January 26, 2014  3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shown.”

- Isaiah 8

See pages 6 and 7 for information on St. James School's Mrs. Pappas!
A Reflection…from Mrs. Judy Pappas,
Principal, St. James School

January 26, 2014

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

This annual celebration allows Catholic school around the nation “toot their horn” and spread the good word of the fabulous work that is being accomplished every day! As Principal, and in the name of Jackie Balogh, our Assistant Principal, I want you to know what a great joy it is for is professionally and personally to serve and lead the children and parent community of St. James School in our area of parish ministry!

As parishioners of St. James, it is important for you to know that our parish school continues to know great vibrancy, excellence, and success in the areas of academics, faith formation, and growth in the number of students who seek admission to our school. SJS teachers work hard to improve and update their skills as educators. This year, in the course of the continuous work reviewing and improving our curriculum to best meet the needs of our students, we spent considerable time on our Religion Curriculum. It is important to know well, the major domains we teach our students in the area of their faith. Every grade level examined the areas of Creed, Sacraments, Christian Living, Sacred Scriptures, Vocations, Liturgy, Prayer and Spirituality, Church History, Parish Life, and Ecumenism and Dialogue. Additionally, teachers noted the specific prayers, Bible Stories, saints, and vocabulary covered at their grade level.

The results of our work will be sent home with your children this week. Especially in the Year of Strong Catholic Parents, it is important that you, too, are aware of the wide scope of what it delivered to your children as Catholic School students in the area of Faith Formation. Moreover, it is vital that we be partners in children’s spiritual formation.

Together we guide their personal beliefs, attitude, practices, and perceptions. It is key that they develop a personal relationship with Jesus, grow in an understanding of their call as baptized Catholics, and deepen their Catholic identity within this parish community. As parents and educators, we must guide their Christian values regarding issues of morality, justice, and service to others. We must provide for them the tools needed to embrace the importance of a spiritual and moral life. This must be followed by practice! Practice praying! Practice going to weekly Mass! Practice abiding by the Commandments and being of service to others!

The life-long journey of becoming a Catholic person takes more than the words on the papers you will receive. As adult Catholics, we are the living, breathing examples for our children. Our priorities likely become their priorities. Our children need all of us to share our faith, help them develop their knowledge, and provide experiences of service to others.

As a parish, we should be very proud, indeed! St. James School continues to be a vital school because of the commitment and investment of our tremendous staff, wonderful parents, and the parish community. We are grateful to all of our supporters! Help us “toot the horn”, celebrate St. James Catholic School, and pray that God continue to bless us with the means by which to grow His Church in the world!

Mrs. Judy Pappas

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

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.

St. James PADS has been blessed with the help of many this year. These 2 St James students, knowing they would be helping at PADS with their scout troop decided to use their time after school to make encouraging cards for the PADS guests. A wonderful welcome on a cold night!

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 should have already been mailed.

Financial Information

Financial information for the January 19th collection will be printed in the February 2nd bulletin. It was unavailable when this bulletin went to press.
January, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My sincere gratitude goes out to the numerous people who made our two November 2013 fundraisers hugely successful!

For the past 19 years, Jubilation at James, which was held on Saturday, November 9, has been our primary fund-raising event for our parish. And this year was no exception at “Paris Under the Stars”, with a net profit of $125,000! Led by chair couples Michael & Denise Brown and Brian & Christy Nix, over 200 volunteers contributed their time and talent, while a combination of auction donors, evening sponsors, gift-gathering hosts, advertisers and 480 guests shared their treasure to help provide tuition assistance for St. James School, support the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. James and reduce our debt. While our fundraising efforts are an integral part of our parish, so is the “spirit” of community produced by such an event. Experiencing my first Jubilation, I could feel the energy and enthusiasm as volunteers put finishing touches on their decorating and production projects in preparation for the big night. From the moment guests arrived, until the final auction bids and last dance, community “spirit” was everywhere! A special thanks to Linda Chalk and Mary Lynn Massa, our Jubilation coordinators.

The annual Craft Fair drew a wonderful crowd of Christmas shoppers to the Parish Center on November 1 and 2. Through the tireless efforts of Jane Jones, Ellen Jensen, Gina Christophe, Mary Korab and Karen Kelly and their many volunteers, I am very grateful for their contribution. Not only did the number of crafters participating increase from 2012, but so did their proceeds – almost $15,000!

I am grateful to all who shared their time, talent and treasure with our community. Please mark your calendars, as the 20th Jubilation at James, chaired by Michael & Denise Brown and Mark & Beth Zimmerman, will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2014 and the annual Craft Fair will be held on November 14 & 15.

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr. Matt Foley

Jubilation at James – Profit & Loss 2013

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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

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

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

28th: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center

29th: Peer Ministry Team
7:00-8:30
Parish Center

29th: CYO Practice
9:00-10:00
Parish Center

February
1st: Confirmation paperwork is due in the office.

See Second Year (Upper Left)

2nd: Mission Team Meeting
1:00-2:00
Parish Center Library

Chicago Wolves: Faith & Fellowship Night

Saturday, February 22 at 7:00 (Allstate arena)
$5.00 off ticket prices.
To order tickets contact Mike Czopek (St. James Parishioner)
mczopek@chicagowolves.com
847.832.1948
Chicagowolves.com

SUMMER MISSION TRIP
JULY, 2014

Sunday,
February 2nd at 1:00 in the Parish Center Library.

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

A Catholic Christian Community which engages, empowers and Encourages the high school youth to live as disciples of Christ.
youthministry@stjamesah.org www.stjamesah.org
Rob: 224.345.7216 • Joan: 224.345.7217
Congratulations, Mrs. Pappas!

As we welcome in the New Year with our own personal hopes, dreams, and aspirations for the future, we are also reminiscent of the blessings of our past. For the St. James parish and school community at large, clearly one of our greatest blessings has been the presence of Mrs. Judy Pappas as our principal. Mrs. Pappas has served as our faith-filled leader since 2005 with a clear philosophy of Catholic education and a commitment to academic excellence. Due to these attributes, Mrs. Pappas was recently nominated by the Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Catholic Schools, Sister Mary Paul McCaughhey for the “NCEA Distinguished Principal Award.” This nomination alone was quite an honor, especially considering only twelve principals from across the entire country were selected! Although we have since learned that another nominee was ultimately chosen, there is still much cause for celebration! In fact, when the news first broke of her initial nomination, Mrs. Pappas clearly communicated to us all, that although the win would be nice, it will not define us. “A win” would not change what we do here at St. James School. We will continue to strive for excellence both academically and spiritually each and every day.” It’s exactly this kind of positive, proactive thinking that makes Judy Pappas a true winner in our book!

With much pride and joy in our hearts, the staff, students, and parents at St. James School were pleased to take part in a surprise celebration for their beloved principal at an all school Mass which was held on November 22\textsuperscript{nd}. With standing room only and the choir balcony filled, it was evident that Mrs. Pappas had made an extraordinary impact on the lives of hundreds of people. One could feel the pouring out of love and gratitude from the congregation that was gathered at church that morning. St. James “pride” filled the air! Certainly, we were all proud especially this day to stand together, pray together, and declare together from the bottom of our hearts (where it matters the most) that Judy Pappas is “OUR” principal.

The gratitude we felt for our principal was shared in many exceptional ways that morning at Mass. However, the way in which Mass began was perhaps the most meaningful for Mrs. Pappas. As she made her way down the center aisle of the church, she was overwhelmed to discover that her husband, children, and mother were waiting for her in the front pew! Soon the tears started to flow and we were hard pressed to find a dry eye anywhere. As if there couldn’t be more of an amazing tribute than that, Fr. Matt and Mrs. Pat Farrell went on to share heartfelt messages of gratitude for Mrs. Pappas’ leadership in education and faith formation. Her student body then honored her with spiritual bouquets as well as inspirational messages about what makes her a great principal. Finally, towards the close of Mass, Mrs. Elizabeth Zimmerman presented her with a scrapbook that was a compilation of numerous photos and student quotes spanning over the last eight years of her principalship. In the end, it was a beautiful Mass honoring an even more beautiful woman.

I can say this with confidence because I was blessed with the opportunity later this day to sit down and talk with Mrs. Pappas about what it means to be principal here at St. James School. I will forever cherish this experience because when all was said and done, Judy Pappas made me want to be a better person. My hope is that in reading this, you’ll get an inside glimpse of the wonderful, compassionate, and soulful woman Judy Pappas embodies.

From the moment you walk into Judy’s office you immediately feel the calmness and peacefulness that surrounds you. The office is quiet, dimly lit, and inviting. Judy doesn’t talk “at” you from behind her desk. Instead, she makes herself comfortable by pulling up a chair right next to yours so that she can talk “with” you, face to face. You definitely get the feeling that no matter who you are or what your matter of business is, Mrs. Pappas is sure to make you feel that what you have to say is important enough to warrant her full, undivided attention.

One of the first questions I asked Mrs. Pappas was what she enjoys most about being the principal of St. James School. She paused for a moment, not because she didn’t know what to say, but because she didn’t know where to start! She responded, “It’s hard to pinpoint just one thing. But, it’s being in an atmosphere where the people want to grow and achieve spiritually, academically and emotionally. As principal of this school, I have the opportunity to have an effect on that. Do I miss the classroom? Yes, of course I do. But what I’ve come to realize is that I can have an even greater influence as a principal to make this world a better place. I strive each and every day to make St. James School the absolute best it can be!”

I then asked Judy to share a particular situation that causes her to burst with pride as our school principal. This was an easy one. She sat back in her chair, smiled and said, “Today. This morning. To see the awesome assembly of people gathered in church this morning; the staff, the students, the parents, and of course my family, all taking the time to appreciate that the work I do here on this earth is important. My ministry in life is to serve as a Catholic educator, and I strongly believe that faith formation should be at the forefront of Catholic education. In addition to having been the recipient of the incredible honor that was bestowed on me today, it’s all the everyday little things that happen around here that make me so very proud to be the principal of St. James. It’s something as small as watching a student lend a helping hand to a fellow student who has fallen down. It’s witnessing a student share their lunch with someone who has forgotten theirs at home. It’s hearing a teacher telling the parent of a sick child that they hope their child is feeling better soon. It’s knowing in our hearts that parents and teachers all have the same common goals. It’s hearing children pray!”

Mrs. Pappas is well aware of the fact that Catholic education has its fair share of challenges. “Catholic education is hard. We have to fight against societal elements that are hard at work. It’s easy to go along with the crowd. It takes wherewithal and resolve however, to make choices that are not always so popular. An integral part of the educational philosophy here at St. James is that the spiritual and emotional growth of our students is just as important as their academic growth. Our mission as educators is to give our children the tools they need to think independently,
enabling them to make the right decisions in SPITE OF outside pressures!” With this pedagogy in place, it was evident that St. James is a safe environment where children can make mistakes and then learn from them. Mrs. Pappas went on to say, “Sure, sometimes students receive detentions or citations, but I’d rather have them learn from that experience now, early on, when they’re young. The stakes are higher as they get older. We want to influence them when they’re 5, 6, 7, and 8 years old, not wait until they’re 15, 16, 17, and 18 years old. Hopefully, we can prevent the potential for a life altering situation.”

Of course this takes an extraordinary amount of hard work and dedication on the part of Catholic educators, including administration, teachers, ancillary staff, counselors, spiritual directors and clergy. I couldn’t help but think that St. James is an incredibly well-oiled machine with all its parts in their proper place. Having said this, there are still quite a few things that Mrs. Pappas admits causes her to lose sleep at night. With a laugh, like some kind of an inside joke, she says she has surrendered to the fact that being a principal tends to be a 24/7 job! She doesn’t hesitate to list her daily concerns. “I hope and pray every night that my students become good human beings. I want them to be successful academically. I want their parents to be proud of them. I wish for my staff to be happy at work as well as in their personal lives. I even find myself worrying about the maintenance and upkeep of this state of the art building. Believe it or not, I’ve actually been known to be walking down the hallway with a plunger in my hand!” This made me chuckle, but I knew Judy just considered this to be par for the course.

Despite these challenges that come with the job, Mrs. Pappas remains adamant in her belief that St. James School is the best place for children to receive a high quality Catholic education. She has the utmost faith in her staff to provide an excellent academic experience. Mrs. Pappas reveals, “In education there is no down time. When you sit still, you cost a child! As educators, we need to be open to new research based methods of teaching, not trendy mind you, but balanced. Teachers should remain educated and open to the psychology of the whole child, understanding that their ultimate goal is to guide our children as they learn to make the right choices for their educational, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual lives.”

Mrs. Pappas is acutely aware of the fact that our relationship with Christ is at the center and focus for all we say and do here at St. James. She had some poignant words to share on the subject of spirituality. “Families are baptizing their children and then many choose to send them to a Catholic school. Part of the commitment is weekend worship. We have our weekly school Masses that help to teach the children how to act at church and to learn more about the meaning of the liturgy. In school they are taught the Ten Commandments. These are not ten suggestions. An assumption is that families will attend Mass every weekend. Yet other things end up trumping Mass attendance. Parents and kids are upset if they have to miss a game or a music lesson. It is frustrating as a Catholic educator when families do not make weekend Mass a priority.”

It’s tough as nails outlook, combined with her warm heart, that make Mrs. Pappas such an endearing figure in our lives. I asked Mrs. Pappas to give me three words to describe herself. She responded, “Happy, motivated, and passionate about Catholic education.” The dictionary definition of passionate is having powerful emotions. Mrs. Pappas definitely has powerful emotions when it comes to her school, her staff, her students, and her parents. The joy and love in her heart flourishes when parents and teachers work together, ensuring that the same set of values that are taught at home will be nurtured at school. This is what makes us St. James. This is why Judy Pappas will continue to do everything in her power to provide the best education for her students. She is quick to admit that she’ll remain at St. James for as long as God wants her to be there. She maintains, “God puts you where He wants you to do His work.”

It didn’t surprise me that Mrs. Pappas’ favorite prayer is the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”

Mrs. Pappas, speaking on behalf of the St. James community, you must know that you truly grace us with your presence each and every day you serve us. We are indeed so very blessed to have you as our faith filled leader in Christ. Thank you.
The seventh grade visited the Chicago History Museum in downtown Chicago to study local history as part of their Social Studies class. While there, students toured the main exhibit, “Chicago: Crossroads of America.” They learned about the area foundation through the exploration of Marquette and Joliet and the establishment of Fort Dearborn. Students discovered some of the major industries that helped to establish Chicago as an important city – meatpacking, iron and steel, and the railroad – and participated in an interactive activity about the Great Chicago Fire. They went on to explore how social and political, such as the race riots of 1919 and the Democratic Convention of 1968, influenced society both locally and nationally. Students also explored the cultural make-up of the Chicagoland area by learning about the popularity of jazz and blues music, sports and entertainment like Riverview, and the two Chicago World Fairs.

Students also participated in a workshop entitled “Facing Freedom” that allowed students to consider their own views on freedom in America. Inspired by the idea that the history of the United States has been shaped by conflicts over what it means to be free, the exhibit uses images, artifacts, and interactivity to explore familiar and not-so-familiar stories from the nation’s past. The exhibition explores conflicts over freedom through four main thematic categories: public protest, armed conflict, workers’ rights, and race and citizenship. Each section is supported by two stories of United States history that illustrate how everyone takes an active role in history. In the workshop, students examined primary source artifacts. After observing, describing, and discussing the artifacts, they placed them under one of the four thematic categories. They then created display labels for one specific artifact that was added to a display case. The students of Saint James are now a temporary part of an actual exhibit at the museum.
When our kids are little, one of the first values we try to instill in them is sharing. By preschool, many kids are good at sharing, and we switch our focus to other skills. But the truth is that, even for adults, sharing is not easy. We parents can be great role models of sharing by including our kids in clean-out and donation efforts. It is important to cultivate a spirit of giving that encourages sharing our material goods, money, and time with people who are struggling or less fortunate. Some ideas: When a new toy comes in, choose an old one to give away. Donate old school clothes to a homeless shelter before buying new clothes in the fall. Talk about how much is “enough.” Do we need ten pairs of jeans — or would we be okay with five?

**How might I help to “cultivate a spirit of giving” in my family? Is generosity a value in our home?**
**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 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.
Are you ready to “think outside the box” to radically look at your faith?

Jesus was very much a radical in his thinking and actions 2,000 years ago. He did something very unique with his short public life. He shared his intimate lived experience of his Abba, his God, with people who gathered to listen. People who were looking for something to help them rise above their daily life experience, to give them hope in a world filled with turmoil. He shared with people how to “think outside the box”.

Small Christian Communities (SCCs) within the parish are groups of fellow sojourners – seekers - travelers in life, who make time and commit themselves to sharing their lived experience of this person Jesus and the Divine Presence that sustains their lives - all life. This opportunity - an invitation from Jesus the Master Teacher of life, to take time - a few hours each week during Lent, to gather with others in conversation, perhaps even share a little time in prayer, but most of all to share whom this person Jesus is in their lives.

SCC gatherings are not about gauging your knowledge or testing your memory on church catechism questions, dogmas or doctrines. That is not what it’s about. SCC groups come together to share how the weekly Sunday Scripture Readings are working, or even not working in their lives. It’s time to explore new horizons that we are all called by the Spirit to move towards.

Perhaps you have a group of friends that have expressed interest in exploring this thing we call “faith”. Faith is not about adhering to a set of rules or obligations, or being a card carrying church member. Faith is having trust in this person Jesus and the Divine Presence he guides us to.

During this coming Lenten season the St. James SCC Leadership Team is working to form more SCC groups within the parish to share their faith experience. There are about 40 groups currently active with more than 400 people who, like you, trust in Jesus’ words:

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)

It’s simple to start the process: Fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket today or return it to the parish office by Friday, February 14. You will soon be contacted by a group leader and invited to join their group. If you have any questions, call Bob Nielsen at 847-439-4460.

Jesus’ invitation is to “think outside the box” to radically look at your faith.

Now...what will your answer be?

SIGN-UP FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Name _________________________________.
Address _____________________________________________
City/Zip _________________________________.
Phone - Day ______________________ Evening _______________________
Email _____________________________________________

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices

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Age preference: ___ don’t care ___ older ___ younger ___ teen ___ mixed

Group makeup: ___ don’t care ___ mostly woman ___ mostly men ___ mixed

Please return this form in the collection basket on any weekend up to Feb. 8/9 or to the parish office no later than Feb. 14.
St. James Respect Life Committee

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5

41 crosses are on display in front of St. James Church witnessing the 41 years of legalized abortion in the United States

On January 22, 2014, our nation sadly marked the 41st Anniversary of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

Since then, over 56,000,000 lives have been lost and many women and men have been left spiritually and emotionally wounded.

May Our Lady and the 56,000,000 babies in heaven intercede on behalf of all unborn children, for the healing of post-abortion moms, dads, & grandparents everywhere and conversion of hearts.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the St. James Respect Life team, we thank you for your generous support, contributions and prayers for the Daily Herald Respect Life ad (two full pages) that was published this past Sunday, January 19th in the front section as well as on Wednesday, January 22nd. We raised enough funds to also run an ad in the January 19th edition of the Hispanic publication, KRPLX308. The remaining balance will be donated to Heather’s House to help in their fine work of providing shelter and counsel for mother and child in “unplanned pregnancy” situations.

Would you like to be on our email list to receive Respect Life updates? Email jeannemarieh@msn.com to be added to our list.

St. James Peace & Justice Ministry

National Migration Week 2014

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

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated “Out of Darkness” for the theme of National Migration Week 2014. Pope Francis instructs “great numbers of migrants and refugees continue to be inspired by confidence and hope; in their hearts they long for a better future, not only for themselves but for their families...” Let us pray that migrants in our communities, those living in darkness and at risk of exploitation, especially children, refugees and victims of human trafficking, may continue to hope for a better future. Let us continue to act toward comprehensive immigration reform.

ACTION: Send a postcard to your Representative asking that they pass immigration reform by accessing the USCCB Justice for Immigrants website at www.justiceforimmigrants.org. For more information on Immigration Reform, go to www.archchicago.org/Immigration/.

Interested in joining the Peace and Justice Ministry? Email us at jamespeaceandjustice@catholic.org
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.
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
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.

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**Grief Support Group**

The St. James Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesdays, beginning 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.

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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

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

**Mended Hearts** - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Northwest Community Hospital on the first Monday. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

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

**Community Resources**
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Alanon/AAlateen 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 Hts.
847-899-0195

**Escorted Transportation**
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available for older adults in our community who are in need of rides to medical or dental appointments. It is a non-denominalional 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.

**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 Marwit, 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**
Stepping Stones is a St. James ministry dedicated to increasing parish awareness and understanding of the problem of domestic violence and to serving victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical or sexual abuse by a spouse or intimate partner. For information and referrals by compassionate, trained responders - always confidential - call 224-345-7200 x 8535, or email: steppingstones@stjamesah.org

**Annulment Support Ministry**
Richard Nagengast 847-732-0970

**Retired Men’s Bible Study**
Fr. Bob Erickson, CSV, is presenter and discussion leader.

The group works primarily with gospel texts read at Sunday Mass. New members are invited and welcome.

The Group meets at the Viatorian Provincial Center, 1212 E. Euclid Ave., Arl. Hts. from 10:00am to 11:30am, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

For further information, call Joe Ruane at: 847-398-3907 (home) or 847-337-9146 (cell)

**Celebration of Marriage**
Have you been married 40 years or more? The Moorings of Arlington Heights is hosting a special luncheon to honor the occasion on Tuesday, February 11th, at Noon. This will be hosted at our independent retirement community on Central Rd. A reservation is required as limited seating is available. Please join us. RSVP to 847-956-4304 by Friday, February 7th.

“Footloose”
St. Viator High School presents its 47th Annual Musical, “Footloose.” Performances are held on Friday and Saturday evenings—January 31, Feb. 1, 7 and 8 at 7:30pm. Matinee performances on Sunday, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 at 1pm. Tickets are $12. For more information, visit www.saintviator.com
St. Viator High School 1213 E. Oakton St., Arl. Hts. 60004

**Joyful Again!**
Joyful Again! For Widowed Men and Women: Are you widowed? Have you reached a crossroad? Do you want to move forward with your life, while still treasuring your memories? The Joyful Again program brings understanding and hope to help you in your life’s new journey.

March 29 & 30, 2014 Resurrection Health Center Holy Family Medical Center 100 N. River Rd. (at Golf Rd.) Des Plaines, IL 60016 Call: 708-354-7211 to register, or email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or www.joyfulagain.org
**Weekly Intentions**

Please pray for our sick...  
Stanley Jachec, Julia Jachec, Phyllis Harman,  
Sue Eldersveld, Eugene Griffin, Thomas Drew,  
Dr. Geetha Chitta, Robert Maxwell

In Loving Memory

**Pearl Bleers...**
wife of Frank; mother of Frank Jr., Jenny (Rob) Lindgren, and Nancy (Barry) O'Connell; grandmother of Kane, Ruby, Seph, and Jack Bleers, Buzz, Katie and Annie Lindgren, and Max, Spencer and Ella O'Connell

**Kathryn R. Healy McCarthy...**
survived by family members, friends, and lifelong friend, Rosaleen Benson

**Janice Saelens...**
wife of Frank; daughter of Alma and the late Paul Shelton; sister of Joanne (John) Hollingsworth, Ted Shelton, Kevin Shelton, and her late twin sister Janet (Bill) Moore

**Thomas L. Malone...** brother of John Malone

Baptisms

**Grace Sarah...**
daughter of Michael & Nikki (Johnson) Jacobsen

Wedding Banns

February 14, 2014  
Edward Schulte & Juliana Falato

**Rose for Life**
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by the Souders Family in loving memory of David B. Souders on the first anniversary of his death.

**Remembrances**

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, January 26**  
Godfrey Chierici, Geoffrey Chierici, Josephine Chierici, Joan (Peach) Chierici, Glenys O. Evett (1st Anniv.), Juliana Alm, Joseph Helminski

**Monday, January 27**  
Robert Hitzeman (1st Anniv.), Thomas Horton, Mark Maslauskas, Evelyn Faber, James J. McGrath, Dana Mangi

**Tuesday, January 28**  
Thomas Rothfus

**Wednesday, January 29**  
Stephanie Kopec (1st Anniv.), Joanne Destiche, David Souders (1st Anniv.), José Maria Guzmán, Debra Ann Voss (1st Anniv.), J. Frank Hogan

**Thursday, January 30**  
Edward Hopper (1st Anniv.), Dana Mangi

**Friday, January 31**  
Francis Nash, Thomas Rothfus (5th Anniv.)

**Saturday, February 1**  
Sharon Scanlan, Phyllis Shields, Steve McBride (5th Anniv.), Norberto & Florencia Peñas

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, February 2**  

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**Important!**

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN...**

As you approach the driveway for the new School and Parish Center, please be sure to obey the yield and stop signs. It is important that we ensure the safety of all our students and parishioners walking to and from our facilities.
**Presiders**

Saturday evening:
- 5:00 pm Fr. Joji Thanugundla

Sunday:
- 7:00 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
- 8:30 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla (Deacon M. Hahn)
- 10:00 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano (Deacon T. Westerkamp)
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- 5:00 pm Fr. Gilbert Mashurano

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday evening: Church

Coordinators: D. Duque, T. Gallagher

- 8:30 am C. Burke, J. Burke, E. Crittenden, C. Frenzer, M. J. Jarosz, L. Poelking, K. Rayburn, I. Roller, T. Talbot, E. Turney

Coordinator: T. Stengren

**Altar Servers**

Saturday evening:
- 5:00 pm K. Colmone, J. Dwyer, M. Scanlon

Sunday:
- 7:00 am R. O’Grady, T. McCarthy, S. Michelini
- 8:30 am A. Chavez, C. Raupp, J. Rapala
- 10:00 am E. Donohue, K. Donohue, S. Schultz
- 11:45 am L. Muscarello, Y. Kastner, E. Danstrom
- 5:00 pm R. McLaughlin, E. Madden, T. Woolsey

**Lectors**

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Coordinator: T. Stengren

Sunday: Parish Center

Coordinators: D. Adam, T. Adam

- 11:45 am L. Behls, M. Byrne, B. Gedmin, D. Gerew, S. McVoy, S. Sharer, A. VandenAvont, C. VandenAvont, S. VandenAvont, J. VanEck

Coordinators: M. Brock, M. DeShon

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**Scripture Readings**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26**

**Monday:**
- 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:**
- 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:**
- 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:**
- 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:**
- 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:**
- 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:**
- Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**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
# MANNA at St. James

1) Submit Order Form to MANNA Rep at table or place in the collection basket.
2) Make checks payable to "Manna @ St. James."
3) Orders rec’d Sunday will be ready the following week before and after Masses (except Sun. 5pm)

**Questions? Call the parish business office at 224-345-7211 or 7212**

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