March 16, 2014

Second Sunday of Lent

From the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5

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Reflection on Matthew 17: 1-9

Today’s gospel is about Jesus being transfigured. He was physically changed, transformed, on that mountain in front of his three closest followers (Peter, James and John). Those men were able to witness the divine glory of Jesus. He was made as bright as white light, and He appeared with Moses and Elijah, the two most famous and revered of all the prophets of the Old Testament.

And God spoke in a voice on that mountain: This My Beloved Son…LISTEN to HIM.

Many folks in those days did NOT listen to Him. By appearing with the prophets, Jesus was trying to show his followers that it was ok to break from the old Jewish tradition of simply following the letter of the Jewish law, with its special rules and restrictions about the Sabbath that appeared to be more important than taking care of others in need.

Traditional Jewish teaching conflicted with what Jesus was trying to teach them. By appearing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus was showing his followers that Jesus and the prophets were all linked together, and the laws of the past, promoted by the old Prophets, were changing with the coming of Jesus our Savior.

Jesus simplified things for them. Don’t worry so much about what day of the week it is if you’re helping someone, simply love your neighbors as yourself—that is the key to everlasting life. But this was radical thinking back then. Jesus’ ideas were “out there” for many traditionalists who clung to the old laws, the old way of doing things.

How does that resonate with each of us today? Do we cling to the “old ways”? Do we simply cling to the “same old, same old” way of doing things? Do we resist change?

When was the last time we had a transfiguration moment in which we caught a glimpse of God? Maybe the birth of a child or grandchild? The day we were married…a sunset on the beach….a rainbow after a storm….a scenic view from the top of a mountain?? Did it not reaffirm in you that God IS present and God IS very Real?

Was it simply an awe inspiring moment, did it only give us a “warm and fuzzy” feeling inside, or did it re-affirm God’s presence in our lives, and challenge us to evaluate our present way of doing things? Did it change our behavior?

We are blessed in that every week, we Catholics witness a transfiguration when we see that God is real. We witness as bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ—no other faith believes this. This gift of Eucharist we receive helps us go forth and change…to help others that are in need…to think beyond our selves and to think of others….to be Good Samaritans….to keep the commandment of loving our neighbors as ourselves.

One way of doing that is to participate in our Rice Bowl program this Lent. In developing countries, poverty robs young people of their childhood. Parents often must have their children work instead of attending school to help provide food for the family to survive. Lack of education then dooms these children to a cycle of poverty for themselves and their future children. The Rice Bowl program can help break this cycle of poverty. Please be generous.

Try to find some quiet time this week. Ask God how can our lives be transformed? How can we help transform the lives of others? Jesus is trying to speak to us...Listen to HIM.

Deacon Tom Westerkamp

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

Collection March 9 (671 env.) . . . $32,625.09
This week last year. ................. $34,993.47
Our Goal. ......................... $37,500.00
Collection Year-to-Date.* ........ $1,307,556.08
Collection previous Year-to-Date. . $1,231,939.86

(This includes gifts using GiveCentral.)

Our Charity of the Month

This month, our Charity of the Month is the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This charity supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future.

For additional information about this charity, please visit www.usccb.org and search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe.”

Our Lenten Outreach
CRS Rice Bowl

For Lent, For Life
What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Five minutes a day of...
- Prayer as a family...
- Fasting in solidarity with the world’s poor...
- Almsgiving to change lives...

...means an enriched Lenten journey for your family, and lifesaving aid around the world.

Be sure to pick up a CRS Rice Bowl and join our parish in a journey of solidarity this Lent.

Visit crsricebowl.org for family activities, recipes and more!

Rice Bowl Reflection:
Guatemala

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala.

We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Rights and Responsibilities, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others.

Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and respect the rights of all people.

Annual Appeal Information

The goal that the Archdiocese gave St. James for the 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal was $118,338. Due to your generosity, we exceeded that goal by $33,923 and it was rebated back to St. James.

We will be applying these monies to our debt. Thank you for your continued support of both the Annual Catholic Appeal and St. James!
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

BIBLE STUDY

As part of Bible Study/Church History, we will attend a lecture on “Defining the Crusades” March 20th, 7pm O’Brien Room

Robert Gourley (St. James parishioner) Adjunct Professor of History, Oakton Community College; M.A., Medieval and Ancient Roman History, Loyola University, will present this lecture.

On March 27th, we will learn more about our Pope Francis as we watch a documentary, in the O’Brien Room, 7-8:30pm.

All are welcome.
Questions: Please call Fr. Joji at 224-345-7201

Our Bible Study, The Foot Prints of God has been completed. The above DVDs will be in our parish Library. Please feel free to take them home to watch and learn many beautiful things about the Bible and our Faith. I sincerely thank all those who attended these sessions. We are continuing a few different topics as part of our Bible study. Please see the bulletin for more details or call Fr. Joji @ 224-345-7201

ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Mondays evenings in...

Lent

ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Calling parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts...

The saying goes: “It takes a village to raise a child.” It takes a parish to raise good Catholics and keep them growing in the faith. This series of three talks is addressed to all adult parishioners. As members of the parish family, we have to do our part to nurture the faith life of our young members even as we strengthen our own Catholic identity.

Join for a series of three talks by Fr. Britto Benchmanns, Pastor of St. Paul the Cross in Paris Ridge, IL, during Lent to be enriched and enlightened during the Lenten Season. Fr. Britto is a charismatic and energetic speaker who will engage you and your spirituality in an easy to understand format. Presented in cooperation with the Year of the Strong Catholic Parent Team.

Session 1 – March 17, 2014, 7:30 PM, O’Brien Room
Called to be Constant Gardeners – Christian Parenting and the parish
Christian parenting is very much like gardening. Parents, just like gardeners, can only protect the garden as well as provide the conditions for flourishing. It is the Lord who gives the growth. The entire parish community gets involved in this task as all of us tend our own garden and offer support to parents of young children.

Session 2 – March 24, 2014, 7:30 PM, O’Brien Room
First Time and Every Time – Nourishment and Forgiveness in the Christian Life
The second step of initiation is the child’s walk towards the altar to receive the Bread of Life. How do we model our own need for forgiveness and nourishment as we help our children to prepare themselves for their First Reconciliation and First Communion? How do we, as adults, celebrate over and over again our first time, every time we approach these two great sacraments?

Session 3 – March 31, 2014, 7:30 PM, O’Brien Room
With the God of Exodus – Rising to the Challenges of Teenage Faith
Teenage years often remind us of the forty years that the People of Israel spent wandering in the desert. Just like the Israelites who forgot the mighty works of the Lord, our teens may appear to grumble and complain. How do we as parents and other adults accompany them on their journey toward the sacrament of confirmation? What attitudes and behaviors do we need to embrace to make our mentoring effective and fruitful for them and for us?
Every February, Cub Scouts nationwide celebrate the organization’s birthday. As prescribed, St. James’ troop commemorated this yearly milestone with the Blue & Gold Banquet. This gathering is the highlight of the year. It brings families together for an evening of fun and cheer. It serves to thank pack leaders and volunteers, and to recognize each boy as a valued member of the pack. “We had dinner together and scout received their medals. I received my Webeloes badge that means I can move up to the Boy Scouts. Now I’m going to work for the Arrow of Light,” stated Sonny Rossi.

The St. James Cub Scout Pack, led by Thom Banholzer, celebrated its ‘birthday’ on Friday, February 28 with a twist—a Blackhawk-themed Red & Black Banquet. One hundred and fifty Cub Scouts, den leaders, and family members joined Father Joji for prayer, a delicious dinner, and special ceremony. According to Jake Cohen, one of the highlights of the night was the visit from the Chicago Blackhawks mascot, Tommy Hawk! “It was so cool to see him! He played games and danced with us!” Tommy Hawk entertained with songs and games, goofs and spoofs, give-aways and lots of dancing. It was a special night of celebration and a wonderful memory for all! Find out more about scouting at St. James http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2sn5-sw_v8
Youth Ministry News/Events

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

Lenten Soup Suppers
St. James Mission Team will host Lenten Soup Suppers in the Laramie Room from 6:30 to 7:30.
Please join us: March 21, 28, April 4 and 11

This year our teams will be work with Catholic Heart in Detroit Lakes, MN and St. Malachy in Chicago.

MARCH
16th: Large Group Confirmation
7:15/Parish Center

18th: Living Stations of the Cross
3:30/O’Brien Room

19th: Living Stations of The Cross
3:30/O’Brien Room

20th: Peer Ministry Team
7:00/Parish Center

21st: Lenten Soup Supper
6:30-7:30 Laramie Room (Church Basement)

SUMMER MISSION TRIP JULY, 2014
NEXT MEETING
Sunday, May 4 at 1:00 in the Parish Center Library.

Large Group Confirmation Students:
Last two remaining confirmation classes are:
March 16th and April 13th
7:15 to 9:00 Parish Center

A Catholic Christian Community which engages, empowers and encourages the high school youth to live as disciples of Christ.
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Great Catholic Families
Take the Plunge Into Lent with Charity

Among the Lenten practices of fasting, charity and prayer, we’ll focus on charity this week. From the earliest days of the church, we’ve seen almsgiving – any freewill gift to the poor, done out of charity – as a primary way to express penance, or sorrow for our sins. As such, almsgiving evolved into another means of spiritual preparation during Lent.

How might Christian charity help families ride bigger waves of love this Lent?

- **Keep busy.** Rather than just “giving something up,” replace your usual luxury item or practice with something you do for others. Instead of eating out every Friday, for example, volunteer at a soup kitchen instead. Instead of hitting the cinema together, rent a movie you can watch with an elderly shut-in. Doing service as a family gives a good example to smaller kids and helps keep adults or teens committed when one or two feel like wimping out. An added bonus: Your family can contribute to a worthy cause with all the money you save. And putting a face on charity makes it a more compelling experience than dropping money in the poor box.

- **Lavish the thought.** Charity starts with understanding that everything we’ve been given comes from God. Everything. It’s not ours to hoard – not even ours to call “ours.” This Lent try reflecting God’s generosity by donating more than just second best. Sure, it’s good to give your used bike to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. But to purchase something brand new for a needy child – a cool, shiny, new bike with all the money the kids have saved during Lent – is a great way to celebrate God’s abundance. Think of the woman who anointed Jesus’ feet with precious oils as the disciples bellyached that the proceeds could have gone to the poor. When our charity is lavish, it signals to family, friends, neighbors that our God is a wildly generous, joyous, merciful God. Think beauty as well as practicality: Bring a big bouquet of flowers the next time you visit a nursing home. When you’re buying for a women’s shelter, include some fancy, darling baby clothes along with necessities like diapers.

Look for next week’s article about prayer.

We Welcome Our Catechumens and Candidates

Hi, my name is Maria Altshuler. I was born in Russia but have spent my entire life growing up in the US (around the northwest suburbs of Chicago). My religious background is Jewish but I haven't practiced at all throughout my life. The biggest reason I would like to become Catholic is because my fiancée and I will eventually have children and I would like us all to have religion as a common factor and foundation in our family. I have greatly enjoyed my RCIA experience at St. James. Thanks to Jim Hamman & the RCIA team for making this such a lovely and meaningful experience.

Hi, my name is Michael Clarke. I am 25 years old and from Villa Park. I am so excited to be a part of the RCIA program. Growing up, I attended the Villa Park United Church of Christ every Sunday until I went to college in 2006. While in college I met the love of my life, and current member of St. James, Allison Brinati. Allison and I got engaged last August and are very excited to be getting married at St. James this August. When I told my parents that I would be joining the Catholic Church my father smiled and told me that his mother, my grandmother, would be smiling down on me as I made this monumental journey. My grandmother was a devout Catholic until the day she died in December of 2010. If she were still here today, I know she would be so proud to see her grandson make this journey of faith. I am so blessed to have the support of my family, friends, and my fiancé Allison with me as I move into this next step of life.

My name is Julia DesRochers (sounds like “day-row-shay”) and I live in Arlington Heights with my husband and 2 dogs. I grew up in the NW Chicago suburbs, but in high school my family relocated to NJ. There I was confirmed and regularly attended First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield. I was active in the church all during high school but drifted away from my faith during college and it was not until my dad became gravely ill about 12 years ago that I came to call Jesus my Savior again. I see now that He never let go of me all those years but it took a crisis in my life to open my heart and realize that I needed God, His strength and His love. After reading “A Purpose Driven Life” I grew to appreciate the value of Christian community and started going to church again. Over the years, I felt my faith grow and mature, through study, prayer and being an active part of a church family. However, over the last year, I felt a yearning for a deeper connection with our Christian faith traditions and those saints and holy souls that have gone before us. I was drawn to the Catholic faith tradition in a way I cannot describe until I finally accepted that the “whisper” I kept sensing was the Holy Spirit guiding me to consider Catholicism. I must admit that as a long time Protestant, I wrestled with this for a while but then decided that I had to trust, obey and say, “here I am Lord”. It certainly has been a path that I never could have anticipated, but God is good and here I am. I have been blessed with several family members and friends who are strong in their Christian faith and have guided and supported me throughout my faith journey. This is one thing that impressed me about the RCIA class; their commitment, generosity of spirit and fellowship is wonderful and something that I truly appreciate. I am excited to continue my walk with God as part of the St. James community and hope that I can be a blessing to others like the RCIA leaders, team members, sponsors and other candidates have been to me!
Catholic Formation

RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

RCIA is a spiritually moving process that benefits the entire parish community. If you happened to be at the 11:45 mass last Sunday, you witnessed the Rite of Sending to the Bishop. Each person in the RCIA process signed the “Book of the Elect” as the rite celebrated our parish’s approval and recommendation to the Bishop of these men and women. After dismissal, we boarded a bus to Holy Name Cathedral. Most Rev. Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago was the celebrant.

A representative from each parish present, called the names from the “Book of the Elect” to come forward. Those who have not yet been baptized (catechumens) were elected by Bishop Perry for the Easter Sacraments. Those who have been previously baptized either in another faith or the Catholic Church (candidates) were recognized and called to continued conversion by Bishop Perry. During the Rite, sponsors and catechists testified and the participants affirmed their intention to join the Catholic Church.

As they begin the final preparation period (Period of Purification and Enlightenment), let us pray for these men and women who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Consider writing a note of encouragement and congratulations to the name in your Lenten Black Book. You may turn them into the Parish Office and they will be distributed Holy Saturday morning at a prayer service.
Calling all Women Singers

This is a "shout out" for the women in the parish to help us form a Women's Schola for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. A "schola" is just another name for a choir or chorus and I used it to differentiate this special group of singers from our other choirs that sing regularly on the weekend. And, a "schola" is generally smaller than a regular choir.

It is a wonderful opportunity for those who cannot commit to a regular schedule of rehearsals and singing every week to become involved in the Music Ministry at Saint James.

Won't you consider joining us?

WHO CAN JOIN?
This is open to any female, high school age and above, whether you are presently in a choir or not who would like to join us. Musical background is not a must and there will not be an audition. I am hoping for 20-25 singers including some of our high school girls as well. This is also open to our regular choir members and/or cantors that can help additionally for this liturgical season.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?
There would be two (2) rehearsals and I would try to work this into everyone's schedule. Let me know your interest and I will try to find the best convenient time for everyone to rehearse. I assume we would have a total of 3-4 hours of rehearsal for this.

WHEN WOULD WE SING?
The Saint James Women's Schola would sing for the Good Friday "Taizé Prayer around the Cross" at 3pm in the church. We have been doing this with our women cantors and those in our choirs that wanted to join with us. I would like to expand this beyond this group (who, hopefully, will sing as well) to include you! This music is very simple and very easy to learn. It consists of simple repetitive refrains in simple 2 and 3 part harmony.

We would also sing at a liturgy on Easter Sunday still to be determined, but most likely in the church. Every year, I hear from parishioners who are disappointed that we did not have a choir at a particular mass that they attended. I was hoping this would fill that void. Who knows? Maybe we would have so much fun that we would like to get together once a month to sing at a particular mass. If you can only commit to one of the two liturgies, I would be most happy for whatever you can do......

I am very excited about this! I have so enjoyed working with the women in previous years for our Taizé Prayer-we have nothing like this with just women.

Bite the bullet, agree to join and have a most wonderful and prayerful experience.

For more information and to sign up, call me.....Music Director, Scott Arkenberg at 224.345.7204 or by email, sarkenberg@stjamesah.org.

Palm Collection

If you wish to bring in your palms from last year, there will be baskets set up in the gathering space at the Parish Center and in the vestibule of Church for that purpose all during the season of Lent. (Please don't bring your palms to the Parish Office.) The collected palms will be used for kindling in the Easter Vigil fire, so we ask you to please remove any rubber bands, wire, plastic bags, or containers before you drop the palms into the basket. Those things just don't burn very well.

Thank you very much. And, if you haven't experienced an Easter Vigil fire or the Service of Light, come to the Vigil on April 19 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Environment & Art Ministry
All Christ Renews His Parish Alumni, current participants, and spouses are cordially invited to celebrate a CRHP Reunion Mass and Reception

Saturday, March 29, 2014
at the regularly scheduled 8:30am Mass in the Church

Come to this Reunion Celebration and Reception in the Laramie Room immediately following Mass and re-connect with old friends and fellow CRHP participants!

You are asked to please RSVP to Marianne Dilsner, Pastoral Associate
mdilsner@stjamesah.org

Please bring a breakfast pastry or fresh fruit to share!
Coffee, juice and water will be provided.

Hope to see you at this reunion!

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

Stations of the Cross
Join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday during the season of Lent.
7:30pm in the Church,

Upcoming Stations:
March 21st—Peace and Justice focus
March 28th—Traditional Stations of the Cross
April 4th—Youth Ministry focus
April 11th—Respect Life focus

Daily Mass at Noon during Lent
St. James will offer a 12:00 Noon weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) in the Church during Lent.

Confessions during Lent
Confession during Lent will be offered each Saturday morning after the 8:30am Mass in the Church, and also on Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 in the Chapel. We will also offer Tri-Parish Lenten Reconciliation and confessions on the Monday in Holy Week. Please watch the bulletin for these schedules.
On Saturday, February 22, St. James SOC (Social Organizing Committee) hosted a Wine and Beer Tasting Event at Rolling Green Country Club in Arlington Heights. Participants sampled wine and beer from different countries, regions and breweries. An enjoyable evening was had by all!

The St. James Over 50 Social Group enjoyed a great meal at Chandler’s Chophouse during the past holiday season!
**TODAY IS THE DAY!**
**JOIN US IN THE PC CAFETERIA**
Please roll up your sleeve and donate. Stop in at the cafeteria in the back of the Parish Center anytime today (Sunday) from 8:00am to 2:00 pm and donate even if you don’t have an appointment. LifeSource Blood Services welcomes walk-ins, but you will need your picture ID. Patients of all ages need blood daily. It is available to them only through the generosity of volunteer blood donors like you.

**St. James Summer Musical Musicians Needed!**

Musicians are needed for the St. James summer musical—July 11-26, 2014. Two rehearsals and 10 performances in July.

Positions needed include: Reed 1 flute and piccolo, Reed 11 oboe and English horn, Reed 111 clarinet and basset horn, Reed 1V Bassoon, Horns 1 & 2, trumpets 1 & 2, trombones 1 & 2, violins 1 & 2, viola, cello, bass, percussion 1 & 2 and piano.

Please contact John Kula if interested:
Ph: 847-298-7662 or Cell: 847-910-7379

**The St. James Over 50 Social Group cordially invites you to its St. Joseph’s Party**

Saturday, March 22, in the Parish Center lunchroom, after the 5pm Mass

After dinner entertainment:
Mary Ann Beatty will perform, with Alice Belmont on piano.
A "CABARET SHOW" in the Parish Center.

Italian and Polish Food; Coffee, tea and soda; BYOB Cost: $18

A through P bring appetizer to share.
Q through Z bring dessert to share.

Please join us for 5 PM Mass and enjoy the food, entertainment and honor St. Joseph.

RSVP: Marci 847 577-2556 by March 18th
Make checks payable to “St. James Over 50 Group St. Joseph Party” and bring to the Parish Office.

**CALLING ALL EASTER BAKERS!**
Every year the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) hosts the Easter Vigil Reception for our new RCIA candidates and their families. We are reaching out to our parish community for donations of baked goods and snacks. (Cookies, brownies, small fruit trays, and salty snacks.)

Drop Off: Sat. April 19th between 3pm and 4:30pm in the Parish Center.

Please email AJBEAUDETTE@comcast.net and let him know if you are able to bring a delicious treat for this wonderful event. The PPC is grateful for your baking creations, and as always, thank you for all you do for St. James.
St. James Peace & Justice

FAIR TRADE SALE ~ This weekend!
After all Parish Center masses

Just Haiti Coffee & your favorite: Chocolate Bars from around the world

Just Haiti, Inc., is dedicated to an alternative way of doing business in which the wealth that is generated through Haitian resource development or the sale of Haitian products is retained by the producers in Haiti.

Just Haiti is a faith based organization that focuses on the poorest communities of Haiti, transforming both the consumer and producer through just and dignified relationships.

What is the difference between Fair Trade and the Fair Trade Plus model used by Just Haiti?
- The coffee producers receive a fair price for their coffee when JH buy sit from them, just like other fair trade organizations like Equal Exchange or Oxfam.
- However, the roasting, packaging & shipping is done at cost in the US and the selling is done by volunteers across the country. So no profit is kept for administration fees, etc.
- After all is sold, the profit is sent back to the Haitian producer. So, the fair trade price is paid up front: about $2/lb of green coffee. In the end, they make close to $5/lb for their coffee!!

What do they do with all that profit?
- Just Haiti requires that they form an association which sends monthly financial reports. St. James parishioners visited in 2012 and heard about the many ways they are using their profit:
  - They use the money to pay for education, clothing and food for their children (we can build schools, but if they can pay for the education they have dignity in providing for their children.)
  - They plant more trees to shade the coffee and protect their land from erosion
  - 45% of the $5/lb they make is kept in the association and used as a death benefit or health care funds for the growers and families
  - The association is preparing to make low interest loans to their neighbors! “A credit bank in the mountains of Haiti!” exclaimed a parishioner.

DRINK COFFEE! GROW JUSTICE!!
Join their FACEBOOK page: https://www.facebook.com/JustHaiti

Announcing: St. James Haiti Immersion Trip
A one week trip to meet the coffee growers and work with Fr. Pascal in developing improved education programs in Les Cayes, Haiti
January or February of 2015 (TBD)
Interested in more information? Contact:
Catholic Charities Lenten Food Collection

This is a reminder that the food bags which were picked up for the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Charities food drive are due back on the weekend of March 29th & 30th. Drop off will be in the back of the old school and volunteers will be present to receive your bag.

Drop-off times are Saturday, March 29th from 4:15 to 6:30pm and Sunday, March 30th, from 6:30am to 1:30pm. St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your participation in this drive and for your generous contributions.

EYEsee Used Eyeglass Collection

This is the weekend for the EYEsee used eyeglass collection. EYEsee is a St. James School Student Council outreach mission that collects and recycles used eyeglasses for the distribution to underprivileged people in third world countries.

The ‘gift of sight’ through your eyeglass donation will impact lives for many years.

St. James students will be on hand to receive eyeglass donations during all weekend Masses.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days a week (Sept.-June), grow deeper into their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Jesuit Catholic tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions and more. For more information, visit www.ivcusa.org/chicago.

To speak to a parishioner who is an IVC volunteer, call Susan Carsello at 847-670-1233 or susan-car-529@comcast.net

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, offering 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 offering 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.
**Community Groups and Events**

**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 847-396-0791 for the schedule 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
- Alano/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 Arl. 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, Arl. 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-denominational outreach service to seniors. If you are in need of such assistance, please call Kelly at 847-222-9227. To volunteer to drive and be a part of this outreach team call Kelly at 847-222-9227.

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**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

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**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

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

**Upcoming St. Viator Events:**

**Summer Sports Camps**
Summer sports camps begin June 9th. Registration is now open. These camps focus on skill development from beginner to advanced. All are welcome! To register, go to: http://saintviator.8to18.com/

**Service & Song Camp**
July 21-25, 2014 This is a faith camp where St. Viator students mentor junior high students and in-coming freshmen as they together serve the poor or form a liturgical choir to praise God through music. Students can sign up for the service track of the liturgical choir track. To register, go to: http://saintviator.8to18.com/

**Prayer—Feast of the Annunciation**
You are welcome to join the SISTERS OF THE LIVING WORD at the Living Word Center, 800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Hts., for a prayerful celebration of the FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LIVING WORD OF GOD on Sunday, March 23, 2014 from 2:00-4:00pm.
Light refreshments will follow the service. Please RSVP to: 1-847-577-5972 by March 20.

**Lenten Retreat**
Saturday, March 29, 2014 12:45—5:00pm
Little Sisters of the Poor 80 W. Northwest Hwy. Palatine, IL Join us for a special Day of Recollection with the Priests of Miles Christi. All are welcome. Retreat begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by two spiritual talks. There will be personal prayer and meditation time. Confessions will be available through the afternoon. Sunday Vigil Mass will begin at 4:00pm. Registration is from 12:45-1:00pm.
To register: virginia.mann@sbcglobal.net V. Mann 847-392-2964 or J. Lipka at 847-253-7661.
Please pray for our sick...
Kay Liskey, Xavier Sigelko, Mary McGrath, Bob Rogers, Bob McDermott, Stanley Jachec, Julia Jachec, Jaxon Fortman

In Loving Memory
Stephan Kirk…
husband of Olivia; father of Stephanie Saylor, Rebecca (Brian) Linscott, Jason (Simone) Kirk, Jessica (Peter) Couri and Richard Kirk; grandfather of 11

Mae Gallagher…
mother of Robert (Judy) Gallagher, Larry (Cheryl) Gallagher, Trish (Bill) Feid, and Sharon (Steve) Blaylock; grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 1

Bettye Splittorff…
mother of Louis Splittorff, mother-in-law of Lynn Splittorff, and mother-in-law of Joe Field; grandmother of Jennifer, Jamie (Erin), Jay, Scott, and Julia and great-granddaughters Shea and Devin

Baptisms
Alejandro Ismael…
son of Alejandro & Nicole (Crissie) Arguelles

Christian Phillip…
son of Christopher & Jessica (Siwicki) Lima

Wedding Banns
April 5, 2014
Sean Barnes & Erin O’Rourke

Rose for Life
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Mary Halm in loving memory of her husband George Halm, on the second anniversary of his death.

Remembrances
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 16
Alice Sylvester, Barbara Hanner (1st Anniv.), Edye Young, Eleanor Ratajik, Giordana Losurdo, Florence Michaelson, Jim Serpe, Joseph Giannini, Jack McLoane, Sr., George Ort, Jim Dobbin, José Torres (38th Anniv.), Walt Flick (5th Anniv.), Florence Michaelson, John Downing
Monday, March 17
Lucille Doyle, Lenore Rettig, Patricia Doyle, Linda Long, Phyllis Shields, Ita Tangney, Marie Walsh, Tom Schuld, Philip O’Connor, Janice A. Murphy, James E. Murphy, Catherine Sabay, Sam Varchetto, Meggan McDermott
Tuesday, March 18
Kathy Muhr, Christina Mahoney
Wednesday, March 19
Jean Salk, Patrick Locsin
Thursday, March 20
Barbara Hanner, Edgar Kuhn, Jane Chapagnolo, Robert Finnerty, Dana Mangi
Friday, March 21
Nathan Harris (1st Anniv.), Gloria Bennet, John Laveck, Nancy Fisher Kubkowski, Elaine L. Detweiler
Saturday, March 22
Hannah McPartlan, John Faerber, Julia Luczak
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 23
Dana Mangi, Hannah McPartlan, John Faerber, Roz Gourley, Jakob Schieiso, Art Massa (5th Anniv.), Dorothy Finnbach, Helen Francis Cohen, Mary Bridget Zanella, Frank LaSalvia, Sr., William Campbell

PARISH SUPPORT GROUPS

Grief Support Group
The St. James Grief Support 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, and upcoming meeting dates, call Mary Jo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

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: April 1
Topic: Agitation
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.

SHARE
Job & Networking Ministry
Are you in transition or looking for a better job?

At each meeting, we have a speaker on various topics, followed by networking.

Wednesdays
7- 9pm (Hurley Center)
St. Edna’s Parish
2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.

For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Tom Mannard, tmannard@aol.com or leave a message at 847-398-3362.
Litergy Ministers for the Weekend of March 23

Presiders

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  Fr. Joji Thanugundla

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

Altar Servers

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  G. Mies, R.Mies, N. Bentz

Sunday:
7:00 am  S.Michelini, M.Dzupin, A.Luczak
8:30 am  E.Martin, M.Martin, M.Leno
10:00 am K.Schade, G. & G. Zimmerman
11:45 am M.Balcerak, E.Danstrom, C.O’Dell
5:00 pm  N.Gallant, M.Fahey, E.Fahey

Lectors

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  J.Staley, N.McShane

Sunday:
7:00 am  TBD, P.Ruddy
8:30 am  K.Sowa, S.Torres
10:00 am C.Colleran, J.McDermott
11:45 am J.Todesco, C.Stenzel
5:00 pm  L.Matz, R. Rapala

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.Rollor, 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:  J.Socher, D.Turney

Sunday: Parish Center
Coordinators:  D.Burke, B.Minaglia
11:45 am D.Desmond, J.Gedmin, M.Goolsby, N.Paulson, R.Rabe
Coordinators:  C.Zitkus, C.Zitkus

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

Scripture Readings

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16th

Monday:  Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:  Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:  2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
            Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday:  Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:  Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
         Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:  Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:  Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
         Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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
## Parish Life

**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'vd 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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