Palm Burning

St. James second graders and their teachers were present at a recent pre-Lent palm burning in the Prayer Garden. Frs. Gilbert and Derek were on hand to tend the fire and bless the students, as we move toward the 2017 Lenten season.
A Reflection….from Sr. Faustina Ferko, Director of Youth Ministry

February 26, 2017

“The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me. Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.” Isaiah 49: 14-15

I don’t know about you, but even though it is short, this first reading, really strikes a chord with me. There have been times I have felt forsaken and forgotten. This is a very real human condition to feel this way. When I was a small child my mom got very sick and was away from me for about a month. I remember feeling forgotten and alone. Those feelings still come back every once and while and they don’t feel good. It feels horrible to feel forsaken, abandoned and forgotten. I can honestly say that I have said to others in my life and to the Lord “Why have you forsaken me?” similar to the way Jesus cried out on the cross to his Father. Jesus felt abandoned and forgotten, just like I have, and sometimes I forget that important fact.

I heard it once said that in the Agony in the Garden, it wasn’t fear of a horrible death that Jesus dreaded. What caused Him to sweat blood from fear while he was praying was the fact that He would become all “sin” on the cross. Jesus became every sin that had been committed and every sin that would be committed. At that moment His Father in heaven turned away from Him. A love relationship that had never been severed was being severed because of our sin. The utter loss that Jesus must have felt in that moment would most definitely merit His crying out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

When I think about that moment for Jesus and why he would cry out in anguish to his Father, I realize I am not alone in the anguish of feeling abandoned, forsaken or forgotten. The depth of his pain is echoed in our pain when we let ourselves connect with this truth. Jesus knew his Father loved Him deeply, their relationship was more perfect than any other relationship on earth and yet Jesus felt abandoned and forsaken. Jesus knows my pain and sadness when I feel alone and forgotten and even though knowing this doesn’t take those feelings away completely, it does help to know that Jesus knows what it feels like and is with me in it. Jesus is with us in our brokenness and pain.

I also take comfort in the next couple lines of this reading, “Can a mother forget her infant?” That is a very rare occasion when a mother forgets her child; any mother could tell you that. And God is saying even if in the rarest case of a mother forgetting her child, I will NEVER FORGET YOU! Today I needed to hear that and I hope that you heard it too because God is speaking very clearly to us. We are not alone, forgotten or abandoned. God will never forget us!

This past weekend there were over 30 Junior High youth who went without food for 12 hours to raise hunger awareness. They, like Jesus, entered into another’s pain and suffering! I want to draw attention to how inspiring these young people are and how we can learn from them in their willingness to suffer alongside the hungry. Way to go, Junior High!

- Sister Faustina

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

Scout Mass

The 5pm Saturday Mass in the Parish Center on February 25th will be the annual Scout Mass. Scouts and their families will be present, and scouts will act as greeters, readers, and will bring up the gifts at this Mass. Some family members will assist as Eucharistic Ministers.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

March 1, 2017

6:30am—Mass/Ashes
7:30am—Mass/Ashes
12:00 Noon—Mass/Ashes
7:00pm—Mass/Ashes
(All Masses are in the Church.)

Ashes will also be distributed in the Chapel, on the west side, from 4:00-7:00pm.

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

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration offered ALL DAY -- 8 am - 8 pm in the Church. All are invited throughout the day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows 7:30 am Mass. Join in a Holy Hour for Life: 8 am - 9 am. Silent Adoration: 9 am - 7 pm. We seek two scheduled adorers per hour. Can you schedule a quiet "retreat" with Our Lord? Please call Sue or Jim McPherrin at 847-506-1618

Children’s Rosary Group

The Children’s Rosary Group will meet WEEKLY, each Monday, at 3:45pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend!

Holy Hour

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

A Mass with Healing Prayers
Saturday, March 11th, 8:30am Mass in the Church
with Reverend Ubald Rugirangoga

All are welcome as Father Ubald celebrates a special Mass with Healing Prayers at St. James Church. We will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession through the Sanctuary. Thousands have gathered to pray with Father Ubald at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help near Green Bay, Wisconsin, and we are honored to have him bring his ministry of healing, forgiveness and reconciliation to St. James. Come pray with us!

Father Ubald has been a Roman Catholic priest for 25 years in the Cyangugu Diocese of southeastern Rwanda and is a survivor of the 1994 genocide. Introduced to the US by Immaculée Ilibagiza, fellow genocide survivor and author of “Left to Tell,” he has since brought the power of forgiveness and the love of the living Christ into the lives of countless individuals who have been healed physically, emotionally and spiritually. Please share this with your family, friends and neighbors. To learn more about Father Ubald’s ministry and other scheduled events, go to www.frubald.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10th
7:00-9:00PM
[ PARISH CENTER ]

Join us at ENCOUNTER for a casual evening with drinks, snacks, and a speaker. ENCOUNTER is a monthly event for young adults (21-45), single & married.

We will hear from Dave & Sandra Chaplin as they share their faith journeys and how they live their lives now rooted in their Catholic faith through the ups and downs.

“Fumbling Toward Holiness”

FREE babysitting is available!

Please RSVP to mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org with number of adults and children (with ages) especially if you plan to use babysitting. Thank you!
This Lent, join us at our
EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP

WHAT: A series of teachings on Prayer, Evangelization, and the Importance of Small Groups

WHO: All ministry leaders past and present (Catechists, SSJ teachers, CFM, SCCs & other small group leaders, ALPHA, CRHP, Pre-Cono, FOCUS, Liturgy, etc)

WHERE: St. James Resource Room (School Library)

WHY: The purpose of the evenings is to strengthen your ministry! To form a disciple one must first be a disciple. Therefore, each night will focus on strengthening your relationship with God and give you the tools to more effectively share your passion for God with others. JESUS’ mission is OUR mission... “Go, and make disciples...” (Mt 28:19)

4-week Series: Thursdays March 9, 16, 23 & April 6
7:00-9:00pm

What Do Couples Say Who Have Experienced Marriage Encounter?

"We have fallen in love again and feel closer than ever before." says one husband.

"I gained a greater realization of how precious our relationship is... deeper assurance of my husband’s love for me... and deeper appreciation for what a good man he is...”

Important Details: Location: St. James School, Hours: Saturday 8-9:00, Sunday 8-4:00, Cost: $75 (includes all food and materials) No overnight! To find out more and to register go to www.stjamesah.org/marriage-encounter-2017.

Registration deadline is April 12th! Space is limited.
St. James Divorce Ministry Offers *Divorce Care*

St. James Divorce Ministry will offer the Divorce Care program beginning in January. Divorce Care is a ten-session journey aimed to provide education, support and healing. This free video seminar presented over multiple sessions meets on most 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Attend one or all sessions. Our ministry is geared toward supporting those who are separated/divorced/annulled to provide healing and renewal.

The next meeting will be:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Session 5—**meeting begins at 7pm**

**Topic:** “Facing My Loneliness”

**Meeting Location:**

O’Brien Room—St. James Parish Office
820 N. Arlington Heights Road,
Arl. Hts.
Contact: Deacon Jim Bannon
847-577-6328

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**St. James Youth Ministry is hosting 2 Lenten Soup suppers to help raise money for Catholic Heart Work Camp and Back of the tracks/St. Malachy Mission trips. Please join us in the Laramie Room (Church Basement) the first 2 Fridays in Lent for our delicious all you can eat Soup Suppers. Each year we offer 5 meatless soups and Fausto’s bakery donates delicious bread! Donate what you can and get a great Lenten meal. Bring the family!**

March 3, from 6pm - 7:15 pm

March 10, from 6 pm – 7:15 pm

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**Knights of Columbus**

In service to one, in service to all

**Friday Lenten Fish Fries**

Every Friday during Lent except Good Friday.
Time: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Fundraiser to Support the Special Olympics and our Parish Youth Ministries at Our Lady of the Wayside, St James, St Edna and St Colette. St. James Youth will be volunteering on Friday March 3rd. Come out and support our Youth.**

Adults: $10.00
Children under 12: $5.00
Children under 5: Free

Fish Dinner includes coleslaw, tater tots and corn bread. Cash Bar Available

Auxiliary Ladies: Please bring baked treats to our Fish Fry nights (Fridays March 3 - April 7). Let’s make our Auxiliaries 50th year get off to a great start!

Location: KC Hall 15 N. Hickory Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL
A Toast To

Ladies Night Out

Friday, March 3, 2017

Please join us for a fabulous evening of Bingo, Baskets & Bubbly

St. James Parish Center

 Doors open at 6:30 PM - Bingo starts at 8 PM

$20 per person

Cash bar - BYO dinner and dessert

Rsvp by February 24, 2017

For more information, please email LNOstjames@gmail.com or visit www.stjamesah.org; click on get involved, upcoming events

This is a 21 and over event

Brought to you by the St. James Parents' Club

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Please submit form with full payment

Table Captain __________________________ Email __________________________

Please list the full names of people at your table *If you do not have a full table, we will combine groups

1. __________________________ 6. __________________________
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4. __________________________ 9. __________________________
5. __________________________ 10. __________________________

Please return form and check payable to St. James Parents' Club to: St. James School c/o LNO 820 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004
Lent at St. James, 2017

RCIA
Our Catechumens and Candidates
During this Lenten season, we invite you to support and journey with the following men and women who have freely and consciously chosen to seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts:

Catechumens
Tammy Fama
Aiden Moran
Amber Thurwanger

Candidates
Adam Hickman
Carol Nugent
Joe Ringwood
Jim Willis

Completing Sacraments at the Easter Vigil
Miriam Naponelli
Sarah Rodriguez

Lenten Reflection Books
St. James will offer “Rediscover Jesus”, by Matthew Kelly, to our parish this Lent. The name of one of our Catechumens or Candidates will be inside each book, and you are invited to pray for him or her during this Lenten season.

Letters of Support and Prayer
You are invited to write a letter of encouragement to each of our Elect, to be given to them on Holy Saturday morning, before they take part in the Easter Vigil. Please place the letter in an envelope with their name, and bring it to the Parish Office by Palm Sunday, April 9th. When turning them in, please ask that letters be placed in the RCIA mailbox.

Lenten Opportunities for Reconciliation
We will offer Multi-Parish Reconciliation during Lent on four consecutive days during the month of April.
Each service contains the same components, and you may attend any of the five parishes listed below:

Monday, April 3—Our Lady of the Wayside—7:30 pm
Tuesday—April 4—St. Edna—3:00 pm
Tuesday—April 4—St. Mary,
Buffalo Grove—7:30 pm
Wednesday—April 5—St. James
7:30 pm (In the Church)
Thursday—April 6—St. Colette
7:30 pm—Spanish service

During Lent... St. James will offer Confessions on Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Chapel (on the west side of Arlington Heights Road).

Lenten Requiem
Prepared by St. James Music Ministry, in honor of those who have died. Requiem will take place at 7:30 pm in the Church, on Thursday, March 23rd.

Our Lenten Outreach
St. Vincent de Paul Food Box Collection for Catholic Charities
Boxes will be available after Masses on the weekend of March 4th and 5th. Please watch the website and bulletin for information about pickup and drop off of these boxes, and ways you might offer your help to volunteers.
Boxes are due back on the weekend of March 18th and 19th.
St. James Lenten Information

Fast and Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

(Archdiocese of Chicago, 2017)

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Liturgical Music and Environment During Lent

Our Lenten Liturgical Music

Lenten Music – The Power of Silence

During our Lenten Season we are to ask Jesus to “Create in us a clean heart” as it says in Psalm 51. With our cooperation, God is able to cleanse us of our sins through the power of prayer and reconciliation. Our sung prayers during Lent reflect the solemn nature of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert. The hymns of Lent speak to us of returning to God and asking for forgiveness and for mercy. This is also a time for quiet reflection to center ourselves within the understanding and endless love of our Father. Silence heightens the music that is already present within the Mass. These moments of silence during the Mass allow for God to speak to us, to heal our wounds and change our hearts in preparation for Triduum. Let us pray that this Lenten Season allows us to calm our minds and center ourselves within the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lenten Environment

As we move into Lent and the focus shifts to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the environment shifts too. The liturgical colors change to penitential purple (red-violet) for vestments, altar and ambo coverings, and banners.

The Paschal candle, representing the Light of the World, is removed (a new one for the year will be lit at the Easter Vigil) although the baptismal fonts and holy water stoups remain where they are and filled with holy water.

On the north wall of the Gathering Space, the Stations of the Cross are displayed. The large standing cross, normally set on the altar platform each weekend in the Parish Center, is instead stationed down on the main floor right in the middle of the congregation.

This and the other changes in the environment are meant, not just to mark the season, but to visually encourage you to personal prayer, introspection, and encounter. This is the season of Lent—the season for deliberate prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
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For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Order of Worship

Holy, Holy

Lamb of God

When We Eat This Bread

Amen

Palm Collection

Christian Family Movement (CFM)

Saturday, February 25th, 2017

7:30 P.M. in the Parish Center/School Cafeteria

Spread the word – CFM is back!

Whether you have never experienced CFM or are interested in reconnecting with former CFMers, please join us for a few hours of social and family-based discussion. These discussions will be geared toward both younger families as well as soon to be or recent empty nesters (adult only meeting).

The details:

Location: St. James School Cafeteria

Time: 7:30 – 7:45 p.m. = Gathering/Announcements

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. = Discussion on Family Topics

8:30 – 9:30 p.m. = Social (beer/wine/light refreshments provided)

RSVP and any questions • Borsistfamily@wowway.com
This Day God Gives Me

1. This day God gives me Strength of high heaven,
2. This day God sends me Strength as my guardian,
3. God’s way is my way, God’s shield is ’round me,
4. Rising I thank you, Mighty and strong One,

Sun and moon shining, Flame in my hearth,
Might to uphold me, Wisdom as guide.
God’s host defends me, Saving from ill.
King of creation, Giver of rest,

Flash of lightning, Wind in its swiftness,
Your eyes are watchful, Your ears are listening,
Angels of heaven, Drive from me always
Firmly confessing God in three Persons,

Depths of the ocean, Firmness of earth.
Your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.
All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
Oneness of God-head, Trinitiy blest.

Tune: ANDREA, 5 5 5 4 D; David Haas, b.1957, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.
Communion Song

Bread of Life from Heaven / Pan de Vida Eterna

Refrain

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we
Pan de vida eterna, nos das tu cuerpo y sangre.

eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.
Has ta que vu el vas tu, Señor, como mos en tu amor.

Verses

1. Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving
2. Seek not the food that will pass away; set your
3. Love as the One who, in love for you, gave him
4. Take in the light that will never dim, taste the
5. Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your
6. Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this
7. Vene com pa te el di vi no pan; de mos
8. Es te mis te rio es el max i mo sa cri
9. Vene a la me sa de com pa st on, re cor
10. Hoy que co me mos del pan de amor so mos
11. Cen na que nos re pre sen ta hoy la vi da,

thanks, hungry ones gather round. Eat all of you, and be
hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the One who is
life that is stronger than death. Live in the One who will
home in the life giving Word. Know on ly Christ, Holy
bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with
gracias con gran cor a zon. Cristo es sus ten to que
ficio de Je y de mor. Pan que nos lma a con
de mos a Cristo Je s. El nos da vi da con
muerte y reurrec on de Je su cris to que es
D.S.
satis fied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.
living way, that the full ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more.

come and then raise you up at the last with the blest.
One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard.
ev ry breath, praise the One in whom you are reborn.
uni ra a los miem bros de ca da na cion.
me mo rar ya se guir a Je s Sal va dor.
ple ni tud; Nos pro te gey nos gui a en su luz.
spi racion pa ra ser en el mun do la luz.
nues tro Dios quien nos lma y nos da sal va cion.

Text: Based on John 6; adapt by Susan R. Briehl, b.1952; Spanish by Jaime Cortez, b.1963
Tune: Argentine folk melody; adapt. and verses by Marty Haugen, b.1950
Closing Song

Lord of All Hopefulness

1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, e-ver child-like, no cares can de-stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel-come, your arms to en-brace,
Whose voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm,

Be there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

— Alice & Bill Brown & Team

Finding strength and hope through the way of the cross: a journey with cancer
March 10, 2017  7:30 p.m
St. James Church

It is difficult to imagine anyone in today’s world whose life has not been touched by cancer in some way. As a cancer survivor, I used the Stations of the Cross as a framework for this contemporary evening of healing and hope. The uplifting stories, prayers and music weave together the lessons I have learned – that when something frightening drops on our doorstep, God gives us opportunities as well. And, that Jesus, on his journey to the cross, really taught us how to be strong. While everyone’s cancer experience may be different, we share commonalities that help us realize we are not alone. And, like Jesus, we can choose to help light the way for others.

It has been our privilege to present these Stations of the Cross more than 20 times at churches throughout the Chicago and Joliet dioceses. I hope you will join us in prayer at St. James this Lent. — Alice & Bill Brown & Team
Congratulations, Kathy Kasprowicz!

It’s one thing to volunteer, and quite another to do it with such passion that many others are convinced to share their time and talent, too. That’s exactly why KATHY KASPROWICZ was a most suitable candidate for an Arlington Heights Hearts of Gold Award. Kathy is the 2017 recipient of the Young at Heart Hearts of Gold Award.

If Kathy’s name is familiar to you, it might be because you associate her with Escorted Transportation Service/Northwest, an agency that links volunteers to drive older adults to medical/dental/dialysis appointments. This grassroots program began at Kathy’s kitchen table and moved to an extra bedroom in her home until it became housed in the Arlington Heights Senior Center. ETS recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, boasting 24,000 rides and a half dozen awards that put Arlington Heights on the map as an innovative place serving seniors. Kathy, having retired as the agency’s director several years ago, is still available as a driver on Tuesdays, and you will find her in the ETS office once a month assisting with billing and other tasks. Additionally, she serves as President of the Board.

ETS became the inspiration for Wheels to Worship, a program that provides rides to church on Sunday for those who no longer drive. Not only did Kathy give inspiration and support to her friend to start the program, she assisted with training the volunteer drivers and is a weekly Wheels to Worship driver herself.

While at the Senior Center, Kathy became aware of the Catholic Charities Caregiver Support program. Retirement gave her the opportunity to volunteer every Wednesday as a volunteer there.

Shortly after retirement, Kathy was invited to serve on the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory Council, working with Generation to Generation, a program linking high school students to seniors with 20 questions to discuss.

Kathy is also involved in knitting baby hats for newborns at Northwest Community Hospital, and scarves for PADS guests. Kathy is a registered nurse, but she can see what a career as an educator might have been like, working each Monday as a Monday Minion at the St. James School Library. Several years ago, Kathy attended the first Daughters of Abraham meeting offered in Arlington Heights, an interfaith group of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim women. She has encouraged friends to join the group and participate in its educational opportunities and charitable causes. Kathy’s husband, Ed, was one of the first volunteers Kathy ever nabbed. Forty years ago, she convinced him to participate in a marriage encounter retreat weekend, and this would prove to be her longest volunteer stint ever, with Ed at her side. They have rotated leadership of the group with other couples at other Arlington Heights organizations. Kathy and Ed also spend lots of time with their seven young grandchildren. Congratulations, Kathy!

EXODUS TREKKERS

God and Dogs and People Who Love Both

A couple of years ago you read about a deaf-blind man who married a deaf woman and whose life was richly blessed by his "best friend" Dinah, a yellow Labrador retriever. Now, his story has been updated to include how patients at Northwest Community Hospital are being blessed by 70 "therapy" dogs and the volunteers who lead and train them. Here, you’ll also read about how a man recently widowed is being comforted by a tiny dog and how a gentle Airedale named Bonnie risked her life to prevent her master from the strike of a venomous copperhead snake. And there’s a lot more about the unconditional love dogs give us.

This all begins Sunday, Feb. 26, on "EXODUS TREKKERS" at www.exodustrekkers.blogspot.com or at the St. James web site (once there, click on "resources" then "blogs").

St. James School All-Class Reunion and 90th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday  June 10, 2017

Do you remember Tip-off basketball games, all-school Mass, field trips to White Pines or when the uniforms included ties? Would you like to walk through the old school building once again? Save the date for an all-class reunion and 90th anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 10, 2017. To receive information and updates on the event send your name, graduation year and email address to alum@stjamesschoolah.org. Or follow us on www.facebook.com/stjamesschoolalum. Join us as we rekindle old friendships, celebrate enduring ones, and reminisce about our days at St. James School.
Community Groups and Events

St. James Parish Groups

Annulment Support Ministry
Richard Nagengast 847-732-0970

Elizabeth Ministry—We are a ministry of women reaching out to other women who are in their childbearing years. We offer support and resources regarding pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, child loss, adoption, NFP, and other issues. To connect with us, reach out to Melissa Bertram or Sandra Chaplin at ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org.

Grief Support Group
The St. James Grief Support Group meets on every Tuesday (during session times) from 7pm-8:15pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The group offers support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. (The dates for the next session will be Feb.14th through March 21st) For information, call Mary Jo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

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

Wheels to Worship
Need a ride to Mass?
Call Carol at 847-253-4680.
carolserranianderson@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

Community Resources
Alanon/Alateen 312-346-1475
Narcotics Anon. 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Family Anon. 847-795-8320
AA is 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 Arl. Hts.

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

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

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

For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:

Special Events

Team SALUTE Needs YOU!

We are currently recruiting charity runners for the 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon (10/8). Join Team Salute and support a grassroots 501(c)(3) that assists military personnel, veterans and their families. FREE training provided locally or in the city. We have a limited number of Paid Guaranteed Entries for the Sold Out Chicago Marathon. If interested, please contact St. James parishioner Sue Hussey at: sue@saluteinc.org or 847-359-8811.

THINK ABOUT HONORING THE SOUDERS BY DONATING BLOOD

Like Mary Jo and David Souders, 90% of us will need blood at some time in our lives, but only 5% of the eligible population actually donates. Be one of those special lifesavers and donate on Sunday, March 19th, at the St. James Spring Blood Drive. It will be conducted by LifeSource Blood Services from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the cafeteria of the Parish Center/School. You can make an appointment by calling LifeSource at (877) 543-3768, but walk-ins are welcome. Please mark the date on your calendar. Your donation can change a life!
Please pray for our sick...
Julie Drugan, Charlene Drew, Tom Drew, Caden McDermott

In Loving Memory
Alice Farquhar…wife of the late Glenn; mother of the late Randy (Jean) and Sharon (Craig) Anderson; grandmother of three

Marion P. Taylor…wife of the late Merton; mother of Elizabeth (Dean) Martin, William (Elaine), Patricia Taylor, Susan (Edgar) Hopgood, James (Pattie) and John Taylor; grandmother of twelve; great-grandmother of nineteen with one soon to be born

Frances Simon…wife of the late William; mother of Jane (Leonard) Witter, William Jr. (Joyce E.) Simon, Nancy M. Simon, and George Simon; grandmother of eleven; great-grandmother of eight

Baptisms
Eleanor Sofia Medalle...daughter of Lito & Katherine (Litkowiec) Medalle
Jane Marie Lesinak...daughter of Michael & Rose (Cunningham) Lesniak
Ada Patricia Menges...daughter of William & Bridget (Flood) Menges

Rose for Life
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Diane Dillon in gratitude for Lucy Kathleen Roselle on her 5th birthday, March 11, 2017.

Wedding Banns
March 11, 2017
Adam Wilson & Ourlee Ourun

March 18, 2017
Philip Hamel & Josephine O’Hagan

Remembrances
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, February 26

Monday, February 27
Mary Zienty, Margaret Creighton, Carol Wagher

Tuesday, February 28
Carol Wagher (1st Anniv.), Ceil Johnson, Dolores Hughes

Wednesday, March 1
Margaret Coyle, Thomas Novasic, Dana Mangi

Thursday, March 2
Helen Kowalski, John Kennedy (1st Anniv.), James Ray

Friday, March 3
Marian Klaslo (1st Anniv.), Adam Oswald (1st Anniv.), James Colmone, Joseph Mariano, Helen McCarter

Saturday, March 4
Norberto & Florencia Peñas, Dorothy Rogal (1st Anniv.), Dana Mangi

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 5
Dana Mangi, Suzanne McLaughlin, Dorothy Firnbach, Mary Camastro, Carolyn Wilder

Men’s and Women’s Golf Leagues Are Forming....

Men’s League: Contact—Tom Wilkes 847-398-2681 or Deacon Pierce Sheehan 847-259-1743.
Tee times 3pm-5pm Tuesday afternoons, at Buffalo Grove Golf Course.

Women’s League: Contact—Sue 847-767-1388 or Smgarlic@yahoo.com
Friday mornings, Arlington Lakes Golf Club; Regular and substitute players needed.

Our Charity

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation, and initiatives for life, peace and justice. Through its support of Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal serves people worldwide, without regard for religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illnesses, wars and famines.

We thank you for your generous pledges and gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
Volunteers NEEDED:

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to assist in the parish’s Annual Lenten Food Collection for Catholic Charities. Volunteers are needed the weekends of March 4th and 5th as well as March 18th and 19th. Please sign-up to help via the link below for a time and job that fits your schedule.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044baeaa29a4fd0-stjames

Thank you for your help for this worthy cause.

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Elizabeth Ministry at St. James

**Join Us!**

Saturday, March 11, 2017

3 - 4:45 p.m.

St. James Resource Room

(enter through Parish Center)

Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement designed to offer hope and healing on issues related to childbirth, sexuality and relationships.

We want to gather women interested in discussing ideas and outreach possibilities for those in our parish and community. We also have a great need for creating a community of women at St. James who are willing to share their time and talents (with varying levels of commitment) to be a part of Elizabeth Ministry.

If you are interested in attending or have questions, email ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org.

To learn more about Elizabeth Ministry at St. James, visit

MORE ABORTIONS ... AND WHO PAYS?

The Illinois General Assembly is considering a very dangerous bill **HB 40** which would authorize taxpayer funding of abortion in our state through the full nine months of pregnancy and for any reason. It would lead to tens of thousands of additional abortions in Illinois every year.

This bill has been approved by committee and could be called for a vote at any time. Cardinal Cupich has written a strong letter on February 9th asking people in the Archdiocese of Chicago to join him in “… advocating for all life by urging your state representative to reject HB 40 and work instead to pass a budget that funds all essential services.”

HB 40 is a bad law in four distinct ways and would pave the way for making abortion legal in Illinois even if Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton were overturned by the Supreme Court:

1. It “would use tax dollars to pay for the taking of the life of a child” in the womb through an abortion” for Medicaid recipients. (Cardinal Cupich)
2. It “calls for abortion coverage in state employees’ health care plans.” (Cardinal Cupich)
3. “It also allows for the use of tax dollars to fund grants to organizations that refer, counsel for and perform abortions …” (Cardinal Cupich)
4. Finally, it removes language from the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 “that the unborn child is a human being from the time of conception and is, therefore, a legal person for purposes of the unborn child’s right to life.” (Synopsis of Bill as introduced).

Please contact your State Representative (not State Senator) and express your opposition to this bill. If you need assistance in determining your representative, go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or call the Catholic Conference at (312) 368-1066 or (217) 528-9200.

Imagine the life of an unborn baby and its mother and its father … that can be saved by your action.

Please see the entire Cardinal’s letter, on our website, at: [http://www.stjamesah.org/category/newsletters](http://www.stjamesah.org/category/newsletters)
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Saturday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 7:00am Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 8:30am Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning 10:00am Parish Center Contemporary Choir & Children’s Liturgy of the Word)
Sunday Morning 11:30am Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening 5:00pm 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
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

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Monday-Thursday 9:00am—8:00pm
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