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First Sunday of LENT

Jesus said, “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4:4
A Reflection…
from Fr. Gilbert Mashurano, Associate Pastor

March 9, 2014

Sisters and Brothers at St. James, receive grace and peace from God our Father and from Jesus our Lord. As you pray for us every day to accomplish our mission and ministry here at St. James, we pray for you too - to accomplish your daily activities in your families and at work. We appreciate your financial support especially during December, January, and February. This winter season was very bad, but because of your support the snow was removed in time to allow other activities to continue like Religious Education, St. James School, Christ Renews His Parish retreat, Girls and Boys Scout sessions, funerals, baptisms, and daily and weekend masses.

We started our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, by receiving ashes, as an indication of starting the special period of forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I can tell we are all excited about Lent. Lent gives us the opportunity to be closer to our Lord Jesus Christ and to our brothers and sisters. It allows us to participate in the life of Christ in a special way. By participating in this coming Lenten season, our focus will be on the cross.

From the Holy Scripture and catholic teaching it is so clear that the cross is our way to salvation. 1Pet 2:24-25 “He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.” We all know that there is no way out; our life finds meaning on the Cross. Behind the cross there is victory, kindness, care, generosity and above all, love. If we reject the cross in our life it means we are rejecting our participation in the life of Jesus.

Maybe some of us are elderly, sometimes we can be emotionally ill, or physically ill, but now Jesus is telling us that He is our Savior. He is sending the special invitation to participate in His life for forty days, meditating more on the cross.

Pope Francis, at St. Peter Square on October 30th, 2013 addressed the pilgrims and said: “Sanctity is for everybody; Saints are not Supermen”. This is a good call especially when we are prepared to enter into this special season. It would be a good time to go through the lives of the saints. They lived normal lives, with joy, sometimes struggles, but most importantly, hope. They accepted the cross in a positive way. 1Pet 2:21 “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps”. Sainthood is simply participating in the life of Christ, carrying the cross daily and following Him.

Beloved friends, on the carrying of the cross there is no easier way out, and sometimes it is so painful, but we are not alone - Christ is always carrying with us. This gives us energy to go forward and not to give up. No matter which kind of cross we are carrying, Jesus can carry with us. In this Lenten season let Jesus know your cross so that He will be able to carry it with you.

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship?
Possessions? Pride? Power?
Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!
Possible Future Mission Trips

Our previously scheduled meeting to discuss Parish Mission Trips had to be cancelled due to the extreme cold; however, many people came to me and expressed interest in the possibility of discussing such trips...beyond our borders...!

The meeting is rescheduled for SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, 2014...at 6pm, following the 5pm Mass.

The meeting will be held in the Laramie Room and is open to Juniors and Seniors in High School, College students, and adults.

This will be an informational meeting that will discuss some basic practicalities, as well as some ideas about sites that may be open to trips that will be educational, functional and REWARDING!

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Dilsner, Pastoral Associate at 224-345-7203 or MDilsner@stjamesah.org

Used Eyeglasses Collection
March 15th & 16th

Do you have any prescription and reading glasses that you do not use anymore? Donate them to EYEsee during St. James’ March 15th and 16th weekend collection drive.

EYEsee is a St. James School Student Council outreach mission that collects and recycles used eyeglasses for distribution to underprivileged people in third world countries. The ‘gift of sight’ through your eyeglass donation will impact lives for many years. Saint James students will be available to receive donations of eyeglasses during the weekend Masses.

ST. James Peace & Justice Ministry

Ever wonder how Pope Francis comes up with such great comments?
He’s got a great source — the Social Teaching of the Church.

The Catholic Conference of Illinois is offering a 91-day program of daily, emailed readings of the Social Teaching of the Church.

Now is your chance to learn about what the Church teaches about such issues as the human dignity of each person, the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, the importance of marriage and the family, the dignity of work, the morality of the economy, the political community, international relations, safeguarding the environment, and the promotion of peace.

Participants will receive a daily email featuring a small section of the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church — usually just a few paragraphs — beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and continuing through June 8. The readings will be offered in both English and Spanish.

Sign up on the Catholic Conference of Illinois website http://www.ilcatholic.org/91-days/

FAIR TRADE SALE ~ March 15 & 16
Lenten Food Collection for Catholic Charities

As part of the St. James Lenten mission, the St. James Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting a food drive to help stock the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Their pantry, which serves the disadvantaged throughout the Northwest Suburbs, is located at 1717 Rand Road in Des Plaines.

Due to continued economic difficulties, food donations to their pantry continue to be a challenge, and Catholic Charities has reached out to us for help. After Mass on March 8th and 9th, members of our SVdP will be handing out canvas bags, which will contain the following, list of needed items (all should fit in the bag) we ask that you please stick to this list:

- Medium box of cold cereal – 11.5 oz.
- 1 Box of instant oatmeal – medium size – 14 oz. to 15.1 oz.
- 4 Cans of soup – (2 Large 19 oz. and 2 Small 10.5 oz.)
- 4 15 oz. cans of Fruit – Variety
- 4 15 oz. cans of Vegetables - Variety
- 3 Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 2 1 lb. Boxes of Pasta
- 2 24 oz. Jars /Cans of pasta sauce
- 3 Cans of tuna or chicken
- 1 Medium jar of Peanut Butter – 18 oz.

The return date for these bags will be the weekend of March 29th and 30th. Similar to the Mercy Box drop off, you will need to drop these bags off behind the old school either before or after Mass on Saturday night from 4:15 to 6:30 PM or on Sunday from 6:30 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be no drop off before or after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday. Please, if you do take a bag, return it on these dates. We also ask that you only bring food (Items on the list above), any cash collected will be donated to Catholic Charities as well.

The members of SVdP would like to thank the St. James community for their continued support of our mission through your generous donations of food and treasure. This has enabled us to serve the disadvantaged within our parish community.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Mike McNulty at mmcnuilty2782@gmail.com or (847) 812-2280. We especially need youth volunteers to help with the pick-up, sorting, and delivery of the goods on the weekend of March 29th and 30th.

If you would like to become a member of the St. James Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, call (224) 345-7200 X-8517 and leave a message.
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / RITE OF ELECT
Turn on the light
Appropriately enough the Rite of Election falls early in Lent, an invitation to all that they are to be like “the elect,” people who will be baptized in the church at Easter, also known as the “illuminati,” those who will be enlightened. You move into Lent with this anticipation that the Spirit is already active in your life and inviting you always to grow, to become more fully yourself personally and in community. The Rite of Election is a one-time event, but you live the spirit of this sacred moment throughout your life. As you continue your journey of openness to the Spirit this Lent, find ways to encourage and support the illuminati in your community.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11 (23).
“How much . . . did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.”

MONDAY, MARCH 10
LENTEN WEEKDAY
No one gets a perfect score
Religion is filled with inspiring stories and noble aspirations. When it comes to boots-on-the-ground service, however, the stories get a little messier, the aspirations a bit more complicated. People in need are not always nice, and those who help them can be equally flawed, which is to say, equally human. We are broken vessels giving assistance to broken vessels. Jesus calls you to feed the hungry, notworthy, to give drink to the thirsty, not the powerless; to care for the ill, not the awesome. So next time you want to “merit test” someone before helping them, ask if you would pass the test yourself.

TODAY’S READINGS: Lentenics 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (24). “Whatever you did for one of these least . . . you did for me.”

TUESDAY, MARCH 11
LENTEN WEEKDAY
Don’t give up
Soon after Vatican II, Lent was characterized as a time of “sober realism.” It is from that perspective that the world goes purple, not necessarily to evoke a “giving up” of anything—at least not until you have thought long and hard how it stands between you and God. Before that loving God, one can neither rationalize nor justify bad behavior. The acts of “giving up” or perhaps of “doing more” are not bargaining so that God would love or forgive you: God already does so in Christ. They are your responses of gratitude and a willingness to change for the better.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (25). “My word . . . shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
LENTEN WEEKDAY
God is already here
When you hear the name Jonah you may automatically think about his encounter with a whale. As spectacular as that story was, Jonah did one better. He went to a land that was not his own, announced a message that was an indictment of the evil ways of its people, and lived to tell about it. Many times prophets are rejected because the truth is hard to bear and change is difficult. The readiness of the Ninevites to take in Jonah’s message illustrates that God had prepared the way. God was already with the Ninevites, even in the midst of the struggles. Pay attention to the ways that God is reaching out to you through the Jonahs in your own life.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 (26). “They proclaimed a first and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.”

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
LENTEN WEEKDAY
Let the children come to you
Children soak up experiences without having much power to filter. Be it fear or faith, trauma or comfort, loss or joy, whatever goes in, tends to stay in and affect their lives forever. Adults have a responsibility to try to shape the experiences of children in positive ways. The almost complete dependency of children on the world around them is one of the reasons Jesus was so protective of them in the gospels—and also why scripture holds children up as examples of trust. Whether nurturing children or learning to imitate them in your relationship with God, always remember the importance of a child.

TODAY’S READINGS: Esther 4:13, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (27). “If you . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.”

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
LENTEN WEEKDAY, DAY OF ABSTINENCE
Less is more
On a Friday of Lent we meditate on the virtue of less in practicing abstinence. Many don’t have meat on the table daily as a matter of course—for reasons of health, ecology, social justice, affection for animals, or cost, but you can still answer the call to abstinence in other ways. Traditional church practices also include refraining from alcoholic beverages, desserts, or emotional indulgences of temper. Modern practices may involve turning off the TV, internet, cell phone, or iPod. You’re learning to say “no,” and the no creates a space that wasn’t there before. What will you do with yours?

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 16:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (28). “Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
LENTEN WEEKDAY
You gotta love ’em
Christian love is much more difficult to practice when it lives next door in the form of the noisy neighbor who lets his dog run wild and plays loud music late at night, but he’s the guy the gospels are written for. As Jesus pointed out, you don’t need any help learning to love those who are good to you. You’re no dummy and you know which side your bread is buttered on. It’s the burnt toast that is more difficult to swallow. Chew slowly; it does go down, and it does nurture you as a Christian. You don’t have to like someone to love them.

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (29). “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”
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!

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**ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER**

Mondays evenings in...

**Lent**

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 Berchmanns, Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in park Ridge, IL, during Lent to be enriched and enlivened 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 Young 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?
One of the most exciting ministries at St. James is also one of the newer ministries! Begun in the summer, the Children’s Liturgy of the Word (also known as CLOW) breaks open the liturgical readings in language that our younger members can understand.

If you have been at the 10:00am Sunday Mass, you will recall that, just before the regular readings are proclaimed, the children from ages 5-10 are invited to join one another and a catechist for a special proclamation of the readings, taken from the Children’s Lectionary. These readings, and the lessons that go with them, take place in the Chapel. So the children are blessed and sent on their way to connect with the Word of God not only through the readings, but also through meaningful discussions and age-appropriate activities.

It is truly wonderful to see their eyes light up as the Word of God becomes their own. Recently, during the Epiphany readings, the group was discussing why the Wise Men did not return home by the same route. One child offered their fear of Herod as a reason; another simply said they were warned not to go home that way; finally, a little girl offered this profound explanation, as the proclaimed “They were the Wise Men!” This young child understood the meaning of this story because she appreciated the essence of the message—that these men were wise enough to follow God’s will.

Little moments of great insight like that occur all the time during the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Those of us who presently work with this ministry would like to share it with so many more adults. That is why we are asking you to become a volunteer catechist with CLOW. You control the amount of time you can give to this ministry. Once each quarter, you will receive a note to sign up for the Sundays in the next quarter. Most sessions have a lead catechist and a helper. But if you can be one or the other, or, as many of us do, trade off, instruction booklets that give the readings for each week are available and supporting activities go along with each lesson.

This is a wonderful way to participate in the faith formation of our young children. Everyone is welcome. We have had teenage volunteers, many parents of the youngsters who participate and many grandparents and members of the community who enjoy sharing these precious moments of God’s presence among our young members. We encourage you to share this ministry, as it will be a graced moment for you as well as the children.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Matt or one of the catechists who presently participate. Better yet, join us for one of these sessions at 10:00am Sunday Mass in the Parish Center and see what it is all about. You will come away from this experience with a deeper understand of God at work in your life, too!

*Pat Farrell—Victoria Ursitti, Coordinators*
Great Catholic Families Take the Plunge Into Lent ... with Fasting

“What are you giving up for Lent?” has started many a conversation among Catholics, and yet a lot of us are hazy on the reasons we observe Lent this way. Why the fasting? Why the extra emphasis on prayer at this time of year? Without clear answers, many of us just go through the motions or we simply stop doing anything much for Lent at all. Traditionally, Christians observe Lent with three ancient practices: fasting, charity, and prayer. Whether these are familiar waters or whether we’re getting our feet wet for the first time, immersing ourselves in these actions will help us re-emerge, at the end of 40 days, as rejuvenated people.

This week, we’ll highlight fasting. Most world religions encourage fasting as a way to clear the cobwebs from the mind and focus on priorities, especially in preparation for a spiritual challenge or celebration. Moses fasted for 40 days before making the climb up Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert before beginning his preaching and teaching.

How might fasting help your family dive into some spiritual spring cleaning this Lent? Suggestions old and new:

Expand the menu. “Fasting consists not in abstinence from food, but in withdrawing from sinful practices,” St. John Chrysostom taught in the late 300s. Family members can abstain from their greatest vice during Lent. Don’t know what your vice is? Ask the family members you live with. A tip: Anything our family says we do excessively — talking on the phone, spending hours on GameBoy, tattling, nagging, gossiping, pouting — suggests a vice that needs curbing.

Challenge yourself. Like the swimmer who tries to swim an extra few laps each session, encourage yourselves as a family this Lent to try something more challenging than usual. Maybe your son could talk to the kid at school whom no one can stand. Perhaps the family who jumps into the car for everything can challenge themselves by walking to school or the store. Maybe it’s staying home and eating together all but one night a week, and working on home-cooked meals together if Ronald McDonald is your usual chief. Think beyond the obvious for what you might “give up.” A bishop in Ireland, for example, called on Catholics to turn off their cell phones, TVs, and personal stereos at least once a week to pray. He bet people “would notice a significant improvement in their mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.”

Look for next week’s article about charity.

It’s been 36 years since the original movie “Grease” hit the big screen in 1978. This past weekend, the Broadway Bulldogs took to the stage, bringing life once again to this “feel good”, nostalgic movie. It took us back to a happy time in the 1950’s when everything seemed to be nice and wholesome. It was about Bobby socks, and Buicks, fast cars and falling in love. It was about the “first times” for so many things in our lives that we all can relate to and fondly remember.

Our Broadway Bulldog cast did not disappoint! Each and every cast member was fully immersed in the character he or she was portraying. The lead role of greaser renegade, Danny Zuko, was played by the talented Theo Brown. Not only were Theo’s acting skills admirable, but his voice and stage presence gave the audience “chills that were multiplyin’”. The power Theo was supplying was electrifyin’! All you “Grease” fans out there know what this means! Theo’s groovy energy lasted throughout the entire production, from his solo piece, “Alone at a Drive-In Movie,” to his countless musical collaborations with his fellow T-Birds. The ever cool T-Birds were played by David Petrovich, Ben Sanetra, Danny Brennan, and George Mies. These black jacket greasers entertained us all night with their cool attitudes and good time grooves!

A bunch of rockin’ dudes wouldn’t be complete without a popular clique of girls to roll with, right? Here come the Pink Ladies! This gang of pink wearing senior high school girls ruled the school! The lead role of Sandy, the newest member to have been inducted into the Pink Ladies of Rydell High was played by the lovely Megan Lifka. Megan’s voice was both beautiful and sweet, just like her character Sandy. All eyes were on her from the opening scene in which she flawlessly sang “Summer Nights,” to her perfect rendition of “Look At Me, I’m Sandra Dee.” In fact, the packed parish center was sitting on the edge of their seats in anticipation of the musical’s final scene in which Megan’s goody girl character Sandy, changes into a black leather wearing gal that Danny Zuko can’t resist! Of course her fellow Pink Ladies had a little something to do with Sandy’s completely cool transformation. The Pink Ladies were played by the very entertaining and talented Lucia Faraci, Amy Morgan, Katie Lindgren and Alyssa Andruszko. Each of these girls in their own right gave spectacular stage performances.

The talent didn’t stop with the cast of T-Birds and Pink Ladies. Equally important key characters that each gave outstanding performances were Principal Lynch played by Ellie Fahey, Rydell High Senior Class President Patty Simcox played by Kathryn Gerardi, the fiesty and fired up Cha-Cha DiGregorio played by Anna Gorman, and the glorious, glowing Teen Angel played by Maura Hogboom. The Liscovsky Brothers, Matthew and Lucas each gave great portrayals of nerdy Eugene and the rockin’ and rollin’ entertainer Johnny Casino. Sergio Leudo-Carmena gave a spot-on rendition of super cool Vince Fontaine who summed it all up for the youth of this era when he said, “It doesn’t matter if you win or lose, it’s what you do with your dancin’ shoes.”

The dancing, the singing, the good time feeling, “Grease” had it all and more! From the poodle skirts and saddle shoes, to the slicked back hair and combs in the back pocket of the jeans, “Grease” was the word! Congratulations, Broadway Bulldogs!!
## The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

This year we welcome those who journey to become members of our Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers throughout this Lenten season.

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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 14, 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.

Living Stations of the Cross.
High school students interested in helping should contact Rob.
Practices dates and time are to be determined.
Junior High students will practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
3:30 to 4:30 in the O’Brien Room
GOOD FRIDAY IS APRIL 18th

SUMMER MISSION TRIP JULY, 2014
Sunday, April 6th 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

MARCH
11th: Living Stations of the Cross
3:30/O’Brien Room
11th: Adult Leader Meeting / 7:00
School Library
12th: Living Stations of The Cross
3:30/O’Brien Room
12th: Peer Ministry Team
7:00/Parish Center
14th: Lenten Soup Supper
6:30-7:30 Laramie Room (Church Basement)
16th: Large Group Confirmation
7:15/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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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. 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.

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

Altar Servers Wanted
We are looking for children from Grade 5 through Grade 12 who have received their first holy communion to join our Serving Team.

Orientation and training sessions will be held at St. James Church, March 13th & March 14th, 4 PM – 6 PM. You must attend one session on either day. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Vicki Sanetra (847) 392-5570 or Fr. Gilbert (224) 345-7202.
Welcome to Arlington Heights...
Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Black Madonna

A magnificent replica of the icon is visiting St. Edna and St. James as part of an international “Ocean to Ocean” pilgrimage in defense of life and family.

Plan to participate in one or all of the special liturgies between the evening of April 30th and the morning of May 2nd. [Website Link]

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Collecting Palms

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.

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Parish Life
Over 50 Group

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.

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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 take to the Parish Office.
Donate Blood Next Week

Join us **next Sunday, March 16th**, at the St James Spring Blood Drive. LifeSource Blood Services will be in the cafeteria of the Parish Center from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information on donating or to make an appointment, you can call our LifeSource Representative at 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are always welcome. Be sure to have a good breakfast and drink plenty of water to make your donation go smoothly. Also bring a picture ID. Remember one donation can change the lives of up to three people!

St. James Retired Men’s Group
Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th, 2014
9:45am
O’Brien Room—Parish Office
Lower Level

**Speaker:** Rev. Ted Schmitt
**Pastor:** St. John the Evangelist Parish
**Topic:** “My Road to the Priesthood”

Bring your rosary—Bring a friend!

March Market Day

“Spring” into Market Day this March and check out the new products and exciting promotions offered this month! Start the day off with Maple Waffle Sticks, Mini Cheese Omelets, Chocolate Chip Mini Pancakes, Fruit Singles, and Tropicana Apple Juice.

Make it Meatless and Easy with the many wonderful meatless selections from Market Day! Place your order today to help St. James School earn valuable funds. We want to thank all our customers for their continued support. Haven’t tried Market Day? Place an order for March ... you won’t be disappointed!

Internet orders due: Monday, March 10th by 11:00 p.m.

Order Pick Up: Thursday, March 13th from 3:30-5:30
Old School Lunchroom

For more information contact Cathy Waltz at 847.577.3565

St. James Summer Musical

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

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

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

Community Resources
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Families Anon. 847-795-8320
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights Rd. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - meets in the old St. James Rectory, 841 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) The Monday meeting starts at 8:00pm. The Wednesday meeting starts at 8:30pm. Enter front door facing Arlington Hts. Rd. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

Cancer Research Network
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with your treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org. You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

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

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

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

Stepping Stones
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

Annulement Support Ministry
Richard Nagengast 847-732-0970

* Finding God in Popular Music: A Lenten Journey
Sunday, March 9th, 7:00pm
St. Raymond Church, Lincoln St. and Elmhurst Ave., Mt. Prospect 847-253-8600
An evening of spiritual inspiration featuring songs from the Beatles, Aerosmith, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Pink Floyd, Justin Bieber, Boston, Celine Dion/Andrea Bocelli, and many more, performed by a live band and a dynamic group of vocalists. Questions? 847-253-8600, ext. 136. Free event!

* The Tenth Annual Way of the Cross Through Downtown Chicago
Good Friday, April 18th, 2014
Gathering at 8:45am at Daley Center Plaza (Dearborn/Washington) Ending by 12:00Noon at Holy Name Cathedral (State/Superior). Walking in silence following the Cross, with five stops for songs, meditations and readings from the Passion.
“Is there a greater love than this?”
Everyone is welcome.
www.wayofthecrosschicago.org

The Sisters of the Living Word
invite you to  A DESERT SPOT

Our Chapel will be open from 10:00am until 1:00pm for personal prayer time.

March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2.
Give yourself the gift of time on these Wednesdays of Lent.

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* Quality childcare in my home:
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husband of Margaret Mary; father of Melissa (Paul) Kirby, Michelle Ingels, and Michael (Karen) Melaniphy; grandfather of Dayton and Van Melaniphy

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**Baptisms**

**Beene Mweene...**
daughter of Oscar & Mary (Esa) Mweene

**Payton Lucille...**
daughter of Michael & Lisa (McGuinn) Genieusse

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

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**Remembrances**

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 9**
Dana Mangi, Elizabeth Zeller, Patrick Kett, Frank Kieca

**Monday, March 10**
Karen Masterton (1st Anniv.), John Roth, Laura Coda, Rosemary Gray, Ann Laurie

**Tuesday, March 11**
Ignatius Thanugundla (1st Anniv.), Barbara Sapiente, Dana Mangi

**Wednesday, March 12**
Robert Coda

**Thursday, March 13**
Gordon Teach, Richard Foley, Maryjean Wendell

**Friday, March 14**
Stella Favia, Emil Cargola, Julia Luczak, Dana Mangi, Jack Hogan

**Saturday, March 15**
Barbara Hanner (1st Anniv.), James C. Banaszak, Kevin & Bob Rossdeutcher, George F. & Regina C. Bieber

**Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, March 16**
Alice Sylvester, Barbara Hanner (1st Anniv.), Edyce Young, Eleanor Ratajik, Giordana Losurdo, Florence Michaelson, Jim Serpe, Joseph Giannini, Jack McLoraine, Sr., George Ort, Jim Dobbin, José Torres (38th Anniv.), Walt Flick (5th Anniv.), Florence Michaelson, John Downing

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**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 on upcoming meetings, please call Mary Jo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

**Alzheimer’s Support Group**
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1pm-2:30pm at St. James 820 N Arlington Hts. Rd.
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(Parish Office)

**Next Meeting: April 1**
**Topic: Agitation**

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**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.

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

**Saturday evening:**  
5:00 pm  Fr. Matt Foley  

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

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
(A Team)

**Saturday evening:** Church  
5:00 pm  G.Andre, M.Doheny, M.Dolan, 
E.Duque, E.Jarosz, L.Madden,  
M.Nugent, T.Schmitt, C.Stansbury,  
S.Szott, T.Szott  
Coordinators:  D.Duque, T.Gallagher

**Sunday:** Church  
7:00 am  D.Chaplin, C.Jensen, D.O’Grady, 
K.O’Grady, T.Panzica, T.Reed  
Coordinator: M. Walsh, Jr.

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

**Sunday:** Parish Center  
10:00 am  R.Becker, V.Curtis, S.Gaske, S.Hussey, 
K.Imhoff, K.Kelly, K.Kelly, S.Lindemann, 
J.Lippert, P.Lippert, J.McDermott, 
R.McDermott, T.McDonnell, B.Nielsen, 
B.Nielsen, M.Purtell, S.Reiss, 
MB.Rutkowski, D.Vlazny, B.Young, 
M.Young  
Coordinators: D.Adam, T.Adam

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

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday evening:**  
5:00 pm  A.Chavez, J.Dwyer, T.Toczycki  

**Sunday:**  
7:00 am  E.Oskroba, G.Oskroba, R.O’Grady  
8:30 am  N.Doherty, J.Doherty, V.Carso  
10:00 am  T.Reiss, C.Reiss, A. Stenzel  
11:45 am  A.DiMarco, N.DiMarco, T.Haisman  
5:00 pm  M.Purk, M.Wilder, E.Bleasdale

**Lectors**

**Saturday evening:**  
5:00 pm  M.O’Hare, C.Jarosz  

**Sunday:**  
7:00 am  J.Schager, TBD  
8:30 am  J.McDonagh, P.Ruddy  
10:00 am  J.McDermott, C. Colleran  
11:45 am  D.Chengary, K.Ponce  
5:00 pm  J.Lee, J.Staley

**Scripture Readings**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 9, 2014**

**Monday:**  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:**  
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:**  
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:**  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:**  
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:**  
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:**  
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**How Are We Praying?**

Your Liturgy Board is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James.  
We welcome your evaluation of Mass in the Church and Parish Center and your ideas about things we are doing well or ways we can improve our experience of praying together.  
E-mail us at:  
stjamesliturgyboard@yahoo.com
**MANNA at St. James**

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

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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening   5:00pm   Parish Center
Sunday Morning    7am & 8:30am    Church
Sunday Morning    10am & 11:45am  Parish Center
Sunday Evening    5:00pm    Church

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Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days,

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Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date
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Congratulations on your engagement!
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Saturdays. 3:30—4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an
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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00am—8:00pm
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