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July 20, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest.”

Matthew 13:29–30
A Reflection…

from Deacon Matthew Hahn

July 27, 2014

Quick show of hands, please…by Friday evening…who is NOT physically exhausted and ready for an early night of going to sleep? I tell you with all honesty that by the time Friday evening rolls around, my wife and I are wiped out and ready to be in bed by about 7:00 PM! That’s not always possible, and given our four kids are pretty active with athletics and friends, we usually don’t hit the pillows until about 11:00 PM or so.

There is one Friday evening per month though, that we dedicate to our roles as Christian Family members. Usually it’s the second Friday evening of each month, but sometimes that needs to be moved around (Good Friday, etc.). That particular Friday evening we host Christian Family Movement (CFM) at our home. Not to say we aren’t tired on the nights we host CFM; we are! Yet staying alert and having several couples in our home for great conversation is well worth it! In fact, one of the dads that comes over for CFM echoes my sentiment exactly. I’m paraphrasing here, but he said “You know Matt, I get to work before 5:00 AM…I work a hard day and by the time 7:00 PM rolls around and we head over for CFM, I’m beat. But no matter the topic we discuss, the conversation and fellowship is always worth it.”

For those of you taking the time to read this (Thanks, by the way!) and are not familiar with CFM, it’s a great opportunity to share our faith, talk about our faith…and then DO SOMETHING with our faith. CFM likes to say “Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.” (James 1:22) Currently our CFM group consists of about eight or nine families; sometimes we have all families in the group at our home, and sometimes we have only five or six families able to make it to our home. Currently we are discussing how “Marriage Makes a Difference” using a program book bearing that same title. This particular program is ten sessions in duration. Other topics are greater or lesser than ten weeks in duration.

Who should participate in CFM? Any family who wants to grow in faith and find support in a community of Christian families will love CFM. Married couples of all ages, interfaith couples, single-parents, step-families, empty nesters, and clergy are all welcome. The value of reinforcing our shared Christian values, applying those values to our lives as Christian parents and grandparents is amazing. Sometimes the topics and the discussions are difficult and challenging; sometimes the topics generate a lot of laughter. Always, the conversations are fruitful.

Just last week we were discussing the topic ‘To Have and to Hurt,’ a variant on the marriage liturgy phrase of ‘To Have and to Hold.’ Somehow our discussion moved to whether or not families determine what is portrayed in media (print, audio, visual, electronic), or if media determines what our families see, hear, and do. I came away from the discussion thinking that as Christian families, we CAN influence what our families see and hear in the media, and therefore change for the better, our resultant actions.

It is at times difficult to be a Christian mother/father/grandparent, etc. in the times we live in right now. BUT…knowing that there are families struggling to do the right thing just as we do in our home affords us a sense of companionship…a sense of camaraderie. We’re not in this alone! Together we muddle through the trials and tribulations, and we celebrate the successes of all the families in our CFM group. More importantly, we come away from each session in the comfort and knowledge that God is walking with us in our vocation as Christian families.

Besides meeting on a monthly basis, we do like to get ‘out there’ and be doers of the word. We have participated in the Feed My Starving Children process, made lunches for the Loaves and Fishes ministry, and worked at a Catholic Charities site serving dinner for the guests. We will be doing more; I have a little project in mind for us when discuss session eight, “Marriage Promotes Health,” but I don’t want to spill the beans until we discuss as a CFM group! I recommend CFM to all families in the parish…it’s a great way to learn about and celebrate our faith. It’s a great way to do something with our faith. It’s also a great way to meet other people in the community. If you are interested, please contact me. You are welcome to join our group or form your own new group. I guarantee that even if you may be feeling tired when the CFM session rolls around, you won’t regret taking the time for yourself and your family. “Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.”

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Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today’s Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

Parish Envelopes....

We are so blessed that you are part of St. James Catholic Church. In the spirit of stewardship along with our awareness for the environment, St James is working to update their parishioner envelope distribution list.

If you want to discontinue receiving your envelopes or if you would like to update your records, please contact us via one of the following three options by August 1st:

Phone (224-345-7207) or email (cdesmond@stjamesah.org) or send us a letter to: 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Thank you for helping us update our records.

PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house-teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

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Rosary Group
Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:
Monday: Human Life
Tuesday: Military
Wednesday: Marriage
Thursday: Priests and Religious
Friday: Sick
Saturday: Souls of the Faithful departed

Fr. Matt’s Monday Family Prayer and Adoration
All are welcome!
2nd Monday of each month, at 4:00pm in the Church.

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

Sacristans Needed!

Come and join the St. James Sacristan Ministry. Two or three parishioners are needed to join our Sacristan Ministry to help with some chores in the Church and Parish Center. Please contact Norma Aguila at 847-630-1647, or email Norma at norma.aguila@yahoo.com

Duties of Sacristans:
Mondays: Washing of purificators, towels, altar cloth, etc.
(Alternate duty)
Fridays: Taking care of church cleanliness:
1. Changing holy water
2. Cleaning candle holders
3. Changing candles for altar and tabernacle
4. Helping other ministries during the Christmas season and Holy Week.

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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE ALL MEN OF ST. JAMES TO JOIN THE ORDER!

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Rosary Council No. 4483, will be greeting parishioners and speaking before all masses next weekend (July 26-27).

- The Knights of Columbus was founded by a parish priest, and Fr. Matt, Fr. Joji, Fr. Gilbert and Fr. Bill are all proud members.
- Holy Rosary Council works closely with St. James parish and all of the other parishes in Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows.
- The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world, with over 1.8 Million members.
- Charity is the order’s first principle, and the Knights have donated over $1.2 billion and over 650 million hours of volunteer service in the last decade.
- Membership in the order is a great way to make friends and for you and your family to get involved in your parish and community!
- Membership is open to all men, over the age of 18, who are practical Catholics.

St. James-fest 2014

The First Annual St. James-fest...the ‘World’s Smallest Block Party with the Most Fun’

When: Saturday, August 9th, right after the 5:00 PM Mass till about 10:30 PM.
Where: The grassy area between the Church and the Rectory.
What: Block party food and beverages...hamburgers, hot dogs, water, beer, wine. Movie for the kids after dark; bags tournament, conversation, live music and a DJ.
Who: All St. James Parishioners. Be sure to bring a chair!
Why: Just to get together before the summer ends and the kids start school again...come on out and spend time with each other!
Cost: Not much! This isn’t a fund raiser...minimal costs for beer and wine...just to break even.
Announcing...
The 20th Annual Jubilation at James Grand Raffle

Win a Trip for 4 to the Emerald Isle or $20,000 Cash!

Odds of winning are great with only 600 tickets sold!
Prizes are truly grand totaling over $22,000.
The ticket price remains the same at
$100 each or 3 for $250.

Grand Prize - Your choice of Cash or Trip!

Enjoy a 6-night getaway for four in Dublin, Ennis & Killarney. Includes a historic castle overnight stay, rental car, Guinness Storehouse VIP tickets, Gap of Dunloe & Aran Islands excursion with airfare for 4.

Other Prizes
2nd Prize - $1,000 – 3rd Prize - $500 - 4th Prize - $500
Plus 2 Early Bird Drawings

By purchasing a raffle ticket, you have the opportunity to change the lives of children and families in Arlington Heights, Mexico, India and beyond. Jubilation proceeds will help St. James Charities, offering tuition assistance to students enrolled at St. James School and in our Religious Education programs, as well as supporting our PADS and St. Vincent DePaul Society, allowing us to give assistance to those seeking shelter and temporary financial aid.

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Two Early Bird Drawings!!!
The winner of the 1st drawing on Sept. 22 will
win 6 additional raffle tickets to be entered in
the Grand Prize Drawing! The winner of the 2nd
drawing on Oct. 17 will win 3 additional raffle
tickets to be entered in the
Grand Prize Drawing!

More Chances to Win!

Grand Raffle Drawing will be held on November 8, 2014 during
The Emerald Ball
hosted in our Parish Center. All proceeds benefit the St. James Charities.

$100 per ticket or 3 for $250 & only 600 will be sold!

Buy now! Complete the form to purchase by check OR see below to purchase by
credit card.

A ticket stub with the information you provide will be placed in the raffle drum for the cash
drawings (a numbered receipt will be returned to you promptly). Both winning tickets from the
Early Bird Drawings will be re-entered in the Grand Prize drawing. (A minimum of 550 tickets must
be sold for prizes to be awarded as stated. If less than 550 tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be $10,000
and all other prizes will be awarded as originally stated. Tax deductible portion of raffle tickets is $0.)

TO ORDER TICKETS BY CHECK, RETURN THIS FORM TO:
ST. JAMES CHURCH, 820 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5699
Make checks payable to Jubilation at James.

NAME ON

TICKET(S):__________________________________________PHONE:____________________

ADDRESS:_________________________________________CITY____________________ZIP________

NO. OF TICKETS ORDERED___1 @ $100 ___3 @ $250.

TO ORDER BY CREDIT CARD, PLEASE VISIT: www.stjamesah.org AND SCROLL DOWN TO THE JUBILATION AT JAMES BOX. HERE YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO GIVECENTRAL TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.

Upon receipt of your order, we will complete your raffle ticket(s) and mail the numbered ticket(s) & receipt to you. For questions or assistance with GiveCentral online ordering, please call 224-345-7208 or 224-345-7209.
A CPA Who Is Outspoken with What Catholics Should Know about their Faith

"There's a lot of confusion in the church as to the basic precepts we as Catholics are obligated to follow," says our fellow parishioner Don Knorr. He has a lot more to say about this, for he's one Catholic standing in the gap for the Catholic Church and for parents..."If a man loves God, his children will love him," he says. Don is quite concerned about the decreasing number of Catholics attending Mass, and he offers some insightful comments. His apostolate is seemingly inseparable from his office work, family, and the championing of a well-rounded education for one's children. He says that a long day of work is his fun in life!

...To read the entire story of Don Knorr (and his ever-expanding role as a grandfather), go to our parish webpage at "stjamesah.org" and type "Exodus Trekkers" in the "search" window. This EXODUS TREKKER interview will run the entire week of July 20.

Exodus Trekker

Now to July 26th
Evening Performances 7:30
July 24, 25, 26
Sunday Matinees July 20
2:00pm
http://www.stjamestheatre.org
ST. JAMES WOMEN’S CLUB is sponsoring a collection of
School Supplies for Marillac House

August 9th & 10th, 2014
(after all the Masses)

Marillac House is located on the west side of Chicago. Under the direction of the Daughters of Charity, they provide: Day Care services, Recreation Programs, Adult Education, Emergency Food Pantry, Infant Nutrition Program, Child Abuse Program, Outreach to Seniors and Project Hope for teen mothers.

Your generosity in helping to assist the children in these programs is greatly appreciated! Supplies most in need are notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, looseleaf paper and backpacks. (If you would like to donate a “complete backpack”, please include: 2 folders, 2 notebooks, pens, pencils, a ruler, glue stick and looseleaf paper.) However, any donations are most appreciated!

Please bring donations directly to the designated cars in the parking lots behind the Church and Parish Center after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses.

If questions, please contact Bernie Tolzien, 847-253-5396 or wbtolzi@yahoo.com
OR Marianne Dilsner at the Parish Office, 224-345-7203.
The Foundation for Children in Need is a not-for-profit organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. On Friday June 27, over 200 supporters gathered to celebrate the Foundation’s 12th anniversary at St. James Parish. Honored guests included Mr. Edwin Rondan, Director, and Mrs. Christina Aranda, Mission appeal Coordinator, from the Office for Mission Education and Animation for the Archdiocese of Chicago and Father Matt. They were honored by Dr. Geetha Yeruva and Tom Chitta in Indian traditional way with shawls as a sign of love, respect and gratitude for all the support that FCN has received.

Begun by Tom and Geetha to serve the poor in southern India, FCN provides basic needs, education and health care to over 2200 students through a sponsorship program. In addition, FCN provides a loving home and medical care for elderly individuals. Dr. Geetha ventures into remote villages to provide compassionate medical care for those without access to clinics or hospitals.

The tireless efforts of the Foundation flow into many areas of the communities they serve. This year, over 3000 students were delighted to receive their own dictionaries and notebooks. An equal number of underserved individuals were recipients of new clothing. Many village schools were gifted new school supplies and library books.

At the heart of the Foundation’s mission is education. Funding an individual’s education through the sponsorship program changes the trajectory of an individual’s life as do the health education classes that Dr. Geetha conducts for teenage girls. Additionally, the Foundation provides training in tailoring and embroidery for twenty young women in its tailoring center. Each young woman in this program receives her own sewing machine to practice her trade when she completes her training.

Jo Anne Mullen-Muhr, Board member, welcomed the guests and admired the work of FCN that she has personally witnessed in India. Twelve minutes DVD was shown highlighting the work of FCN for the underprivileged.

Dr. Geetha Yeruva, Co-Founder and President thanked Fr. Matt, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joji, Fr. Gilbert and St. James Parish community and all the sponsors for praying and supporting FCN.

Father Bill gave encouraging speech and overwhelmingly appreciated the work of FCN and wished FCN activities to flourish. He announced about the award that Tom and Geetha will receive on July 3rd in Philadelphia from the American Telugu Association (ATA) for the best community service.

Father Matt said that “gift of education is important to build a nation and praised the work of FCN”. He invoked blessings over the food.

Edwin and Christina from the mission office appreciated the mission spirit of those gathered and encouraged everyone to sponsor a child.

The Foundation’s work directly and profoundly impacts the lives of those it serves. Please follow our work at www.fcn-usa.org.

On July 3rd, Dr. Geetha and Tom Chitta, parishioners of St. James and cofounders of Foundation for Children in Need received the best award for community service from American Telugu Association (ATA), a national organization for the Telugu-speaking people from India at their national ATA convention in Philadelphia. There were more than 2000 gathered from the US for the inaugural banquet and about 4000 for the two day conference. We congratulate Geetha and Tom for their dedication and sincere service to the needy in India. To know more about FCN, visit www.fcn-usa.org.
SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

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A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Visit www.stjamesschoolah.org for further information and to begin the application process for your child.

St. James School offers PreK-3 through 8th grade.

We are currently accepting applications!

Saint James School
820 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5699
Ph: 224.345.7145
Saint James Religious Education
2014-2015 Grades 1-8

Classes begin in September
There are two class times offered:
Tuesday 6:30-7:45pm
Wednesday 4:30-5:45pm

Registration forms and information can be found on the parish website www.stjamesah.org
Registrations are taken on a first come first serve basis.
You can pay online using GiveCentral.

Questions?
Please email St James at parishoffice@stjamesah.org or call 224-345-7200

R.C.I.A., Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

This process is for adults who:
• are not baptized
• were baptized in another Christian denomination
• or were baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

Every year we have people of all ages and from all walks of life come to the R.C.I.A. They come for many reasons, such as engagements, marriages, having children, personal losses or spiritual longing. But whatever the reason, they come to the program because they are listening to God’s call.

R.C.I.A. will start meeting on Wednesday nights this fall, beginning on September 24th. The first two months of the process are called the Inquiry Phase, where you will learn more about the Catholic faith by listening to presentations and personal reflections by a team of parishioners, by sharing scripture, and by participating in group discussions.

After the Inquiry Phase, you will discern for yourself if this feels right for you. You then decide if you wish to receive further instruction in order to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil next spring. Persons baptized in other Christian denominations would only receive Confirmation and Eucharist as the Catholic Church respects these baptisms.

For more information, contact Fr. Joji in the Parish Office or Jim Hamman at 847-506-1368 or email jhamman@rcgdirect.com
Archdiocese of Chicago—Vicariate I—DEF

2014 Fall Basic Training and Formation for New Ministers of Care

This program is designed for persons to be commissioned and mandated as Ministers of Care who will visit and/or take the Eucharist to residents of nursing homes, the hospitalized, and the homebound. (Registration at each of the six sessions listed below is required.)

St. Edna Church
(Doherty Center)
2525 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL  60004

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6 and 13
Gathering 8:30am  Presentations 9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, September 6
9:00am—10:45am  Spirituality of the Ministry
Speaker:  Marlene Sweeney
(Break—15 min.)
11:00am-12:30pm  Prayer in Care Ministry
Speaker:  Greta Rusk
(Lunch 30 min.)
1:00pm-2:30pm  Theology of the Eucharist
Speaker:  Fr. Michael Ahlstrom

Saturday, September 13
9:00am– 10:45am Pastoral Communication Skills
Speaker:  Amy Florian
(Break—15 min.)
11:00am-12:30pm  Ministerial Procedures
Speaker:  Ron Frost
(Lunch 30 min.)
1:00pm-2:30pm  The Experience of Suffering
Speaker:  Sr. Jane Schlosser
2:30pm   Closing Ceremony

Please bring your own brown bag lunch each Saturday. Coffee and water will be provided.

Pre-Registration is required.

Please call Deacon Tom Westerkamp at: 847-253-3090 for details or if questions.

Ministry Steering Committee:  Deacon Larry Smith, Mary Hoffing, Deacon Michael Filipucci, Patsy Rhinehart, Deacon Tom Westerkamp, Kathy O’Neill

Eucharistic Minister Workshops

These free workshops will offer the education and training to become a mandated Eucharistic Minister (EM)

Questions?  Contact Mary Pietro at: marypietro@aol.com

This workshop preparation session will focus on:
♦  The Ministry of Eucharist—Our Baptismal call to Ministry
♦  A Theology of Eucharist as Celebrated in the Roman Catholic Tradition
♦  Rooted in Scripture and the early Church, through the Second Vatican Council
♦  Historical aspects of our celebration of Eucharist in practice and devotion
♦  Review of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and how our ministry as EMs “fits”
♦  Questions and Answers

Lector Workshops

Attend a workshop and sign up to be a lector at your Church.  Questions? Contact Mary Pietro at marypietro@aol.com

This training will provide the skills and self-confidence needed for those who wish to become lectors in their own parish or for newer lectors who would like a “refresher course.”

To register for Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Contact below:

August 23, 2014
At St. Cecilia Church—700 S. Meier Rd. Mt. Prospect 9am-12:00Noon  Registration and Hospitality at 8:30am
CONTACT:  Mary Catherine Meek—847-437-6208 x120 or mcmeek@stceciliamtprospect.org
EM Workshop—Bernardin Room  Trainer: Sandy Book
Lector Workshop—Church  Trainer: Denise Thompson

September 13, 2014
At St. Mary of Vernon Church—236 U.S. 45, Indian Creek, IL 9am-12:00Noon  Registration and Hospitality at 8:30am
CONTACT:  Sue Matousek 847-223-0010  SMatous@stmota.org
EM Workshop:  Trainer:  Fr. Ron Gollatz
Lector Workshop:  Trainer: Denise Thompson

October 11, 2014
At St. Theresa Church—455 N. Benton, Palatine, IL 9:00am-12:00Noon  Registration and Hospitality at 8:30am
CONTACT:  Marie Paul 847-358-7760 x 119 or mariep@sttheresachurch.org
EM Workshop—Chapel  Trainer:  Fr. Ron Gollatz
Lector Workshop—Church  Trainer: Deacon Allen Tatara

EM Workshops—A follow-up workshop will take place in your own parish that will include a practicum on the particular practices for distribution of the Eucharist.  This training meets the Archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.
Lutheran Home Mass

Here is a great opportunity to pray with our elderly parishioners and friends. Join us every Wednesday at 10:15am for Mass at the Lutheran Home, 800 W. Oakton St. in Arlington Heights.

We are seeking musicians and singers for Mass. Please contact Fr. Matt at the Parish Office, 224-345-7222.

HELP!! St. James Theater Ministry Needs Your Help!

Do you or someone you know have an empty garage or storage facility near St. James which can be donated for our ministry? We are in need of a place to store our lumber (2 x 4’s, 2 x 6’s, plywood sheets, etc.) from the end of July until early May. Each year we disassemble our sets and reuse the lumber to help keep costs down; however, we have lost our space due to the selling of the property. We need approximately 500 square feet or a decent size garage. If you can help, please contact Robert Sanetra at 630-247-4687.

Communications Corner

Catch the latest news around St. James from your mobile phone, Facebook, and Twitter:

- stjamesah.org
- facebook.com/stjamesah
- twitter.com/StJamesParishAH
- twitter.com/padrematt

Attention All Parishioners: Want to see your family and friends’ smiling faces on the parish website? The Communications Committee is looking to increase the number of photos on our website and needs your help. Please submit your personal photos taken around St. James to the website, e.g., Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, ministry gatherings/outing, etc.

Visit the website, www.stjamesah.org, click on Website Submissions in the bottom left corner, Open a New Ticket, provide requested information and attach photos, Create Ticket. It’s that easy!

Attention All Ministry Leaders: In order to provide updated information on the parish website, we need your help. Please review your web page(s) and submit updates/changes via our Website Submission system. www.stjamesah.org
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture goes online
What would you write if a friend asked you to describe her on Twitter? Maybe you’d note some physical traits, such as black hair, tall in stature, brown eyes. Maybe you’d highlight spiritual qualities, such as kindness, generosity, and patience. There’s so much you’d like to say about your friend, but in only 140 characters or fewer is it really possible to say something deeply meaningful? Enter scripture! Scripture often expresses complex ideas in creative, concise ways, such as parables, allegories, and metaphors. How might it inform your use of social media?

TODAY’S READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (196). “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with... flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

MONDAY, JULY 21
MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Is Christ first for you?
Like Saint Francis of Assisi himself, Saint Lawrence, a Capuchin Franciscan, saw the Incarnation as key to everything. “God is love, and all his operations proceed from love. Once he wills to manifest that goodness by sharing his love outside himself,” Lawrence wrote, “then the Incarnation becomes the supreme manifestation of his goodness and love and glory... Christ is the first-born of every creature, and the whole of humanity lives as well as the created world finds its foundation and meaning in him.” How can you ground yourself in Christ and his love?

TODAY’S READINGS: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42 (295). “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”

TUESDAY, JULY 22
MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE
Count on me
Mary Magdalene is the subject of much conjecture, but what is known about her is sure that she was a sinner who became part of Jesus’ inner circle. She was also one of the few of his followers who stayed with him during his Crucifixion, and she was the first to find his tomb empty and the first to see him after his Resurrection. Her simple presence shows the extent of his love and devotion—she was there for him. How often do you show up for the people who need you?

TODAY’S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 (390); John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). “Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
Yes, you can
Have you ever felt as if you weren’t ready for what was being asked of you? Maybe you thought you were too young or too old, not prepared or worthy enough to do something others requested. God’s invitations to growth, though, come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes it’s in doing what you don’t think you can or facing what you’d rather not that can yield the most astounding results. Today don’t tell God what you aren’t ready for; instead let God ready you for all you are capable of.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9 (197). “To whomever I send you, you shall go... Have no fear before them, because I am with you.”

THURSDAY, JULY 24
MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAHLOUL, PRIEST
More trees, please
Saint Sharbel, born in Lebanon in 1828, entered a monastic community at 23 and lived out his days near the Quadasha Valley, the “Holy Valley” in Lebanon and home to the famous Forest of the Cedars of God. The cedar is the symbol of Lebanon, and in Sharbel’s time the mountains of that country were covered by thick forests of them. After centuries of persistent deforestation, however, the forests have diminished dramatically. While it is true, as poet Joyce Kilmer put it, that “only God can make a tree,” we humans can certainly plant them. Plant a tree nearby and green up the earth a bit!

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17 (590). “Blinded are your eyes, because these are your ears, because they hear.”

FRIDAY, JULY 25
FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE
Saints who set a bad example
Today the church remembers the James who along with his brother John and Peter formed the inner circle of apostles around Jesus. It seems the two brothers were impetuous about saying what they thought because they got the nickname “Sons of Thunder.” They were also ambitious, wanting to sit at Christ’s right and left hands in the Kingdom. Great saints like the apostles offer examples to follow but also sometimes to learn from; that, too, is part of their gift to the church. Where they were over the top, you can be patient. Where they sought status, you can be humble.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 5:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (405). “We hold this treasure in earthen vessels.”

SATURDAY, JULY 26
MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Have faith in grandparents
Matthew and Luke furnish genealogies for Jesus that traced his ancestry to show that he is the culmination of God’s great promises. His grandparents, Joachim and Anne—whether their real names or not—represent that long series of generations who faithfully performed their duties, kept the faith, and waited faithfully for the Messiah, while, like many of our own grandparents, they happily remained in the background. “Grandparents are a treasure,” Pope Francis said. “Often old age isn’t pretty, right? There is sickness and all that, but the wisdom our grandparents have is something we must welcome as an inheritance.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). “Hear the word of the Lord... Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.”
Respite Care—Gero Solutions
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

Lunches by Catholic Charities
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 Hts.

NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness—Family support group, meets at 7:00pm, the third Wednesday of the month at Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott, Arlington Hts. 847-899-0195

ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
- Northwestelijk (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.

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.

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 847-200-1862.

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

SHARE
Job & Networking Ministry
Are you in transition or looking for a better job? At each meeting, we have a speaker on various topics, followed by networking. Wednesdays 7-9 pm (Hurley Center) St. Edna’s Parish 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Tom Mannard, tmannard@aol.com or leave a message at 847-398-3362.

Grief Support Group
The St. James Grief Support Group meets from 7-8 pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office.

The group offers through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. The dates of the next session are August 19–Sept. 23.

You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

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Sunday, July 20, 2014
Dancing—7:00pm—10:00pm
Information: (847) 392-0918

Admission: $15.00
Please pray for our sick...  
Marlene Pfeifer, Ellie Grant, Martha Wrobel,  
Virginia Robinett, Julia Jachec, Stanley Jachec  

In Loving Memory  

James E. Trausch...  
husband of Christine; father of Mary Kate, Colleen,  
Julia, and Moira; son of Patricia and the late Lawrence;  
brother of Meg (Ed Stegner) Trausch, Patti (Mike) Sills- 
Trausch, Laura (Alden) Snyder and Maria (Stephen)  
Conlon; son-in-law of Robert and Marguerite Hower  

Dianne Johnson...sister of Alice Witt  

Baptisms  
Maeve Elizabeth Callero...daughter of Matthew &  
Meghan (Flood) Callero  
Novella Elan Eichorn...daughter of Adam & Jennifer  
(Cantore) Eichorn  
Frederick Augustine Eichorn...son of Adam & Jennifer  
(Cantore) Eichorn  
Michael Raymond Mendez...son of Juan Mendez &  
Karen Klimara  
Gabriel Jesus Mendez...son of Juan Mendez & Karen  
Klimara  
Peter Frank Douvris...son of George & Gina  
(Mezzano) Douvris  
Grace Garson O’Brien...daughter of Kevin & Angela  
(Garson) O’Brien  
Agostino Maximus Badalamenti...son of Salvatore &  
Lindsey (Tague) Badalamenti  

Wedding Banns  
July 26, 2014  
Thomas Fioritto & Jacqueline Thornton  
Daniel Caceres & Crystal Sava  

August 2, 2014  
Joseph Brundage & Jillian Valentino  
Michael Clarke & Allison Brinati  

August 8, 2014  
Benjamin Johnson & Eleanor O’Neill  

Congratulations!  
Marlene & Don Demski  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
July 18, 2014  

Rose for Life  
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by  
Julia & Robert Bruett, in loving memory of their Moms,  
Josephine Chierici and Dorothy Bruett.  

Remembrances  
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, July 20  
Dana Mangi, Pearl Bleers, James Phillips O’Brien,  
Jane R. Downing  
Monday, July 21  
Marge McGrath, Aloysius Faber, Marci McGrath,  
Elaine Mysza, Clarence Trampf, Elaine Detweiler,  
Jim Trausch, Dr. Antonio Reyes Peñaloza, Jr.,  
Josefina Deleon Peñaloza  
Tuesday, July 22  
Stanley Tuska, Irene Augustyn, Dana Mangi,  
Jim O’Brien  
Wednesday, July 23  
Katherine Hogan, Jim Trausch  
Thursday, July 24  
Jack Coyle, Joan Brauweiler  
Friday, July 25  
George Winkas, Dana Mangi, Richard Estaver  
Saturday, July 26  
Ann Laurie, Stephen Thomas Patterson,  
Catherine Lyons (7th Anniv.), James O’Brien  
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, July 27  
Vaugh Dnan, Rev. Thomas Muster, James O’Brien,  
James Phillips O’Brien, Mercy Janschutz  

Weekly Intentions  

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Happy Anniversary  
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Those who are just must be kind.
**Presiders**

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

**Sunday:**
7:00 am  Fr. Joji Thanugundla
8:30 am  Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
10:00 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
11:45 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
5:00 pm  Fr. Gilbert Mashurano

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday evening:**
5:00 pm  N.Bentz, A.Chavez, S.Schultz

**Sunday:**
7:00 am  R.O’Grady, E.Madden, T.McCarty
8:30 am  C.O’Dell, C.Raupp, D.Raupp
10:00 am  A.Luczak, M.Kamp, M.Purk
11:45 am  G.Oskroba, E.Oskroba, M.Stack
5:00 pm  A.Mysza, M.Mysza, P.Jacks

**Lectors**

**Saturday evening:**
5:00 pm  D. Greising, J.Fleming

**Sunday:**
7:00 am  J.Bruett, R.Bruett
8:30 am  S.Nowakowski, L.Matz
10:00 am  M.Lombardi, C.Collaran
11:45 am  S.Torres, J.Torres
5:00 pm  S.Sykes, J.Lee

**Scripture Readings**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 20, 2014**

**Monday:**
Mt 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42;

**Tuesday:**
Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Wednesday:**
Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:**
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:**
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

**Saturday:**
Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday:**
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**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

**Sunday:**
Church
7:00 am  M.Cripe, G.Roller, J.Shrader, J.Shrader
Coordinator:  M.Walsh,Jr.

8:30 am  E.Cahill, P.Cahill, L.Holland, T.Holland, M.Kennedy, V.McQueeney, K.Newgard, K.Parus, M.Philips, B.Scullion, M.Vanderwiel, L.P. Martin, L.Miossi,
Coordinators:  J.Socher, D. Turney

**Sunday:**
Parish Center
(Choir) M. Massa
Coordinators:  D.Burke, B.Minaglia

11:45 am  J.Gedmin, M.Goolsby, J.Zitkus, N.Paulson, M.J. DeShon
Coordinators:  C.Zitkus, C.Zitkus

**Sunday:**
Church
5:00 pm  E.Krause, L.Matz, D.Milligan, H.Thornton, H.Thornton, J. Coleman, C.Christophe, G.Christophe, J.Christophe, T.Imhoff,
Coordinator:  G. & J. Christophe

**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:

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