple bracelet distribution, hospitality and/or presence at the resource tables
St. James Over 50 Group
Christmas Luncheon and Show
Date: Wednesday, Dec. 10th  Time: 11:30am
Location: Chandler’s Chophouse
401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL  60194
Performance by: Amberleigh Aller
Cost: $35 includes luncheon, show and tip
Main entrees: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Roulade, Parmesan-Crusted Salmon, Garlic Mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, tossed salad; Dessert: Cherry cobbler
Beverage: Alcoholic drink not included, cash bar available.
RSVP: Must reply to Frank and Peg at 847-398-2233 by Sunday, Dec. 7th and take your check, made out to the “St. James Over 50 Group” to the Parish Office marked: “Over 50 Christmas Luncheon” in the left hand corner of the check.

We will carpool from the Church parking lot and meet at 10:45am to leave at 11:00am.

Young Adult Wine and Cheese Evening
Looking for a way to get connected?

Please join us for an informal gathering in the rectory on Dec. 7th immediately following the 5pm Sunday liturgy. All young adults 21 and older are invited. No pressure, no obligations, just a chance to gather with friends and make some new ones! Questions? Contact JoAnne Mullen-Muhr in the parish office at 224-345-7215 or Laura Czopek at laura.czopek@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

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. Keep posted for further details...

Mercy Box Reminder....

Please remember that if you took a Mercy Box it MUST be returned this weekend! Please bring your decorated box to the Old School Cafeteria Door # 5 on Saturday from 4:30-6:30pm and Sunday from 6:30am-1:00pm and 4:30-6:30pm.

Please put money in the separate envelope. Thank you for your gift of love this Christmas!

Christmas Remembrance

Each Christmas the Environment & Art Ministry invites St. James parishioners to assist in creating a tangible remembrance of their family members and/or friends, who have completed their journey here on earth, by helping to fund the Christmas décor in the Church and Parish Center.

To create a Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it with your donation by December 15th to the Parish Office. A donation of $25 per remembrance is suggested. The names of those being remembered will be published in the December 28th bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to St. James Church and mailed to the Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Remembrances may also be put in the weekend collection in an envelope marked “Christmas Remembrance.”

Thank you.
Environment & Art Ministry

In Memory of:
(Please print)

Remembered by:
(Please print)
A Message from Fr. Bill….

Greetings from my little “Pousto on Pine.” I am writing to let you know about a special event here at St. James. On Sunday, December 14th, after the 10am and 11:30am Masses in the Parish Center Gathering space, Church historian Mike Cahill will be offering his book, “Catholic Watershed” for sale and signing. Several years ago, Mike invited me and five other classmates to participate in a project he wanted to do. For several months, we were interviewed by Mike about different phases of our personal journeys. What he came up with is a book on how the Ordination class of 1969 helped to change the Church! Since I have spent almost 25 years of my priesthood here at St. James this parish has a prominent place in the book.

I want to take this opportunity to thank many of you for what you have done for me. Many people here at St. James formed me and helped me to understand what a parish priest should do and be, and for that I am forever grateful. In those early years after Vatican II, many of you were excited and energized to become Church. They were wonderful years, and the remarkable thing is that you have continued to define Church as the people of God here at St. James by your active and dedicated participation. Thank you for all your work and effort. Some of your story is definitely in “Catholic Watershed”, and I hope you enjoy it.

P.S. I bought a copy for Frs. Matt, Gilbert, and Joji—and I am giving it to them for Christmas, so you won’t have to!

- Fr. Bill

St. James Retired Men’s Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th
10:00am
O’Brien Room
(Parish Office Lower Level)

Speaker: Fr. Matt Foley
Topic: “Merry Christmas”

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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, Arl. Hts. 847-899-0195

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.

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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.

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Seniors: Do you have minor home repairs or maintenance work which you cannot do yourself? (This service is free of charge.) Call John Hughes at 847-392-3333 to see if he can help.
## Stewardship

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## Weekly Intentions

**Please pray for our sick...**
- Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Becky Sweeney, Julia Jachec
- Baptisms
  - Morgan Elizabeth Brown...daughter of John & Ami (Ruble) Brown
  - Camila Giselle Delos Santos...daughter of Daniel & Leonarda (Gambino) Delos Santos
  - Jesenia Dianne Santiago...daughter of Cornelio & Cynthia (Schuyler) Santiago
  - Karina Cyndi Santiago...daughter of Cornelio & Cynthia (Schuyler) Santiago
  - Trent Edward Larkowski...son of Keith & Jill (Liszka) Larkowski
  - Robert Jack Rushing...son of Robert & Rene (Martin) Rushing
  - Quinn Katherine McGrath...daughter of Gregory & Anne (McKendry) McGrath
  - Kellen James McGrath...son of Gregory & Anne (McKendry) McGrath
  - Blake Anthony Lutostanski...son of Adam & Katie (Sander) Lutostanski
  - Liam Nathan Senft...son of John & Delora (Harris) Senft
  - Brigid Rose Hebert...daughter of Brian & Meghan (Petersen) Hebert

**In Loving Memory**
- John Kozlowski...
  - father of Rosanne Scanlon; grandfather of Samantha, Jake and Mack
- Gilda M. Reninger...wife of James; mother of Lorianne, Jill, and Nicole (Douglas) Olson; grandmother of Alaina, Kyle, Anthony, Colin, and Alexandra.
- Thomas Warren Wojtowicz...
  - brother of Christine (Bill) Batalden, Alan (Fran) Wojtowicz, Gary Wojtowicz, Pan (Rick) Simantz and Ann (Jerry Sommer

**Wedding Banns**
- December 27, 2014
  - Michael Meaden & Caitlin Moran

**Remembrances**
- **Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 7**
  - Dana Mangi, Luz Latus, Bill Verley, Jim Trausch, Mike Bilski, Katherine Hogan, Dorothy Firnbach, Donald Weiss, John Glassetter, Grace McConnell (1st Anniv.)
- **Monday, December 8**
  - Kathleen Vida (1st Anniv.), Carolinda Shay
- **Tuesday, December 9**
  - Dana Mangi, Richard Foley
- **Wednesday, December 10**
  - Mary Hansen, Ann Laurie, Lucy McGrath
- **Thursday, December 11**
  - Jerry L. Brownbridge
- **Friday, December 12**
  - Meggan McDermott, Irene Kopielski, Janet Marie Gosciniski (6th Anniv.)
- **Saturday, December 13**
  - Angelo Antongiovanni, Angelo Pettenuzzo
- **Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 14**
  - Edward Doherty, Alice Sylvestre, Art Sr. & Jean Massa, John Glasssetter, Dorothy Gleason

**Rose for Life**
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Celeste & Walter Zywiciel in memory of their mother, Jean, on the 26th anniversary of her death.
**Liturgy Ministers** for the Weekend of December 14th, 2014

**Presiders**

Saturday evening:
- 5:00 pm Fr. Gilbert Mashurano

Sunday:
- 7:00 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
- 8:30 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
- 10:00 am Fr. Matt Foley
- 11:30 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
- 5:00 pm Fr. Matt Foley

**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: J.Socher, D.Turney

**Altar Servers**

Saturday evening:
- 5:00 pm N.Bentz, S. Bell, T.Jansen

Sunday:
- 7:00 am L.Wendling, T.McCarthy, B.McCarthy
- 8:30 am M.Martin, E.Martin, L.Pittas
- 10:00 am G.Oskroba, E.Oskroba, K.Bixby
- 11:30 am L.Hahn, E.Ziebka, R.Ziebka
- 5:00 pm Z.Radlicz, X.Radlicz, E.Saquin Jr.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

(B Team)

Sunday: Church
  M. Massa (2 EMs for choir)
  Coordinators: D.Burke, B.Minaglia
- 11:30 am J.Gedmin, M.Goolsby, J.Zitkus, N.Paulson, M.J. DeShon, E.O.Martin
  Coordinators: C.Zitkus, C.Zitkus

Sunday: Parish Center
  Coordinator: J.Soukup or L. Matz

**Lectors**

Saturday evening:
- 5:00 pm J.Staley M.Robbins,

Sunday:
- 7:00 am D.Hacek, R.Bruett
- 8:30 am C.Jarosz, P.Ruddy
- 10:00 am L.Lysak, S.Tipperreiter
- 11:30 am R.Kicki, S.Sykes
- 5:00 pm D.Starr, L.Matz

**Eucharistic Ministers**

(B Team)

Sunday: Church
  Coordinator: J.Soukup or L. Matz

**Scripture Readings**

**Readings for the Week of December 7**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19: Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**How Are We Praying?**

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
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTO THE WILD

The desert is arguably the most prominent landscape of the biblical world—and equally important in a metaphorical sense. Deserts are desolate, formidable places that require physical and mental fortitude for survival—the perfect place to get lost, turn inward, and be tested. But from the wandering of the Israelites to Christ’s temptation by the devil, time spent in the desert is temporary; there’s a return to wholeness made possible by the trials. Everyone finds themselves in a spiritual wilderness at times. Remember that while your stint there is difficult, it’s probably necessary to find your way.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:3-8 (5). “Every valley shall be filled, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rough land shall be made a plain.”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

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Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patron of our nation. A patron takes up the needs of others to plead their cause. Ultimately, our one patron is Christ and none other, but we also have a universe of patrons, the communion of saints. It is a network that binds Christianity with cords of love. We depend upon the motherly care of God and Mary, who clearly knows how to raise a child to be full of love. As a good daughter or son, follow Mary who bids you do as Jesus asks.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (698). “Beloved, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
ADVENT WEEKDAY

God’s in charge of the lost and found

When you feel lost, the hardest thing can be to cry out for help. Sometimes you don’t necessarily realize how off track you are; other times you just don’t want to face that fact. The good news though is that God seeks out those who are lost. God longs to respond, hanging in there every step of the way. When everything else wilts away, God remains and when that happens, you realize that everything you are and all that seemed lost is actually held and grasped by the One who cries out to you constantly with love and mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 41:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182). “Though the grass withers and the flower wilts, the word of our God stands forever.”

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10  
ADVENT WEEKDAY

There is strength in meekness

To be meek is to have and know your own power and to use it wisely and gently in the service of others. In a world that values productivity and pride over all else, being meek can seem like a fool’s task, yet it is a hallmark of Christian living. “Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart,” Jesus declares, “and you will find rest.” This is the true gift of meekness—learning that caring for others is not a weakness but a strength that allows you to find rest in the One who’s really in charge.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 (185). “I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart.”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11  
FEAST OF DAMASCUS I, POPE

Don’t be sheepish about shepherding

Saint Damascus’s fourth-century ministry as bishop and pope was fraught with doctrinal controversy and political intrigue. His friend Saint Jerome encouraged him by stressing the pope’s role in holding the church together with these words: “Though your greatness terrifies me, your kindness attracts me. . . . From the shepherd [I expect] the protection due to the sheep. Away with all that is overweening; let the state of Roman majesty withdraw. My words are spoken to the successor of the fisherman, to the disciple of the cross.” In our own day, Pope Francis heard the call to abandon the trappings of power to be a better servant. What may be holding back your service?

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). “Let the clouds rain down the just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12  
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Roses in December

On December 2, 1881, a Mexican peasant woman, Maria Guadalupe de Calvillo, reported she was visited by the Virgin Mary. Mary appeared to her on the site of the Guadalupe hill, a sacred site for the Aztecs, who had sacrificed many victims to a goddess of the same name. Maria Guadalupe de Calvillo was a peasant girl who never learned to read or write. Nevertheless, her story spread throughout Mexico, and eventually she became the patron saint of the United States.


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13  
FEAST OF LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Her eyes have seen the glory

Saint Lucy is often depicted in art holding a dish with two eyes on it. The startling image draws our full attention, then delivers an important message about Christian life. Lucy viewed her world through the eyes of faith, wanting to give her life to God and to help the poor. For this, she died in the persecutions of the fourth century. According to legend, she lost her eyes to torture, but God restored them. Her sight led to insight, giving meaning and direction to her life and death. Let’s walk with Lucy today, guided by the wisdom of spiritual insight.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (180). “In these days, like a fire there appeared the prophet Elijah.”
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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-Friday  9:00am—8:00pm
Saturdays  9:00am—1:00pm
Sundays   9:00am—1:00pm

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