Youth Ministry Trip to Dett School

St. James Youth Ministry teens brought Christmas gifts to a school in Chicago. See page 4 for pictures of their trip!

“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

“I will make you a light to the nations….”

- Isaiah 49
A Reflection...from Deacon James Bannon

January 19, 2014

*Testify that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, just as John the Baptist did.*

I went to the last Bears game of the season this year, Bears versus Packers. It was about 20 degrees out and snowing. My friends and I dressed strictly for warmth, but it was interesting to see how the “regulars” dressed. They had full team regalia on: jerseys with players’ names on them, team logos and colors…a sea of Bear orange and blue, with a few odd Packer green and gold spots mixed in.

You could see where the fans stood. They were testifying about whom they believed in.

In today’s Gospel, when Jesus comes towards John, John testifies about Jesus. He says that Jesus is:

- the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world;
- the one on whom the Holy Spirit came down on at His baptism;
- the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit; and
- the Son of God!

So John testified about his belief in Jesus. How do we do the same? At Mass we testify several times, including when we say the Nicene Creed and the Lamb of God prayer before communion.

But how do we testify outside the walls of the church or parish center? That can be a lot more difficult for us. And as the country has become more secular, signs, symbols, and acts of Christianity are under pressure. Society seems to be saying that freedom of worship is ok. You can do whatever you want in your churches, but freedom of religion, that is another matter. We don’t want to hear or see any public displays of your faith.

But I wonder if we Catholics aren’t to blame as well. Have we tried to keep God within the walls of our parishes and homes, but kept Him out of the public square? Are we too afraid or embarrassed? John the Baptist testified in public. So what do we publicly testify to being? Bears or Packers fans? Conservatives or progressives? How about testifying by our words and actions to being Christians?

We should think about how to testify that Jesus is the Son of God. Maybe it is by praying when we are at dinner in a restaurant. Or maybe we testify by wearing religious symbols, not just fan gear. We can testify by reading a good Catholic book and avoiding the raunchy media. Or maybe we act with more love in our everyday life than ever before.

That is something to think about this week, because we should testify that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, just as John the Baptist did.

*Deacon James Bannon*
Stewardship

Collection January 5 ....(492 env.) . . . $31,477.50
This week last year. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $29,885.58
Our Goal. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $37,500.00
Collection Year-to-Date.* . . . . . . . . . . $953,391.76
Collection previous Year-to-Date. . . . $886,609.66
(This includes gifts using GiveCentral)

Christmas. . . .(40 env.) . . . . $7,098.00
New Year. . . .(201 env.). . . . . $6,542.00

Collection January 12...(698 env.) . . . 33,660.49
This week last year. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $41,140.37
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Collection Year-to-Date.* . . . . . . . . . . $987,052.25
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Please be generous in your support for our charity this month, the Church in Latin America. A portion of our Sunday collections will be used to assist the needy in 22 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Funds from the collections provide assistance the individual parishes need to sustain and enrich the faith of their parishioners. They also provide formation for seminarians, deacons, religious sisters and brothers and lay ministers of the Gospel.

Tax Information
Tax letters will be mailed to registered parishioners whose total contributions in 2013 exceed $250. If you are a registered parishioner whose donations do not exceed $250 but would like a tax letter, please call 224-345-7200 ex. 8525 and leave your name, address and envelope number. All letters will be mailed by Jan. 24th.

Our Stewardship

Nourish Your Neighbor Parish Collaboration Food Pantry Program

Thank you, from Catholic Charities: We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you for your parish’s participation in the Nourish Your Neighbor Parish Collaboration Food Pantry Program. The 450 pounds of food your parish collected will help in many ways to serve the hungry that come to our food pantry for help.

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Thank you for your generous donation! It will help so many seniors!

As long-time ETS/NW supporters of our program, we know your parishioners have an appreciation for just how important it is for our community’s seniors to get to their crucial medical and dental appointments. As of this week, we’ve reached a truly significant milestone—we have now provided over 17,190 round trip rides since September 1, 2006—and all provided by volunteer drivers using their own cars and gas!

Khalil Gibran said, “Generosity is giving more than you can, pride is taking less than you need.” We so appreciate your vote of confidence in our program and the 900+ senior citizens we serve. Your donation helps to ensure that supportive transportation remains available for our community’s seniors.

All of us affiliated with ETS/NW thank you and the members of St. James Catholic Church. This program simply would not exist without benefactors like you.

Lynndah Easterwood Lahey, Executive Director

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- Khalil Gibran
St. James Youth Ministry thanks you for your generous donations for the students of the Robert Nathaniel Dett School in Chicago.

Thanks to those who purchased and wrapped gifts, to all who assisted in passing out the gift tags here at St. James, and to the teens and parents and helpers who made the trip to Chicago on December 19th to deliver the gifts to the Dett students.

Our group from St. James passed the gifts out to the students, and were able to spend a little time getting to know them, and their teachers.

We hope we were able to brighten their day, and to spread the joy of Christmas to those in need!
Sacrament of the Sick
There is no longer a Catholic Chaplain on call at Northwest Community Hospital. If any of our St. James parishioners will be going into the hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, they are encouraged to call any of our parish priests at the Parish Office, 224-345-7200.

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration takes place from 8am to 5pm every Thursday in the Church. Contact: Jo Jozwiak at 847-259-2433.

Rosary Group
Join the Rosary Group in prayer after daily Mass:
- Monday: Human Life
- Tuesday: Military
- Wednesday: Marriage
- Thursday: Priests and Religious
- Friday: Sick
- Saturday: Souls of the Faithful departed

Fr. Matt’s Monday 4:00pm Rosary and Adoration
Fr. Matt’s Monday afternoon Family Rosary and Adoration will take place on **Monday, January 27th**, at 4:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

A Helpful Resource Handbook…

“Now and at the Hour of our Death…” is a practical guide for families regarding topics of medical treatment, finances, and death and funeral arrangements. Its purpose is to encourage informed decision making and discussion among family members.

The book offers an outline of the Church’s funeral rite, with helpful information and suggestions, and assists in making preparations for the wake service and funeral liturgy. Also included is information about medical, financial and legal issues that surround death and the book provides practical assistance in making choices and preparing accordingly. There is also a section that presents consumer information about funerals, burial, and cremation.

The book is available in the Parish Office for $5.00. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Dilsner, Pastoral Associate, at 224-345-7203.

Cluster Meeting for all Ministers of Care
Sat. January 25 at St Edna’s 9am-12:30pm
Join us for Mass at 9am at St Edna and then a wonderful uplifting presentation following. All Ministers of Care are invited and welcome to attend.
St. James Respect Life Ministry
“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” ~Jeremiah 1:5

The Catholic parishes of Arlington Heights, Our Lady of the Wayside, St. Edna and St. James most warmly invite you to thank God for the gift of human life and to pray for a culture that respects and nurtures human life at every stage of its existence.

Celebration of Life Mass
Tuesday, January 21st
7:30 p.m.
St. James Church
Please also join us for a Reception following Mass in the Laramie Room

“No is the time for recommitment to the building of a culture of absolute respect for life from conception to natural death.” (Blessed Pope John Paul II, 1997)

Catholic Formation

Bible Study here at St. James
THE FOOTPRINTS OF GOD
(by Stephen Ray)
The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine.
Thursdays 7-8:30pm...in Obrien Room
January 23,30,
February 6,13,20,27.
We will study about Mary, Peter, Paul and the Apostolic Fathers
(45 minutes of Video presentation, then sharing, questions and answers)
Any questions please call Fr. Joji 224-345-7201
No registration, no fee, no pressure.
All are welcome.
December is always a busy time at Saint James and this year was no different. While the students kept focus preparing for advent there were a large number of key events for our students and families to enjoy.

On December the 7th the Parent’s Club hosted the annual Book Sale at Barnes & Noble – this event (as always) was a great success and opportunity for the families of Saint James to get some Christmas shopping out of the way. Christmas Carols were sung, stories were read and everyone had a grand time. Later that same day a very special visit was had with Santa at the Cookies with Santa gathering held at the school. This was a special time for the youngsters to tell Santa their greatest desires.

Song is also a great way to share the Christmas spirit and the students of Saint James had much to share. On Wednesday December 18th the Kindergarteners held their concert in the church followed by the all school Christmas Program held in the Parish Center on Thursday December 19th. Many parents, grandparents and family members arrived to hear the sounds of Christmas sung by our students.

As 2014 begins please look for even more happenings with our students!

The School Council Members wish you a Happy New Year!
Come Join Us for the 2014 Scholastic Book Fair!

**Location:** St. James School Resource Center

**Dates:** Sunday, January 26th – Tuesday January 28th

**Hours:**
- Sunday, January 26th- 12:00 until 2:00
- Monday, January 27th- 8:30 until 3:30
- Tuesday, January 28th- 8:30 until 3:30

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**
Great Catholic Families Fight Fair

As much as we wish family life were perfect, the reality is that all families experience conflict. We’re going to fight. Not selling siblings to slavery like Joseph’s brothers did is a good start, but even fighting has rules. Families that fight fair carry with them an application of the Ten Commandments, even when they are in the middle of a family crisis. Some examples: Steer clear of using the Lord’s name in vain in a heated debate. Honoring mothers and fathers (and daughters and sons and sisters and brothers and so on). Telling the truth, gently, even though it may hurt. Family members who fight for personal victory miss out on how great it feels to work through a struggle together, and win as a team. Great Catholic families check tempers, are respectful of one another’s strengths and weaknesses, and always remember that obstacles make us stronger.

Create and display your family’s rules for conflict: “No sulking, no lying, no grudges, etc.”

Youth Ministry News/Events

Second Year Confirmation Students

All paperwork is due in the parish office by February 1st of your second year, unless your group leader has instructed you to turn the paperwork in to them.

Requirements:
- two years of classes
- 10 hours of service
- copy of baptismal certificate
- letter to the bishop
- filled out reflection sheets
- one retreat
- one sponsor-candidate day

Don’t have a twitter account? Don’t worry. You can read tweets from Youth Ministry from the “Social Updates” icon on the St. James mobile site (m.stjamesah.org)!

@sjymupdates

SUMMER MISSION TRIP
JULY, 2014

For those of you on the team, our first meeting will be Sunday, February 2nd at 1:00 in the O’Brien Room. (parish office)

Next Meeting: March 2nd
For more information, contact Rob in the YM Office.

Confirmation Mass:
Saturday, April 26th
10:00 and 2:00 / Parish Center
You will be informed of your mass time in March.

Retreat & Sponsor/Candidate Day
Saturday, January 25th / Parish Center.
LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!!

The retreat runs from 9-2 / $30.00.
(You may pay at the door, in advance or on-line)

SCD runs from 2-3 in the Parish Center. No cost. This is for both the students and the sponsors. If a sponsor cannot attend, then a parent may attend as a proxy.

Simply Email Rob or Joan to register

January

20th: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center

21st: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center

22nd: Peer Ministry Team
7:00-8:30
Parish Center

22nd: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center

25th: Confirmation Retreat & Sponsor/Candidate Day
See: Retreat & Sponsor/Candidate day below

27th: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center

28th: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center
St. James Peace & Justice Ministry

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

In 2007, for the first time in history, 138 Muslim spiritual leaders from 28 countries signed an open letter to the Christian leaders of the world, beginning with Pope Benedict XVI. What was their message?

Let us seek common words we all hold holy under our shared beginning from Abraham. We suggest: “God is love” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Maybe, just maybe, we can grow our common interests and diminish our violence and hatred. Past concentration on differences leads to separation among the children of Abraham.

Yale University’s Theology Department replied with a letter signed by 400 Christian and Jewish leaders apologizing for past injustices and recognizing the grace and courage in the original Muslim letter. As a start, they proposed joint discussions and projects.

Since then, several major co-sponsored conferences have been held at Yale, in New York City, and in the Middle East and educational programs have been developed to further better understanding.

This note is meant to update our parishioners about this initiative taken by the Muslim clerics, hoping that it will bring greater understanding and tolerance between Christians and Muslims as we live out God’s greatest commandments together. (www.acommonword.com for more information)

What Are Abraham Salons? An Interfaith Gathering of The Descendants of Abraham.

- Some of us, descended from Abraham, call ourselves Jews, some Christians and some Muslims.
- Through understanding comes respect and friendship.
- An Abraham Salon, suggested by author Bruce Feiler in his book, Abraham, is a gathering of Jews, Christians and Muslims for an evening of topical interfaith discussions in the spirit of our common heritage. Abraham Salons trace us back to Abraham and the love of one God.

Purpose

- Develop an understanding of other faiths and what animates their followers
- Overcome obstacles to accepting people with different faith journeys
- Learn the similarities that your faith shares with other religions
- Make new friends in our diverse community
- Take this opportunity to visit a Synagogue, Church and Mosque

The second of three local Abraham Salon presentations will be Saturday, February 15, 2014, 7 PM at ISNS Mosque, 3950 Industrial Drive, Rolling Meadows. Pastor Peter Hellstedt of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will present the Christian perspective on Why Faith Matters.

Interested in joining the Peace and Justice Ministry? Email us at jamespeaceandjustice@catholic.org
News from United Power for Action and Justice

As reported earlier, United Power has been working on several fronts, including its earliest issues, affordable housing and healthcare for all and a more recent one, accountability for gun violence, our “Do Not Stand Idly By” campaign. To begin the new year, on Sunday, **January 19, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at Ascension Catholic Church, 808 S. East Ave., Oak Park, we will meet with Governor Quinn** to work with us on our issues. He has helped us significantly in the past and we want to encourage him to work with us again. A church filled, or over-filled, with United Power leaders will be an important step. We have already had a pre-meeting with the Governor and his key staff; he showed his willingness to work with us. Come to see and hear that public commitment of support. We will ask him to help us in ways that will not require any action by the dysfunctional legislature, but on his own initiative and authority. **Join us!**

In the area of supportive housing, United Power continues to work to secure supportive housing throughout Cook County. In the northwest suburbs, one of our members, the N/NW Suburban Housing Task Force has successfully launched Myers Place in Mt. Prospect and working towards similar housing in Wheeling and Palatine. At our pre-meeting, we presented the list of things we wanted him to do, including funding for our Wheeling and Palatine projects, and he agreed to work for these, and even talked of ways to provide even more funding for supportive housing than we were asking for.

In the area of gun violence, our sister organizations on the East Coast and Midwest met with three major European gun manufacturers, Glock, Beretta and SIG Sauer and asked them to save lives in America by leading in their industry, by ceasing to operate by a double standard, one way in their own countries and a different, “anything goes” way in the US. United Power will continue its long-term project of approaching and working with American gun manufacturers.

In the area of healthcare, we are working hard for implementation of the Affordable Care Act, in a way that works best for Illinois. We knew that the real work was not passage of the Act, important though that was, but in working out the logistics of a sound local implementation.

We have secured major funding from the Illinois Attorney General to Reclaim Southwest Chicago, but not as much as we had requested to make a real difference. We want additional monies from the Governor. We have the knowledge and experience [and record] to rebuild communities, we have the right developer, and we have the right homeowners—residents who have lived there and have a stake in its recovery.

**If you have questions or wish to help, please feel free to contact Richard Fung at 847-392-2804.**
Support Groups

Alzheimer’s Support Group

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month:
1pm-2:30pm at St. James
820 N Arlington Hts. Rd.
Conference Room 1 (Parish Office)

Next meeting:
February 4th
Topic: Common Behaviors

Facilitated by Kathie Chicoine, this group is open to anyone looking for information, or interested in talking to other people experiencing the challenges associated with Alzheimer’s disease.
For additional information, please call Kathie at 847-202-1294.

Grief Support Group

The St. James Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, and run for 6 weeks. The group meets from 7-8:15pm in the Conference Room 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 Mary Jo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

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.

St. Edna’s Parish
2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.
7-9pm
Casual networking encouraged. SHARE volunteers will be present to answer questions.

For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Tom Mannard, tmannard@aol.com or leave a message at 847-398-3362

Archdiocese of Chicago—Institute for Diaconal Studies
Exploring the Diaconate for those discerning the call

The call of the Holy Spirit to consider a vocation may sometimes be a gentle voice stirring the soul or a personal longing in our hearts. It may be the urging of friends or spouses. It can also find birth in the invitation of pastors, deacons and parish leaders to pursue such an inquiry.

No matter the source of our questions each of us needs to be affirmed and encouraged to bring a call to a vocation to prayerful discernment.

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an “Exploring the Diaconate” session. It is a time to pray, discuss and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue.

Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required.

Vicariate 1: March 20—St. Paul the Apostle, Gurnee, IL 7-9pm Location: lower level of Church 847-918-0600
Vicariate 2: Feb. 4—St. Lambert, Skokie, IL 7-9pm Location: Roberts Hall 847-673-5090
Vicariate 3: Feb. 18—St. Gabriel, Chicago, IL 7-9pm Location: School Hall 773-268-9595
Vicariate 5: March 13—St. Damian, Oak Forest, IL Location: Pastoral Center 708-687-1370
Facilitator: Deacon Bob Puhala For information, contact Deacon Jerry Nora 847-837-4548 or visit www.usml.edu
We want YOU…to get involved!

Who: All St. James Men
What: St. James Men’s Club, Inaugural Meeting
When: January 31, 2014, 7:30 PM
Where: K1 Speed, 301 Hastings Dr,
       Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, 847.941.9400
Why: Spiritually and socially uplifting...meet other St.
     James men...and just to get involved
How: First 30 men with $50.00 check payable to St. James
     Men’s Club are guaranteed to race. Drop check with
     Chris Jarosz or at Parish Office, ATTN: Matthew Hahn,
     Men’s Club.
Details: $50.00 gets you one 12 lap practice race, one 14 lap
         qualifying race, and one 16 lap final race (3 races total). Food and
         beverages are on your own in the SkyBox Bar and Grill. Don’t
         want to race? No worries! No need to pay for the racing...just
         come out and eat, drink...and get involved!

Contact: Chris Jarosz-847.778.2228
         Matthew Hahn-847.222.1944
Thank you!

Thank you to our Music Ministers!

Happy Epiphany to you! As the magi traveled to give gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child, you come each week for rehearsal and liturgy bringing your gifts! The gift of music! The gift of time! The gift of talent! The gift of generosity of spirit! The gift of energy! The gift of heart! The gift of faith! We are blessed!

Thank you for the wondrous and beautiful music that you provide for us at our liturgies throughout the year!

It is a gift! We are blessed!

Sunday after Sunday you lead our prayer, uplift our spirits, warm our hearts and energize our faith lives. It is a blessing to be here as your Music Director. I am grateful and count so many of you as friends.

You are a gift! We are blessed!

Thanks to each and every one of you: all of our instrumentalists, our choir members, our cantors and our choir directors, John Towner, Anita Haapapura, and Jennifer Budziak. May the New Year shine on you and may you know in your heart how much I value and appreciate the gift you give to us at Saint James.

We are blessed! I am grateful!

Happy Epiphany!

---with much love and appreciation!

Scott Arkenberg, Music Director

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St. James Over 50 Social Group

The St. James Over 50 Social Group cordially invites you to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Horse.

Lunch at the "Fortune Kookie" Restaurant
570 N. Smith, Palatine, Il.

Date: Tuesday Jan. 28th.
Time: 12 noon. Cost: $15
Includes: Lunch, tip and tea. (Cash bar)
Order from the lunch menu.
Car pool from the Church parking lot at 11:30am.
Bring checks marked "Over 50 Chinese Lunch" to the Parish Office by Friday 1/24/2014.
RSVP: Mary Jo 847 259 3560 by 1/23/2014

Watch for other events:
- February 2014 Trip to Misericordia
- March 2014 Mardi Gras Party
- March 22nd St. Joseph’s Party

Adult Formation

Vicariate I, Deanery DEF
Adult Confirmation Classes

St. Edna Catholic Church
2525 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
847-398-3362, ext. 325

Mondays, 7:00pm—9:00pm

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, April 7 & 14

Reconciliation and Confirmation Rehearsal:
Friday, April 25, 2014
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
10 n. Buffalo Grove Road
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Confirmation: Friday, May 2 at St. Mary’s, with Bishop George Rassas
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 847-754-3642 (Paddy Homan).

Lunches by Catholic Charities
Luncheons 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
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Families Anon. 847-795-8320
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights.

NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness—Family support group, meets at 7:00pm, the third Wednesday of the month at Alexian Mental Health Center, 3350 Salt Creek Lane, Arlington Heights. 847-899-0195

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

Annulment Support Ministry
Richard Nagengast  847-732-0970

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) - meets in the old St. James Rectory, 841 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) The Monday meeting starts at 8:00pm. The Wednesday meeting starts at 8:30pm. Enter front door facing Arlington Hts. Rd. 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.

Stepping Stones
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Sign Up for Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Monday, January 20, 2014 (Martin Luther King Day)
Time: 4:30pm
Place: St. Emily’s Gym
1400 W. Central Road, Mt. Prospect
Open To: All boys and girls ages 9-14
Cost: Free
Participants are required to furnish proof of age with written parental consent. Winners of each age and category will be awarded and will have the opportunity to progress to the District and State levels.

Any event questions, or for a pre-registration form, please email: oskroba.connect@gmail.com

* Due to ISHA by-laws, any 14 year olds in Illinois High School Association Basketball (a member of their high school basketball team) is ineligible to participate in our Free-Throw Championship.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. After Jesus’ death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus’ blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus. We too may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God’s work meant that God was working through him. Originally, John baptized others as sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus “known to Israel” (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be.

John’s third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others.

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Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of January 26

Presiders
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  Fr. Matt Foley  Deacon Tom Westerkamp
Sunday:
7:00 am  Fr. Matt Foley
8:30 am  Fr. Joji Thanugundla  Deacon James Mueller
10:00 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla  Deacon Matthew Hahn
11:45 am Fr. Matt Foley  Deacon Tom Westerkamp
5:00 pm  Fr. Joji Thanugundla

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
Coordinators: S.Bobowski, R.Cruz, J.Garlick

Altar Servers
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  N.Bentz, J.Rapala, J.Jarosz
Sunday:
7:00 am  M.Garland, L.Hackman, J.Kern
8:30 am  M.Dzupin, J.Gorman, A.Gorman
10:00 am K.Schade, T.Reiss, C.Reiss
11:45 am M.Whelan, C.Ferriss, K.Gerardi
5:00 pm  T.Brown, C.Kaminsz, M.Kaminsz

Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday:
7:00 am  M.Cripe, G.Roller, R. Schumacher,
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, M.Vanderwiel
Coordinators:  F.Miossi, D.Varchetto

Lectors
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  J.Staley, R.Cerabona
Sunday:
7:00 am  M.Hanlon, B.Kragh
8:30 am  S.Nowakowski, E.O’Hare
10:00 am A.Brown, R.Morschies
11:45 am S.Tipperreiter, J.Schmidt
5:00 pm  P.Farrell, S.Torres

Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday:
10:00 am  T.Baldoni, D.Barrett, M.Bayer, R. Becker,
M.Belter, K.Brunner, D.Burke, C.Coleman,
C.Collera, S.Crosby, V.Curtis, L.Fonsino,
S.Gaske, S.Hussey, J.Lippert, M.Lombardi,
W.Liszka, J.McDermott, R.McDermott,
M.Ruane, M.B.Rutkowski, M.Schade
Coordinators:  D.Burke, B.Minaglia
11:45 am  D.Desmond, J.Gedmin, M.Goolsby,
N.Paulson, R.Rabe
Coordinators:  C.Zitkus, C.Zitkus

Lectors
Sunday: Church
5:00 pm  E.Krause, J.Madden, L.Matz, D.Milligan,
H.Thornton
Coordinator:  J.Soukup

Scripture Readings
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Monday:  1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6,
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:  1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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Your Liturgy Board is interested in hearing about your experience of
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening   5:00pm   Parish Center
Sunday Morning     7am & 8:30am    Church
Sunday Morning     10am & 11:45am Parish Center
Sunday Evening     5:00pm Church

Weekday Masses (Church)
831 N. Arlington Heights 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!
We warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office and arrange to meet with one of our priests, who will explain the process of preparing for 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
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