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MARCH 8, 2015
JESUS SAID

Third Sunday of Lent

“DESTROY THIS TEMPLE
and in three days I will raise it up.”

~ John 2:19

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A Reflection…
from Sister Faustina Ferko, Director of Youth Ministry

March 8, 2015

Falling in Love with Jesus Christ…

Often I am asked, “why did you decide to become a Religious Sister?” The answer to this is quite simple; I fell in love with Jesus Christ. When I was in 3rd grade, my faith world was transformed. Prior to 3rd grade we went to Mass as a family every Sunday, but our faith was more out of obligation. We went to Mass on Sunday because we were afraid of going to Hell for missing. I didn’t have a personal relationship with Jesus until my parents began dragging me to these prayer meetings where I would learn about God’s great love for me and that He had a plan for my life. The more I attended these prayer meetings and experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, the more I realized that God was alive and real and nothing in this life was more important than knowing and loving Him! It didn’t happen overnight but falling in love with Jesus, a slow, steady experience. When I was in high school I learned that praying every day at specific times of the day would help me to grow closer to Jesus, so I began doing this more consistently and it helped a lot! I prayed 3 specific times a day and this really helped me to stay connected and aware of God’s presence in my everyday life. It is so easy to forget about people you see let alone a God you don’t see, so doing this practice of coming into God’s presence 3 times a day really helped me. I found myself hungry for more, more prayer, more God, more service and so I plugged myself into retreats, Youth Conferences, Mission trips, and Youth group. I began attending daily Mass, because I desired to be closer and closer to God. These kinds of activities continued to ignite the flame that God had placed in my heart for Him. It was during this time that I really felt called to give my life totally to Jesus, but I wasn’t sure what that would look like. The religious sisters I knew growing up were not where I felt God was calling me, so I didn’t know where to go or what to do. I was able to get a Spiritual Director who helped to guide me and help answer these questions. I was led to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth solely by Jesus, and my relationship with Him continued to deepen. When I thought about falling into sin, it wasn’t fear of going to Hell that motivated me not to sin, but it was being aware that I would hurt someone I loved. Slowly, God had taken up residence in my heart and was clearing the clutter I had there. On June 15, 2014, I was able to concretely respond to the call to give my life to Jesus, by professing my first vows and this was an amazing day for me! I share all this because Lent is about falling in love with Jesus Christ! Falling in love with a God who would rather die than live without you because you are that loved! I remember hearing that Jesus Christ would have died on the cross even if I was the only person alive to be redeemed by his sacrifice and this totally blew me away! Each one of us is passionately loved by God and He is inviting all of us into a deeper relationship with Him. Now is the time to respond!

- Sister Faustina

(Year A)
(31): 1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Readings at the 5:00pm Sunday Mass will be Cycle A, for the RCIA 2nd Scrutiny.

(Year B)
32: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Ps 137: 1-6
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

(Podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
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
2nd Monday of each month, at 4pm in the Church, with the Rosary and Adoration. The next Monday Prayer will be Monday, March 9th.

Lenten Weekday Masses
In addition to our usual 7:30am weekday Mass, during the Lenten season we will offer a 12:00 Noon weekday Mass Monday-Friday, in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration takes place from 8:15am to 4pm every Thursday in the Church.
Contact: Jo Jozwiak 847-259-2433

Ministry of Praise
The Ministry of Praise is a spiritual ministry in which members offer their prayers to God to help others in need. This ministry was developed for the sick and homebound so they might experience a closer relationship with the parish. There are no dues or meetings. If you or a loved one are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Marilyn Neuman at 224-345-7200, or MinistryofPraise@stjamesah.org

The Sisters of the Living Word
invite you to

A Desert Spot
The Chapel will be open from 10m until 1pm for personal prayer time.

March 4, 11, 18, and 25
Give yourself the gift of time on these Wednesdays during Lent.

800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Heights
847-577-5972—www.slw.org

Come join Fr. Doug Martis,
Professor of Sacramental Theology and Liturgical Studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, as we journey into the beautiful mystery of the Mass. Step more deeply into the Biblical foundations of this central celebration of our faith. Let the Spirit grab you!

When: Monday, March 16th, 7-9pm
Where: School Resource Room

Welcome To All St. James Visitors!
If you would like to register at St. James Parish or know more about the parish, fill in this form and place it in the collection basket. A St. James Ambassador will contact you.

I would like to know more about or register at St. James Parish.

Name: ________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________ Email: ________________________________________________
Lenten Tri-Parish Reconciliation

Three of the Catholic parishes in Arlington Heights will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on three consecutive days during the month of March. Each service contains the same components, and you may attend at any of the three parishes.

Lenten Tri-Parish Reconciliation
7:30pm each evening
March 23—Our Lady of the Wayside
March 24—St. Edna
March 25—St. James (in the CHURCH) - 831 N. Arlington Heights Road

All are welcome.

Lenten Opportunities:
- 7:30am daily Mass in the Church
- 12:00Noon Mass in the Church (Mon.-Friday)
- Saturday Morning Mass—8:30am in the Church
- Youth Ministry Soup Suppers –Fridays during Lent—6pm, Laramie Rm.
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays—see p. 14
- Stations of the Cross—Fridays, 7pm, Church
- Eucharistic Adoration—Thursdays, 8:15-4 Church
- Confessions—Saturdays, after 8:30am Mass in the Church, and from 3:30-4:30pm in the Chapel
- Additional Confessions offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, at 7:00pm in the Church.
- Fr. Matt's Monday Family Prayer—March 9, 4pm in the Church
- Men's Stations of the Cross at Mundelein –March 13
- Sunday Masses in Church and Parish Center (see schedule on back of bulletin or on website)

The Way of the Cross in Downtown Chicago

On Good Friday, April 3rd, the lay movement Communion and Liberation, with the blessing of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will lead the Way of the Cross around downtown Chicago. We will follow the cross silently through the busy city, living the memory of the Passion of the Lord, with stops that include meditation and choir music.

Now in its eleventh year, the Way of the Cross in Downtown Chicago attracts over 500 people each year, making the event a unique experience of faith for those who join and an impressive sign for many bystanders who are often struck by the sight of this procession and recall the significance of Good Friday.

We cordially invite you and all the people of the Archdiocese to join us at 8:45am at Daley Plaza. We will then cross the River on the Michigan Avenue Bridge and conclude at Holy Name Cathedral, around 12:00pm, stopping for meditations along the route.

We have scheduled the procession to conclude so that it will not overlap with most parish services.

For information, you may visit www.wayofthecrosschicago.org, call 312-725-7370 or email: info@wayofthecrosschicago.org

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
Spanish is an integral part of the core classes for grades 6-8. Students receive a rigorous and challenging Spanish curriculum that prepares them well for high school. The students are fortunate to be under the tutelage of Ms. Brynn Tomko, an Illinois Wesleyan University graduate who received a degree in both Hispanic and Educational Studies. She’s also studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina where she interned at a Language University.

Ms. Tomko uses many innovative, hands-on techniques in her classroom that students can relate to, starting with the “Class Webpage.” Here students can log in to check updates on homework, projects and upcoming quizzes and tests. They can also communicate with Ms. Tomko on a daily basis with any questions and concerns. The only prerequisite required on this webpage is that all communication must take place in Spanish! This strategy forces students to speak and utilize the authentic Spanish language.

A convenient online opportunity for students to practice their Spanish vocabulary words as well as grammatical concepts is called “Quizlet.” They can take practice tests, use flashcards, post comments for classmates or ask them for help. “Quizlet” also has an optional section to play games where students can practice what they’ve learned in class with friendly competition against their classmates for the highest score.

In Ms. Tomko’s classroom, she uses a creative technique called “Palabra del Día” or “Word of the Day.” The purpose is to not only increase student vocabulary, but to have students continue to effectively use the dictionary. Each day students look up the meaning of a single word along with its appropriate part of speech. Students must then formulate a sentence in Spanish using the word correctly. This again, is a means to increase their fluency in the Spanish language.

One of Ms. Tomko’s favorite activities this year has been the “Pen Pal Project” in her 8th Grade Spanish classes. The 8th graders have been corresponding with middle school students from Buenos Aires, Argentina. This has provided an invaluable opportunity for students from both countries to practice reading and writing in Spanish and English while at the same time learn fascinating things about people from another culture. Through the use of current educational technology, these pen pals have even been able to meet one another via skyping! This proved to be a huge success. In fact, Ms. Tomko received so much positive feedback from this program that she hopes to implement even more video corresponding in the future.

Be on the lookout for the incorporation of more all-school bilingual Masses to be taking place at St. James. There was such an abundance of participation in the Spanish Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe earlier in the year, that Mrs. Farrell and Fr. Matt (Padre Matteo) have already discussed the next one!
What: Informational Meeting for WYD Pilgrimage, Krakow, summer 2016

When: March 18th, 2015, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Who: Seniors in High school and Young Adults (18-35)
Parents traveling with youth and Young Adults welcome

Where: St. James School Resource Room/Library

What is WYD? World Youth Day (WYD) is an event for young people organized by the Roman Catholic Church. World Youth Day was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. For the first celebration of WYD in 1986, bishops all over the world were invited to schedule an annual youth event to be held every Palm Sunday in their dioceses. It is celebrated at the diocesan level annually and at the international level every two to three years at different locations. The Church designated St. John Paul II and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta as the Patron Saints of the event.

Travel Dates: July 19th- August 1st, 2016

COST: $2749.00, includes flight, registration fee for WYD which includes simple accommodations and 2 meals a day

Contact person: Sr. Faustina Ferko
srfaustina@stjamesah.org 224-345-7214
**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**

**Third Sunday of Lent: First Scrutiny of the Elect**

**Lord, you search me and you know me**

Psalm 139 could be called the Scrutiny Psalm: “Lord, you know when I sit and stand; you understand me.” The Latin root of *scrutiny* means to search or to investigate. It’s the spiritual version of what happens at the airport security gate: surrender your baggage, empty your pockets, and take off your shoes. As our Elect members near the end of their preparation for Easter’s sacraments, we pray that they search their hearts before embracing the way of Christ. They invite the Spirit’s gentle but penetrating investigation. Lent invites all of us to do the same!

**Today’s readings:**
- Year A: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (239).
- “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth.”

**MARCH 9**

**Feast of Frances of Rome, Religious**

**God has other plans**

People often don’t recognize holiness in their midst. It happened to Jesus, of course, and to many saints who were pressured to live conventional, secular lives. Saint Frances of Rome was among the many forced by family to marry instead of taking religious vows. But she discovered her true calling within the role of reluctant matriarch by using her resources to help the poor. Like Frances, you might not immediately recognize God’s will shaping your life, and it might just surprise you on the upside.

**Today’s readings:**
- “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

**Lenten Weekday**

**Forgive one more time—always**

God’s math can be tricky. “How many times must I forgive my brother?” Peter asks, “Seven times?” Jesus’ response is short and sweet: How about seventy-seven times. Time and again Jesus calls his followers to forgive. There is no end to this call; it is an echo of God’s infinite mercy. You are never beyond God’s goodness and love. All that God asks in return is that you have a contrite heart and humble spirit. That may seem like a lot, but by God’s calculations the willingness to seek and an openness to share love is worth everything.

**Today’s readings:**
- “Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

**Memory is our saving grace**

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel calls remembering “a noble and necessary act.” “No commandment,” he wrote in his 1986 Nobel Lecture, “figures so frequently, so insistently, in the Bible. It is incumbent upon us to remember the good we have received, and the evil we have suffered.” And for Christians, the sum and summit of our memory comes with bread broken and shared around the table of the Lord. That is where we remember all that has been offered to us and all that we must give in return.

**Today’s readings:**
- Deuteronomy 6:1-5; Matthew 5:17-19 (326).
- “Hence, take care and be earnestly on your guard not to forget the things while your own eyes have seen.”

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

**Lenten Weekday**

**Touched by God**

Aside from being the bedrock document of both Christian and Jewish faith, the Bible makes for great literature—filled with sweeping epics, unforgettable characters, and the gamut of human experience and emotion. One of its more poetic images is that of “the finger of God,” which is used in the Book of Exodus to indicate the means by which the Ten Commandments were written on the stone tablets given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Jesus uses the phrase in reference to the power to cast out a demon. The image suggests that the smallest part of God is mighty enough to accomplish great things. Imagine what even a small amount of God can accomplish in your own life!

**Today’s readings:**
- “If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

**Lenten Weekday: Day of Abstinence**

**Give up and gain**

All Fridays of the year are days of penance for Catholics, and abstinence from meat, once required on Fridays, may now be substituted by prayer and works most of the year. But the tradition of no meat on Fridays is still in place during Lent. It’s a reminder of the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday, uniting you with Christ’s sacrifice through your abstinence. And (as anyone who has attended a church fish fry can attest!) it also unites you with other Catholics in a sense of community and solidarity.

**Today’s readings:**
- Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (324).
- “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**Lenten Weekday**

**What drives you?**

Lent is a season that allows for the opportunity to examine what motivates and drives you. As you strip down your life, what do you find? On what or on whom are you most reliant? Do your desires direct you toward God or away? The answers you give can be humbling in the truest sense of the word—revealing not only who you are but also who is God in your life. Such knowledge is a gift and a challenge. Pay attention to your responses and listen for the options God might be offering you.

**Today’s readings:**
- “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity.”
Hello St. James. My name is Jessica Braun. I live in Arlington Heights with my husband of 10 years and three children.

I was born and raised in San Francisco but have lived in the Chicago area since college (Northwestern). My non-religious parents raised my siblings and me with strong ethical standards and moral values. We were never baptized and were guided quite simply to follow The Golden Rule.

After high school I spent a year teaching and traveling in India. I explored Hinduism, Buddhism, and even a little Christianity. After my travel companion returned to the UK, I was alone in India and huddled away in a Hindu Ashram for a month or so. I participated in Ashram life in a “when in Rome” sort of way but felt more like a curious observer than a practicing Hindu. Nevertheless, India is where the seeds of my faith first settled. I felt the capacity to know God for the first time.

College wasn’t the most fertile ground for a budding faith and I did little to nurture its growth. Then came more travel, work, single life in Chicago, and eventually, marriage.

My husband’s Catholic family welcomed me without hesitation. Mike and I married in a Catholic Church by the Pacific Ocean and I vowed to raise a Catholic Family when our children were baptized. I wanted my children to be among the faithful of this world and assumed this was a gift best given at birth. I had no thoughts of becoming Catholic myself.

My daughter started wrestling with the “big questions” in 1st grade. I had no idea how to guide her in Catholic faith so we enrolled her in St. James Religious Education classes and started going to Church regularly. I enjoyed Church. I used the time to think, reflect on my blessings, be with my family, and pray for others. I was a comfortable guest, happy to turn to the side to let parishioners pass for communion. But, week after week those seeds of faith planted so many years ago began to grow roots and Mass became nourishing, sustaining, essential.

My mother-in-law encouraged me to join the St. James RCIA program and for that I am most grateful. After our first few classes, I knew that this was the time and the place for my faith to sprout its first true leaves. The RCIA leaders are the fertile soil, the Catechumenate are the rain, my children (all attending St. James Religious Education) are my sunlight, and my husband/sponsor is my trellis encouraging my faith to bloom. Thank you.

My name is Carolina Saiz and I moved to Arlington Heights three years ago. My parents were raised Catholic, but they decided to give us the freedom to choose our own religion. I always wanted to be part of it, but never had the courage to proceed forward.

Now, I’m a mother of two young children and they have inspired me to follow through. The RCIA program is a great experience for anybody who wants to understand and experience the Catholic faith and its teachings without any pressure. Thank you, RCIA Team, for your support and your time dedicated to this program.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my sponsor, Jeanne Stefanowski, for her time and encouragement.
**Faith and Justice Internships**
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty? Intern with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Who: Any U.S. Catholic with an interest in solidarity building, participation with the poor, and Catholic social teaching.

What: Intern will assist CCHD in promoting CCHD in the Diocese. May include parish education, training, and outreach; letter and article writing; research, developing relationships with community organizations, etc.

Where: Archdiocese of Chicago

When: The internship is for the Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 quarters/Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semester. Participation in a May 27-29, 2015 orientation is required for all interns.

Why: To support this important ministry of the Church while building professional skills and relationships.

For information, please visit: www.chicagopeaceandjustice.org/cchd or apply at: www.chicagopeaceandjustice.org/internship-with-the-catholic-campaign-for-human-development/

**Mission at St. Julian Eymard Parish**

The St. Julian Eymard Parish Lenten Mission will begin at all Masses this weekend, March 7th & 8th and will continue on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, March 9-11, beginning at 7pm, and will be preached this year by Fr. William Zavaski. The theme is "What the Pope Wants You To Know."

Monday—about the joy of the Gospel
Tuesday—about the joy of discipleship
Wednesday—about the joy of the Church

St. Julian Parish is located in Elk Grove Village, IL.

Fr. William Zavaski was the pastor at St. James Parish in Arlington Heights, serving there for 17 years, until his retirement in 2013. He is currently the Pastor Emeritus of St. James.
Catholic Charities Food Collection

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Women’s Club Scholarships

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Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

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3rd Sunday of Lent
Hungering for a Season of Hope

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You will find prayer, educational, and family resources available online at: crsricebowl.org and on the CRS Rice Bowl app

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.

New Location!
Our Lady of the Wayside
434 W. Park St., Arlington Hts.
For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Jim Pekarek at 847-767-7859, or Beth Ann Finis at 312-813-9162.

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St. Vincent de Paul/GCFD Produce Distribution

Volunteers are needed to help the St. James Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul distribute fresh fruits and vegetables supplied by the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Thursday, March 12th. This distribution will be held in the St. Edna parking lot at 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd.

Attention Parishioners

On the morning of Thursday, March 12th, we need about 40 VOLUNTEERS to help the St. James SVdP distribute about 12,500 pounds of free fresh fruit and vegetables to the needy. We can use anyone’s help – teens, young adults, adults, and seniors.

We will meet at St. Edna’s parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The distribution is from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will help unload the truck, repackage the produce, and assist those who attend to select their produce. Everything, including clean up, will be done by noon.

We also need 2 people with pickup trucks to pick up 15 – 20 grocery carts from the Jewel on Rand Road and to return them when we are done. We could also use a volunteer to help the driver load and unload the carts.

To volunteer, please call Marybeth or Mike at (847) 392-5506, or email them at mschoney@wowwin.com.

Food for Families

Free fresh fruit and vegetables

The Greater Chicago Food Depository Producemobile will be in the Northwest Suburbs to distribute FREE fresh fruits and vegetables.

The distribution will be held in ST. EDNA’S parking lot and will be coordinated by the St. James Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thursday, March 12th
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Please note that the date may change due to emergencies and the ending time may vary based on food allocations.

If you have any questions about the Greater Chicago Food Depository, call them at 773-247-FOOD.

chicagofoodbank.org

Easter Remembrance

For the Easter Season the Environment & Art Ministry invites St. James parishioners to assist in creating a tangible remembrance of their family members and/or friends by helping to fund the Easter Season décor in the Church and Parish Center.

A donation of $25 per remembrance is suggested. The names of those being remembered will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. To participate, please fill out the form below and mail it with your check (made payable to St. James Church) to St. James Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Donations may also be deposited in the Sunday Collection in an envelope marked “Easter Remembrance.” Please note that your remembrance must be received in the Parish Office by March 23.

Thank you.
Environment & Art Ministry

Easter 2015 Remembrance

In Memory of:
(Please print)

Recalled by:
(Please print)
Cheers!
ST. JAMES SOC PRESENTS
BLARNEY BASH
SAT • MARCH 14, 2015

7:00-11:00 p.m.
Rolling Green Country Club
2525 E. Rand Rd. Arlington Heights IL
$35 per person ($40 at the door)

Irish Feast and Sweets
Craft Beer Tasting
50/50 Raffle & Fabulous
Irish Raffle Baskets

Traditional Irish Dancers
Best Legs in a Kilt Competition
Kiss the Blarney Stone
and Meet St Patrick!

CASH BAR
THIS IS A 21 & OVER EVENT!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ON THE ST. JAMES WEBSITE!
Visit http://www.stjamesah.org and click on “BLARNEY BASH” (after March 10, tickets can not be purchased online).
You can also submit payment and form below to Parish office, Attn: SOC. Checks can be made out to St. James.
Questions... please call the SOC Hotline, (224) 345-7200 x 8516.

Name:__________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ email: ___________________________

Number of tickets for BLARNEY BASH ($35 each): _______

_____ I would like an email confirming receipt of payment
_____ I would like my tickets sent to me through school mail

Child’s name: ____________________________ SJS Homeroom number: ________________
St. James Over 50 Group

*present*...Our 5th Annual St. Joseph’s Celebration

Musical/Dinner, in honor of our 5th Anniversary, featuring **LEGENDS**

Sunday, March 22nd, Parish Center
Doors open at 3pm; show begins at 3:30pm

Dinner at 5:30pm, catered by Toscana’s.
Price: $28.00 per person (BYOB and Pop)
RSVP to Marcy by 3/18
847-577-2556
(Make checks payable to St. James Over 50 Group. Take checks to Parish Office.)

Entrance only by paid RSVP!
www.MarkandGretch.com

What’s Going On in the Over-50 Group?
Well, it’s been “going-on” for over five years now! We’ve gone on several unique church tours via bus, Mundelein Seminary and Mary’s Town tours, Glenview Air Force Museum, Great Lakes Naval Training Base, Arlington Race Track, Crabtree Nature Center, St. John, Indiana, Misericordia Home, Mercy Home, Lutheran Home facilities, Wine Tasting @ an Apple Orchard in Michigan, several ethnic restaurants and have hosted may St. Joseph/St. Patrick parties, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, Mother’s Day, Christmas, Halloween, Bunco, Bingo, Various card & Board games, County Fair, Ham-Radio & Osteoporosis talks and our annual Thanksgiving Mass Luncheon Buffet.

Besides going out, we’ve had Lenten Prayer session led by a Sister and recitation of the rosary in church. We’ve hosted interesting & educational speakers informing us of Retirement Planning, Health with literature, End-of-Life Planning, FBI talks, Medicare Fraud, Book Review, Financial planning, Home gardening/flower care, making home-made bread from kernel to tasty finished product and our latest endeavor, which is going gang-busters, is our Chair Yoga.

The charge for all the above activities is just enough to cover costs. All check and bills go through the St. James office and are accountable.

So if any of these social/informative activities peak your interest, please read the Parish bulletins or contact us by either sending your email address to stecstan@sbcglobal.net or contacting the parish office @224-345-7200. We'll be happy to inform you of our upcoming special events. We thank you for your suggestions and welcome additional comments that could benefit all of us.

Sincerely, The Over-50 Committee,
Fr Bill, Frank Dawson, Louise Gehrke, Barb Kieca, Marcy Locascio, Mary Jo Pedersen, Gerry & Stan Stec and Dorothy Varchetto

Attention, Golfers!
For over 50 years, the St. James Twilight Golf League has provided camaraderie, competition and conviviality for two generations of St. James men. Regardless of skill level (there are 5 classes of handicaps), if you love golf, you will love our League. We play on Tuesday evenings (3:30 - 5PM tee times) at Buffalo Grove Golf Course, starting April 7, 2015. If you aren't able to be a full-time player, we welcome substitute players (and they don't have to pay a membership fee) To sign up or if you have any questions, please call Jim Weinberg, 847-514-6967, or Deacon Pierce Sheehan, 847-259-1743.
Heart of Gold Award to St. James parishioner Marilyn Neuman…

St. James parishioner Marilyn Neuman received the Pam Stocking Community Service Heart of Gold Award at a dinner and reception held on Saturday, February 21st, at Rolling Green Country Club. The awards were presented by Village Mayor Thomas Hayes, and also included Mentor Heart of Gold, Best Neighbor Heart of Gold, Educator Heart of Gold, Young at Heart award, Heroic Heart of Gold, Young Champion Heart of Gold, Volunteer Heart of Gold, Community Spirit Heart of Gold, and the Business Leader Heart of Gold award.

Marilyn received the Pam Stocking Heart of Gold for her dedicated work assisting seniors with tax preparation, through the AARP’s Tax Aide Program. Marilyn also formerly acted as a volunteer for the Catholic Charities Red Tape Cutter program, assisting seniors with programs like Circuit Breaker and Medicare D. Through these programs she has also met and helped many residents with personal financial or living situations. She receives great satisfaction in helping to resolve problems for those overwhelmed by troubling matters. Congratulations from St. James, Marilyn!
Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year. Stepping Stones, a St. James Ministry, wants to end dating violence. This article, printed with permission from Loveisrespect.org, is a follow-up to a four-part bulletin series that was published in February. Please keep all young adults in your prayers.

Parents – Help Your Child

Knowing that your son or daughter is in an unhealthy relationship can be both frustrating and frightening. But as a parent, you’re critical in helping your child develop healthy relationships and can provide lifesaving support if they’re in an abusive relationship.

What Do I Need to Know?

You can look for some early warning signs of abuse that can help you identify if your child is in an abusive relationship before it’s too late. Some of these signs include:

- Your child’s boyfriend/girlfriend is extremely jealous or possessive.
- You notice unexplained marks or bruises.
- Your child’s boyfriend/girlfriend emails or texts excessively.
- You notice that your son or daughter is depressed or anxious.
- Your son or daughter stops participating in extracurricular activities or other interests.
- Your child stops spending time with other friends and family.
- Your child’s boyfriend/girlfriend abuses other people or animals.
- Your child begins to dress differently.

What Can I Do?

- Tell your child you’re concerned for their safety. Point out that what’s happening isn’t “normal.” Everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. Offer to connect your son or daughter with a professional, like a counselor or attorney, who they can talk to confidentially.

- Be supportive and understanding. Stress that you’re on their side. Provide information and non-judgmental support. Let your son or daughter know that it’s not their fault and no one “deserves” to be abused. Make it clear that you don’t blame them and you respect their choices.

- Believe them and take them seriously. Your child may be reluctant to share their experiences in fear of no one believing what they say. As you validate their feelings and show your support, they can become more comfortable and trust you with more information. Be careful not to minimize your child’s situation due to age, inexperience or the length of their relationship.

- Help develop a safety plan. One of the most dangerous times in an abusive relationship is when the victim decides to leave. Be especially supportive during this time and try to connect your child to support groups or professionals that can help keep them safe.

- Remember that ultimately your child must be the one who decides to leave the relationship. There are many complex reasons why victims stay in unhealthy relationships. Your support can make a critical difference in helping your son or daughter find their own way to end their unhealthy relationship.

But My Child Isn’t in an Unhealthy Relationship

It’s never too early to talk to your child about healthy relationships and dating violence. Starting conversations -- even if you don’t think your child is dating -- is one of the most important steps you can take to help prevent dating violence.

Everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. Remember, love has many definitions, but abuse isn’t one of them. If you or someone you know has a question about a relationship, healthy or unhealthy, visit loveisrespect.org or text “loves” to 22522. Peer advocates are also available 24/7 at 866.331.9474
**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**  
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 Alexian Bros. Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

**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  
Alateen/Alateen 847-358-0338  
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884  
Families Anon. 847-795-8320

A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights. (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 at 1-800-227-2345. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with your treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org. You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

**For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:**  
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962  
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

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

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

**LOSS**  
Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide is a free, non-denominational program offered by Catholic Charities to support individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. 312-655-7283 or www.catholiccharities.net/loss for info.

**Help Needed:**  
Early Morning Nanny needed:  
3 mornings/week—Mon., Tues., Thurs. 6:30am-8:45am (8:30am also a possibility)  
Job entails getting 3 children up and out the door (elementary school, middle school, high schooler). Must be responsible and reliable! Responsibilities include prepping a healthy breakfast. No driving—kids have rides to school. Position runs from March 2 through June 5. Location: St. James area 847-922-4194 or lbmarunde@yahoo.com

**Save the Date!**

**Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival**  
**St. Viator High School** invites  
All Toddlers to 3rd Graders  
Sunday, March 22nd 1pm—3pm  
Viator Gymnasium—enter front doors  
- Cost $5.00 per child  
- Bring your own basket  
- Unlimited Games, Prizes & Crafts  
- Egg Hunt—Separate age groups!  
- Easter Bunny Visit  
- Rain or Shine!  
Saint Viator High School  
1213 E Oakton St., Arlington Heights  
847-392-4050.

**Spring Break Cruise**  
**Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House**  
**Offers Silent Retreats**  
420 W. County Line Rd., Barrington, IL  
847-381-1261

**April 17-19 - Silent Retreat for Men**  
Retreat Master, Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ  
The retreat is a time for personal silence and prayer. Listen to the talks, walk the Way of the Cross, pray the Rosary, receive the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Healing etc. Visit www.jesuitretreat.org for information or to register.

**TEAM SALUTE runs Chicago—That’s Active Gratitude!**  
Team Salute is currently recruiting runners for the Fleet Feet Soldier Field 10 Mile (5/23) and Bank of America Chicago Marathon (10/11). Join Team Salute for either event as we run to support injured veterans and their families. FREE training, a fundraising webpage and race day hospitality are offered as part of the package. We have a limited number of GUARANTEED ENTRIES for the Marathon. This allows you to skip the lottery, secure an entry, achieve a personal goal, and actively show your gratitude to those who have served and sacrificed. Contact Sue Hussey at: sue@saluteinc.org or 224-595-5474 for more information.
Please pray for our sick...
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Donald Barrett, Grant and Victoria Miller, Judy Martin

In Loving Memory
Mary Van Wazer
Daniel Ursitti

Richard Henderson...
Father of John (Mary) Henderson, Mark Henderson, Steve Henderson, David (Shannon) Henderson, and Kate (Roman) Dziubyk; grandfather of fourteen, and great-grandfather of two

Alice Rombach

Baptisms
Thomas Kelly Hutchison...son of Kelly and Melissa (Ferguson) Hutchison
Andrew James Marotta...son of Michael and Colleen (Dunham) Marotta

Wedding Banns
March 21, 2015
Charles Piszczek & Julie Mahnich

Our Stewardship
Thank you for your generous donations to our charity during this month of March ~ the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donations to this collection provide the rebuilding of pastoral capacity and creating future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Weekly Intentions

Rose for Life
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Diane Dillon in gratitude for the miracle of Charlie Roselle on his fifth birthday, March 9th.

Remembrances
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 8
Dana Mangi, Clarence Trampf, Dave Bergman
Monday, March 9
Joseph Wojtowicz, Patrick Kett
Tuesday, March 10
Anne Kenter (1st Anniv.); Anna Mache (1st Anniv.); Christopher Coulomb (1st Anniv.); Irene Kopielski, John Roth, Laura Coda
Wednesday, March 11
Rose Mary Stone (1st Anniv.); Caroline Lombardi, Bernard Owens
Thursday, March 12
Robert Coda
Friday, March 13
Winifred McCall (1st Anniv.); Mary Jean Wendell
Saturday, March 14
Dorothy J. Pietras, Stella Favia, Emil Cargola, Kayla Jean Mueller, John Kosca, Lee & Al Gualano
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 15
Dorothy J. Pietras, Joseph Bielat (1st Anniv.); Barbara Hanner, Cheryl Healy, Walter Chasen, James Banaszak, Kevin Rossdeutcher, Bob Rossdeutcher

Stewardship
February 28/March 1, 2015
Weekend Masses — 651 Envelopes $39,313.44
GiveCentral — 148 Online Donations $16,909.50
February 28/March 1 Total Collection $56,222.94

Thank you!
Dear Friends of Clearbrook,

Thank you for your contribution of $250.00 to the 52st Annual ‘A Grapevine of Friends’ Wine Tasting scheduled for Saturday, February 28th. Proceeds from this event benefit Clearbrook’s Employment Services Program, which provides our adult clients with intellectual/developmental disabilities every chance to develop desired vocational and social skills.

With your help, we can continue creating opportunities and positively impacting the lives of our clients and their families.

Carl M. La Mell, President
**Presiders**

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

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am     Fr. Matt Foley
- 8:30 am     Fr. Joji Thanugundla
- 10:00 am    Fr. Gilbert Mashurano     T.Westerkamp
- 11:30 am    Fr. Matt Foley          T.Westerkamp
- 5:00 pm     Fr. Joji Thanugundla        M.Hahn

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**(A Team)**

**Saturday, Parish Center**
- 5:00pm
  - G.Sherva, M.Dolan,
  - E.Duque, C.Williams
  - M.Nugent, C.Stansbury
  - S.Szott, T.Szott
  - Coordinators: D.Duque, T.Gallagher

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am
  - J.Van Eck, C.Jensen, D.O’Grady,
  - K.O’Grady
  - Coordinator: M. Walsh, Jr.

- 8:30 am
  - C.Burke, J.Burke, E.Crittenden,
  - M.Jarosz, L.Poelking, F.Miossi
  - K.Rayburn, I.Roller, T.Talbot, E.Turney
  - D.Turney, D.Varchetto
  - Coordinators: J. Socher, D. Turney

**Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of March 15, 2015**

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday evening:**
- 5:00 pm  S.Schultz, A.Luczak, C.McMahon

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am  R.O’Grady, S.Hahn, L.Hahn
- 8:30 am  C.Perrotta, J.Perrotta, C.Swanson
- 10:00 am G.Gaggiano, M. Garland, C.Mittel
- 11:30 am L.Muscarello, N.Spiess, D.Anderson
- 5:00 pm  J.Lifka, C.Durkin, M.McGrath

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**Lectors**

**Saturday evening:**
- 5:00 pm   J.Todesco, B.Charland

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am   J.Schager, J.Ruane
- 8:30 am   S.Nowakowski, J.McDonagh
- 10:00 am  A.Brown, R.Klicki
- 11:30 am  S.Sharer, E.O.Martin
- 5:00 pm   D.Chengary, J.Lee

**Tuesday**
- 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
- Mt. 18:21-35
- Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
- Mt 5:17-19
- Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:8c-11ab, 14, 17;
- Mk 12:28-34
- Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
- Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
- Alternate readings (Year A):
  - 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
  - Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**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.

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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening   5:00pm    Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning    7am    Church (Cantor)
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Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days.

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Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptis-
mal date at least one month in advance.

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Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior
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Reconciliation
Saturdays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .3:30—4:30pm
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