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.
I am rarely in the kitchen at 8am to hear our home phone ring, but today I was and did something unusual. I answered it. I am not sure why we even have a landline anymore, since the only people who seem to contact us on that number are telemarketers and robots. Even so, I experience this strange sense of power when I get to peek at the caller ID and decide whether or not the call is worthy of my time. (My apologies to people whose number I do not recognize!) When “Cook Co IL” came up I figured it was something official, so I felt compelled to answer. Any sense of prowess I was enjoying immediately vanished. There was no one on the line, not even a recorded voice. I guess the only value I had in being contacted is if I were not there to answer so my mystery caller could leave me a very important message. No human exchange here, but plenty of communication: “I’m in charge”; “your call’s worth taking”; “talking to you in person’s not worth it”, “no, I’m actually the one in charge.” Ouch.

There is more to God’s communication with us than simply leaving a message. In the verses leading up to today’s reading in Genesis, God had infused man (woman was not yet created!) with the very breath of God “and so man became a living being” (Gen 2:7). Life itself is the epitome of God’s desire to be in intimate relationship with us. Every inspiration and exhalation reminds us from whence we come. The narrative continues with the Author of Creation providing for every human need: security of place (vs. 8, 15); food and beauty (vs. 9); water (vs. 6, 10); promise and purpose (vs. 16, 17); and even protection from death in the divine decree to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and bad lest man die (vs. 17). What more could there be?

God anticipated this question and so provided a “suitable partner” for man. So essential to our survival is human interaction and connection that God creates woman from the same essence as man. Even the Biblical language used reflects this deep union since the Hebrew word for woman, ishah, is a play on the similarly sounding Hebrew word for man, ish. The divine proclamation that “it is not good for man to be alone” (vs. 18) reveals God’s purpose that we exist in relationship with one another and with God. In fact, we come to know God in and through one another. Without question Jesus is the ultimate communication and self-revelation of God (cf. Dei Verbum). Yet each one of us also reflects this truth, “in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them” (Gen 1:27). How many of us wake up in the morning and elate when we look in the mirror, “Good morning oh Beautiful Beloved! You are so like your Maker!” How differently we would we move through our day if we acknowledged this truth about each person we encountered? Pope Francis’ example consistently proclaims this mission of love.

Perhaps the ability to celebrate who we truly are is part of the appeal of today’s Gospel pericope from Mark. “Let the children come… Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Mk 10:14, 15). Young children freely accept and celebrate who they are and delight in discovery without the encumbrance of pride and fear. Life experience has not yet squelched their unbridled capacity for joy and belief in their goodness. Do we trust God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit to so embrace and celebrate us? Do our sins, belief in our unworthiness prevent such freedom? I so fondly remember my eldest daughter at the tender age of one. Not yet fully fine-tuned in language skills, she often would stand at my feet, look up at me with her expectant bright eyes and impish smile and extend her arms while opening and closing her fists like a flashing bulb. “Uppies? Uppies?” She knew what to do and whom to seek to be reminded she was cherished and safe. I hope I swooped her up and cuddled her close each time she trusted me with her love and needs! How much more perfect is God’s invitation and love?

Surely today’s readings celebrate family: the family of God, the integrity of marriage, the blessing of children. Though our families may look different, we each have one and come from one: our family of origin, our procreated families, our adopted families, our family of friends, our family of faith, our human family. When you read this article, I will just have returned from the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, whose theme is “Love is our mission: the family fully alive.” Let’s love like crazy this week! Let’s be intentional in recognizing the gift of the people and relationships in our midst. One of the best gifts I ever received came from my three children for Mother’s Day two years ago. I call it my “love jar.” For the purchase price of a $1.99 mason jar, they unknowingly gave me a priceless treasure. Each of them took a number of slips of construction paper and jotted down some of the things they appreciate about me as their mom. I know they love me, but I have to admit, it sure was fun and felt remarkable to read the ponderings of their hearts. The jar enjoys a place of prominence on my desk. I cannot count the number of times I have re-read those strips of joy! Maybe you want to start a family love jar or create one for a neighbor who is lonely. Whatever we choose, let’s get busy. We’ve got some important communicating to do!

On a mission!
~JoAnne

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 10, 2015

Come show your public support of prayers to Mary of Fatima for help in stopping the sins occurring in our country. An outdoor praying of the Rosary will take place after the 8:30am Mass in the Church. A procession out to the lawn between the Church and the Rectory will take place after Mass. The Rosary will begin immediately after Mass, from 9am-10am, and will continue...until 11:00am for all who wish to pray. You will be part of over 14,000 America Needs Fatima groups praying to Our Lady on that day.

Noreen Nordin, “America Needs Fatima” Rosary Rally Captain—847-392-7093

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

(October—Month of the Holy Rosary)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

The St. James Children’s Rosary Group

2nd Monday of each month, 4pm, Church
Our next meeting is September 14, 2015. The Children’s Rosary Group is a prayer group movement for all children. St. James joins hundreds of Children’s Prayer Groups around the world out of the love we share for Our Blessed Mother and her Son Jesus. On the 2nd Monday of every month we meet in the church from 4:00pm to 4:45pm to recite the rosary. Adults are always welcome! For more information contact Lynne Holland at: childrensrosarygroup@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjameschildrensrosarygroup. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to email your petitions.

What is Wheels to Worship at St James?

Wheels to Worship is our newest ministry, providing rides to Mass in the Parish Center for those in need. Can you help by transporting someone to Mass, at your convenience? Call us! Training and insurance provided.

Need a ride to Mass? Call us! We will send you an application to complete before rides are provided.

Please call Carol at 847-253-4680 to inquire or be included.

All Souls + November

If you would like to have a loved one who has passed away remembered during the month of November, you are invited to submit their picture for November’s All Souls display in the Church. As the departed are always in our hearts, participation is not limited to just those who have passed away this year nor do they have had to have been a parishioner. We remember all departed souls with love. To be part of the display, please follow these instructions:

- Legibly print the loved one’s name and their year of birth and death on the back of the photo (or as an attached note).
- Photos should be no larger than 4” x 6” (if larger they will be cropped).
- Send to “Environment & Art / All Souls” in care of the St. James Parish Office or by emailing an image file to kborresen@hotmail.com. The email’s subject line should read “All souls”.
- Photos or emails need to be received by Monday, October 19.
- Regrettfully, pictures cannot be returned (nor will they be saved or stored for any other use.)

Thank you.
Holy Hour is Here at St. James Every Thursday!

Will you spend an hour with Jesus in prayer, meditation and song?

Who: All are welcome...young and old alike!

What: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction

When: Thursday evenings, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: St. James Church

Why: It’s an opportunity to spend time in community with Jesus.

Animal Blessing—TODAY’S the DAY!

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will offer a “Blessing of the Animals” on Sunday, October 4th, at 1:30pm, in the Parish Center parking lot. Fr. Bill will preside. Bring your pets for a blessing!

Knights of Columbus ~ Holy Rosary Council #4483
Monthly Pro-Life Rosary

Our Lady of the Wayside—September 9th, before 8:30am Mass
St. Edna Parish—October 14th, after 8:00am Mass
St. Colette—November 11th, after 8:00am Mass
St. James—December 9, after 7:30am Mass

For further information:
Jim or Sue McPherrin, Pro-Life Rosary Couple
Holy Rosary Council #4483  jamesmcpherrin@gmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Those with Special Needs and their families are invited to join us at the 11:30am Mass in the Parish Center on Sunday, October 11th. All are welcome through our Open Doors Ministry!

Lector Training

October 24, 2015
Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago Vicariate I Ministry Commission
For New Lectors ONLY—Teens Welcome.

Where: St. Mary of the Annunciation
22333 West Erhart Road
Mundelein, IL 60060

When: Saturday, October 24, 2015
8:30am—9:00am—Registration
9:00am—Noon—Training Workshop

Presenter: Denise Thompson
To Register:
Contact Sue Matousek @ 847-223-0010 or Email: smatous@stmota.org

SAVE the DATE!

New Eucharistic Minister Training Workshop

This free workshop will offer the education and training needed to become a mandated Eucharistic Minister. A follow up session will take place in your parish that will include a practicum on the particular practices for distribution of the Eucharist.

This training meets the Archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.

November 14th, 2015
@ St. Cecilia Parish
700 S. Meier Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL
8:30am check-in, 9:00am to Noon—Training
Presenter: Fr. Ron Gollatz
Please register: Mary Kay Francel, 847-437-6208
Fall Sports

The fall season brings Coed Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Coed Soccer to Saint James School.

Starting in grades 4 or 5, depending on the sport, parents and coaches work together to improve the development of these young athletes. The Athletic board of Saint James School strives to offer an exciting, challenging, and well-structured environment in which children and parents can discover all that is good about sports. Athletics at Saint James School provides student athletes with a positive and character-building experience.
**Ignite** Youth Ministry Kickoff—September 13, 2015

**Favorite Digital Resources**

**The Pope App:** This app includes Pope Francis’ homilies, statements, and activities. It also has his tweets, so even if you don’t use Twitter, you can read his insightful messages. You can also view many of his public audiences, live!

**Why I recommend it:** The Pope is such an inspirational leader; it is wonderful to get his message direct, without any editorial filtering by secular news sources.

Deacon Jim Bannon
Are you looking to revitalize your walk with God? Want to feel more of His presence and guidance in your life? Join Artist Tamara Peterson and Life Purpose Coach Liz Lassa as they teach women two fresh and fun new ways to connect with God (as heard on Moody Radio’s Midday Connection).

In the morning session Liz will share her shorthand approach to seeking God through Spiritual Circle Journaling. This format helps you get deep quickly, using bullet points and circles. It's simplicity helps even non-journalers deepen their prayer life. The result is a closer walk with God, a more focused quiet time, and a life more clearly guided by the Spirit as you see God moving in the circles! There is a quiet-time session built in to give it a try.

After a break for lunch we will take what God placed on your heart from the morning session a step further as Tamara teaches Spiritual Art Journaling. We will capture on a canvas the word, verse, or phrase from your quiet time with papers, clipped images, textures, and paints. In the end you will leave with your very own “one-of-a-kind” canvas to remind you of His message for this season in your life. The only experience required is kindergarten! All materials are supplied.

When: Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 Light Refreshments: 8:30 Retreat: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Where: St. James Parish, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights (Enter through the school’s West doors.)
Cost: $65 (Includes lunch) Please make checks out to St. James Parish or pay on-line.

RSVP Deadline: Oct. 12, 2015 Questions: Contact Tina at tina@haisman.net

Help Needed!
We are in need of some help to clean certain areas in our CHURCH.

The date is Saturday, October 10th, at 12:00 Noon, “rain or shine”. Please enter the CHURCH using Door C4, which is the northeast door off the back parking lot.

Here are some of the tasks for which help is needed: washing pews and windowsills, dusting statues and Stations of the Cross, polishing the marble and stained wood furniture, spot-cleaning scuffs and marks off walls, removing wax and vacuuming. We will be sweeping the floors under the pews.

Volunteers should bring a bucket, clean rags (no sponges), and a pair of rubber gloves. We will provide the cleansers (soap, polish, etc.) If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kathy Borresen at kborresen@hotmail.com

Weekly Bible Study (Lectio Divina)
St. James Parish
Every Thursday at 7pm in the Boardroom

We come together to study the Sunday Scriptures: To understand, to reflect, to share and to pray. Come and become active participants in the Sunday worship.

All are welcome.
NO sign up, No fee and NO pressure… Please BYOB.
Questions: Call Bob Nielsen at 847-439-4460 or Fr. Joji at 224-345-7201.

“It ain’t those parts of the Bible that I can’t understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand….Mark Twain
SAVE THE DATE:

FALL BLOOD DRIVE IS BACK!

On Sunday, October 25th, we are planning the St James Fall Blood Drive. It will be conducted by LifeSource Blood Services from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm in the cafeteria of the Parish Center/School. You can be a volunteer donor as long as you are at least 17 years old (16 with written parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health. If you want more detailed information on donating, you can call our LifeSource Representative at 877-543-3768. Please mark the date on your calendar. Come give the gift of life!

Coming Home Retreat for Veterans and Families

Veteran’s Retreat—COMING HOME—A comprehensive spiritual outreach and renewal program for our military men and women and their families. Presented by Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House and Mayslake Ministries. Sunday, October 25th, 2015—8am—6:30pm. Serving in the military or having a loved one wear the uniform creates a common bond that is never forgotten. St. Ignatius Loyola believed that God is hidden in the stories of our lives. So gather with other vets or with members of other military families to tell whatever part of your story you’re comfortable naming. Share your story with fellow vets and other military families.

VETERANS & FAMILIES “COMING HOME” RETREAT REGISTRATION

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________
State/Zip: ___________ ____________
Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Branch of Service: ____________________________
Years of Service, e.g. 2009-2013: ____________________________
Emergency Contact Name: ____________________________
Emergency Contact Phone: ____________________________

Please register me for the following “Coming Home” retreat:

☐ *Sunday, 10/25/2015 8am - 6:30pm
☐ *Sunday, 2/28/2016 8am - 6:30pm
☐ *Sunday, 6/12/2016 8am - 6:30pm

*For veterans and their families (spouses, parents, children at least 18 yrs old)

Register online, by phone, or mail your registration form to Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (address below). The Veterans “Coming Home” retreats are FREE of charge.

Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, 420 W County Line Rd., Barrington, IL 60010-4011
www.ComingHomeRetreats.org | 847-381-1261
“Pope Francis calls us to care for this world in which we live.”

Would you like to join others in the St. James community in finding ways to care for our common home? Efforts are just beginning!

Please call JoAnne Mullen-Muhr at 224 345 7215 and leave a message with your name, phone number and email address if possible. You will be contacted in late October. All ages are encouraged to participate!

_A prayer for our earth_

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
(From the encyclical of Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, on Care for our Common Home, p. 178.)

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul commissioning of new members.  
September 16, 2015
FAMILY LIFE

Few people would argue the importance of a stable family in creating a foundation for a healthy, meaningful life. Most of us try to make our families, whether large or small, a priority in our lives. The best relationships have their struggles, but managing the most intimate relationships gives the greatest rewards. Do you see some or all of these signs of a healthy family in your own family?

- You trust each other
- You feel free to talk openly, without fear of earning disapproval
- You feel accepted and you accept others
- You support one another during difficult times
- You have fun and enjoy one another
- You respect one another

When families become unhealthy, you may see some or all of these signs:

- Substance abuse
- Perfectionism
- Overprotection
- Mental illness
- Neglect
- Emotional, physical, verbal or sexual abuse

These statistics are difficult to imagine, but true:

- 1 in 2 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime
- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence
- 40% of child abuse victims also report being exposed to domestic violence
- 90% of elder abuse, which garners little attention in the media, occurs at the hands of family members, according to the latest survey of Adult Protective Services

The Archdiocese of Chicago website notes that “A family is a collection of individuals, but it is also a living and developing system whose members are essentially interconnected. Any event or circumstance, such as a birth, a death or sudden unemployment affects the whole family. Parents, by word and example teach the faith to their children. Families pass on Gospel values when they show affection [and] discipline with dignity. Reconciling after a disagreement or sitting down together for a meal are holy, grace-filled activities.”

May God’s grace fill your home.

Stepping Stones is dedicated to raising awareness, understanding, and the prevention of domestic violence by educating our community and supporting the victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. This month we are broadening our focus to include family violence and other intimate partner violence.
Put your commitment where your **❤️** is...

St. James Parish Registration Weekend - Oct 3 & 4

**Did You Know...**
- that during spring and summer over **50** new singles, couples, and families have become newly registered parishioners at St. James Parish?
- that they have been personally welcomed by Frs. Matt, Joji, Gilbert and our St. James Parish Ambassadors at Welcome Receptions?
- that you, too, can register to become a St. James Parishioner this weekend, October 3 & 4?

Now’s your chance to register without putting it off or making a special trip to the Parish Office. You don’t even have to register online (though you always can at stjamesah.org)

This weekend, Parish Ambassadors will have Registration Forms available at the Church and Parish Center after all the Masses. Stop by where you see the **❤️** and register. Nothing to bring, never anything to pay, no hassle!

Put your commitment where your **❤️** already is...Register to become a new parishioner at St. James after Masses **this weekend, October 3 & 4.**

**A Warm Welcome!**

We are very happy that you have registered at St. James Parish and have chosen St. James as your faith community. Fr. Matt, our pastor, and Frs. Joji and Gilbert will be hosting a **Welcome Event** to which you and your family are most welcome.

This casual Welcome Event will be held on **Sunday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. James Rectory.** (The rectory is the red brick building just to the North of the Church.) You’ll have a chance to meet other new parishioners, mingle with our parish priests and enjoy finger-foods and beverages.

Please do join us! RSVP to your Parish Ambassador, or kathydavy@hotmail.com. We look forward to welcoming **YOU!**
You are invited to experience the essence of Spain in a colorful, festive evening at ¡Viva España!

Saturday, November 7, 2015

6:00 P.M.
Cocktails, Hors d’oeuvres & Silent Auction

7:30 P.M.
Dinner, Dessert & Live Auction

“Flamenco” at the Fiesta until 1:00 a.m.

The Parish Center
820 North Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights

Benefiting St. James Charities & St. James Parish Tuition Assistance

Cocktail Attire – Kindly respond by October 26

Invitations have been mailed. If you would like an invitation and did not receive one, please call 224-345-7209.
October 31, 2015

The Terrifying Trot
AKA the Jubilation Jog

Benefitting Jubilation at St. James

They’re creepy & they’re kooky....100 women start ... who knows how many will finish!

Run or walk 2-4 miles around Lake Arlington (each lap is 2 miles). Afterwards, join us at the Reddin house (1615 E Peachtree Drive) for Tricks and Treats, and a group photo.

Run Start Time:
7:30 am
Where: 1615 E Peachtree Drive
Cost: $40.00 per lady

Register by 10/15 at jubijog@gmail.com
To complete your reservation, please include your name, email, cell #, & T-shirt size. Please make checks payable to “Jubilation at James” & drop in the parish office, Attn: Mary Reddin.
CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

Please help us keep the homeless PADS guests and others warmer this winter, by creating a warm winter scarf. Got some yarn in your stash that might work? Any pattern of about 4-6 inches wide by 50-60 inches long will be greatly appreciated. We are participating in a CHASE THE CHILL program to provide scarves for those in need. Pope Francis invites us to make Love Our Mission. This is just one way we can love our neighbor/guest and show we care.

On the weekend of November 21-22 you are invited to tie your scarf around our tree in front of St. James Church. PADS guests will help themselves. For more info or a pattern, check out www.chasethechill.com or connect with Kathy at kk_ek@msn.com (there is an underscore between the initials), or at 847-255-8899.

Chase the Chill in Action!

Give the Gift of Sight to the Poor

St. James School, in cooperation with St. Viator High School, is once again participating in the "EYEssee" project. On the weekends of Oct. 17/18 and 24/25, boxes marked with the "EYEssee" logo will be available in the Gathering Space and in the back of the Church so that you may donate any used eyeglasses for this project.

All glasses collected are distributed during health missions in Asia, the Pacific Islands, the Caribbean, South America and Africa. Adult and children’s prescription glasses, sunglasses and reading glasses are acceptable. These recycled glasses will help thousands of people experience good vision, often for the first time in their lives. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If any questions, please contact Pat Farrell at: pfarrell@stjamesschoolah.org.
St. James Parish Presents

The 35th Annual

Christmas Bazaar

St. James presents....
the 35th Annual
Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 13th, and
Saturday, November 14th

Interested crafters
should contact
224-345-7200, ext 8529 or
Jane Jones at
JaKeJones3@aol.com

Friday, November 13, 10 AM—6:00 PM
Saturday, November 14, 9 AM—3 PM

Admission: $3 per person, students are free

St. James Parish Center
820 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
224-345-7200

Featuring over 80 exhibitors selling wonderful
handmade items, a delicious bake sale, raffle,
and refreshments including Gotta B Crepes!

Stroller and coat check available.
**Respite Care—Gero Solutions**
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

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

**Mended Hearts** - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at 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
Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Families Anon. 847-795-8320
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts.

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

**Escorted Transportation**
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.

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

**AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** - meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

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

**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.

**Knights of Columbus**
Holy Rosary Council #4483
Join us for our 9th annual

**Columbus Day and Fatima Anniversary Procession to the Park!**
Monday, October 12, 2015
Location: 15 North Hickory Avenue
Rental Hall
9:00am: Mass with Fr. Charlie Becker
9:30am—Coffee and doughnuts (baked goods appreciated)
10:15am: Procession with hymns to North School Park for public rosary
All are welcome, rain or shine!

**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.
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

**Grief Support Group**
The St. James Grief Support Group meets every Tuesday from 7-8:15 pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The next session runs from Oct. 13th-Nov.17th. 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 of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

**THE WORD OF GOD ALIVE AND ON FIRE Series Presented by The Sisters of the Living Word 800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Hts.**
The Sisters of the Living Word invite you to attend the first of four events sponsored for the public in honor of their 40th Anniversary as a religious community. Please join us to hear and share together about our call to follow Jesus in our times. The event is free. For more information and to register: 847-577-5972 or kvorenkamp@slw.org

Oct. 11th: 2-3:30 pm “On Care For Our Common Home” This talk will focus on the social document: Laudato Si: Praise Be to You, by Pope Francis and how it affects our daily lives as Christians, disciples of Christ. Our presenter will be Stephen Mitten, S.J., Director of Biodiversity Research LUREC on the Faculty of the Institute of Environmental Sustainability at Loyola University Chicago.
**Weekly Intentions**

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<td><strong>Christopher Rearick Hanson</strong>...husband of Cheriann Barbara Hanson; father of Lindsay Barbara Hanson and Kristian Sigourney Hanson; son of Dorothy Hanson Brown; brother of Rev. Natalie Hanson (Rev. Paul) Womack</td>
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<td>Maya Grace Miskella...daughter of Patrick &amp; Lauren Miskella</td>
<td><strong>Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, October 4</strong></td>
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<td>Vincent Noah Almanza...son of Vincent Almanza &amp; Lubia Barrios</td>
<td>Susan Comfort, Thomas Kennedy, Shelia Baker, Kevin Rossdeutcher, Bob Rossdeutcher, Liz Mader, Sally Soule, Prudencio Nono, Augustin Nono</td>
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<td>Emmy Rose Terrell...daughter of James Terrell &amp; Heather Marie Pearson</td>
<td><strong>Monday, October 5</strong></td>
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<td>Andrew James Muffoletto...son of James &amp; Melodi (Yates) Muffoletto</td>
<td>David Lawrence, Marte Anderson, Marie Grant, Hannah McPartlan, Dana Mangi, Robert McDermott</td>
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<td>Kane Joseph Connelly...son of Kevin &amp; Meredith (Bean) Connelly</td>
<td><strong>Tuesday, October 6</strong></td>
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<td>Jack Thomas Meersman...son of Thomas &amp; Tracy (Franson) Meersman</td>
<td>Vlasta Stefanik (1st Anniv.), Margare Belay, Richard Joyce, Robert Goldman, John Beley, Daniel Sullivan, Brian Shaver</td>
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<td><strong>Wedding Banns</strong></td>
<td><strong>Wednesday, October 7</strong></td>
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<td>October 16, 2015</td>
<td>Hanie Monahan, Larry Monahan, James Monahan, Barbara J. McCarthy, Brian Shaver, Chris Hanson</td>
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<td>Patrick Burns &amp; Lauren Ackerman</td>
<td><strong>Thursday, October 8</strong></td>
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<td>October 17</td>
<td>Thomas Smith, Lawrence J. Sullivan, Dana Mangi</td>
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<td>Tim Scanlan &amp; Lisa Mensching</td>
<td><strong>Friday, October 9</strong></td>
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<td>October 17</td>
<td>Cuno Panio, Thomas McStein, Josephine Smith, Thomas J. Horton, Joseph Walsh</td>
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<td>Bart Bizon &amp; Anna Jerafczczak</td>
<td><strong>Saturday, October 10</strong></td>
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<td>October 24</td>
<td>Sadie Sullivan, Lou Ford, James Sterrett, Dana Mangi, Eugene Nemeth, Matthew &amp; Therese Voigtle, Valerie Meitz, Jack Donahue</td>
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<td>William Jordt &amp; Gina Aiello</td>
<td><strong>Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, October 11</strong></td>
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<td><strong>OUR CHARITY</strong></td>
<td>Dana Mangi, Dorothy Firnbach, Matthew &amp; Therese Voigtle, Valerie Meitz, George Halm, Linda Sterrett, Joan Hefferman(1st Anniv.), Anne Sterrett, Frank &amp; Victoria Bosco, Tom Schuld, Dana Mangi, Barbara J. McCarthy</td>
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**Stewardship**

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<td><strong>Weekend Masses — 552 Envelopes</strong></td>
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<td>$25,420.50</td>
<td>On behalf of the Sisters of the Living Word, I thank you for the gift of $1,500.00 from the Stewardship Committee, to be used for facility repairs.</td>
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<td><strong>GiveCentral — 61 Online Donations</strong></td>
<td>We are grateful for your support. The Sisters pray for you daily and at Mass every Tuesday. The first Monday of every month is SLW Prayer Intentions Day—a communal remembrance of all the requests received by the Sisters. We pray with and for you!</td>
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Margaret Mei, Director of Mission Advancement
**Liturgical Ministers** for the Weekend of October 11, 2015

**Presiders** (Deacons preaching on Oct. 10/11)

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  Fr. Gilbert Mashurano

Sunday:
7:00 am  Fr. Joji Thanugundla
8:30 am  Fr. Matt Foley
10:00 am Fr. Matt Foley
11:30 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
5:00 pm  Fr. Matt Foley
(A signer will be present at the 5pm Sunday Mass.)

**Altar Servers**

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  M.Fahey, S.Choronzuk, N. Bentz

Sunday:
7:00 am  C. & L. Hackmann, K.Miletic
8:30 am  S.Bell, L. Pittas, M. Dzupin
10:00 am L.Wendling, J.Lifka, K.Bixby
11:30 am J.Goolsby, M.Stack, N.Spiess
5:00 pm  C.Coleman, E.Bleasdale, G.Hoffman

**Lectors**

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm  J.Staley, J. Lee

Sunday:
7:00 am  P. Sokop, A. Michelini
8:30 am  Sr. J. Grib, S.Nowakowski
10:00 am Conseur Family/ Chengary Family SJS
11:30 am B.Charland, J.McDonagh
5:00 pm  M.Robbins, D. Greising

**Scripture Readings**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4th**

Monday:     Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:    Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:  Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:   Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:     Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
            Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:   Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
            Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:     Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
            Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

**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:  Church
7:00 am  D. O’Grady, K.O’Grady, Gary Hammelmann
        Coordinator: M. Walsh, Jr.

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

Sunday: Parish Center
10:00 am K.Imhoff, K.Kelly, S.Lindemann, J.Lippert, P.Lippert, J. Young
        T.McDonnell, B.Nielsen, B.Nielsen, M.Purcell, S.Reiss,
        D.Viazny, S.Moeykens, P.Fitzgerald, J.Anderson, M.Rutkowski
        M.Massa, R.Becker, V.Curtis, S.Gaske, S.Hussey, J.Lippert,
        J.McDermott, R.McDermott, (2 EMs for choir)
        Coordinators: D.Adam, T.Adam

Sunday: Parish Center
11:30 am M.Byrne, B.Gedmin, S.Sharer, A.VandenAvont, N.Aguila
        C.Van Den Avont, S.Van Den Avont,
        M. Van Den Avont, L. Behls
        Coordinators: Gina & Joe Christophe

Sunday: Church
5:00 pm  P.Farrell, G.Farrell, P.Farrell, E..Jarosz
        K.McCarthy, Caroline Starr
        Coordinator:  P.Farrell

**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
Abortion and God’s Mercy

Statement from the Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Chicago:
Abortion and the Faculty to Absolve the Sin of Abortion and Remove the Penalty of Excommunication

As you may have heard, on September 1, 2015, during the upcoming Year of Mercy, Pope Francis granted all priests worldwide the faculty "to absolve of the sin of abortion for those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it." What you may not have realized is that this faculty had been already granted to all or nearly all priests in the United States many years ago. What Pope Francis is doing with this decree is facilitate a simpler way for all to realize God’s Mercy all over the world. His decree does not change anything for those of us in the United States. Project Rachel ministry has been the official Post-Abortive Healing Ministry of the Church of the United States since it was founded by Vicki Thorn in 1984, and a big part of this ministry is accepting God’s Mercy through the sacrament of Confession. Any priest can administer the sacrament of reconciliation.

We have had a great need to help those hurt by abortion in this country to heal (both women and men) and to be welcomed back into Jesus’ arms. Anyone who has an unconfessed grave sin on their heart is not yet properly disposed, and therefore incapable of receiving communion. By receiving the Grace of sacramental absolution, a contrite penitent is once again fully prepared to receive Jesus Christ Himself in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

One important thing this decree does for Catholics in the United States, is to remind us of God’s unending and infinite mercy. It reminds us that even when we are in a state of grave sin, God is waiting for us with open arms, and all we have to do is seek out a priest, who God has appointed “In persona Christi” to hear our sins for God and allow God’s mercy to soften our hearts.
Welcome to St. James!
St. James Parish
820 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL
224-345-7200

St. James Parish Website: www.stjamesah.org

St. James Parish Council Contacts:
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Jane Bernard (jpsbernard@att.net)

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening  5:00pm  Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning    7am  Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning    8:30am  Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning    10am  Parish Center (Contemporary Choir
                        and Children’s Liturgy of the Word)
Sunday Morning    11:30am  Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening    5:00pm    Church (Teen Ensemble)

Weekday Masses (Church)  831 N. Arlington Hts. Road
Monday – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . 7:30am Mass
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .8:30am Mass

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

Sacramental Celebrations

Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date at least one month in advance.

Marriages
Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior to your wedding date, we warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office. Our Office Manager will explain the process of preparing for a Christian marriage and assist you in selecting a date for your wedding liturgy.

Reconciliation
Saturdays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3:30—4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday  9:00am—8:00pm
Saturdays  9:00am—1:00pm
Sundays  9:00am—1:00pm

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Rev. Bill Zavaski, Pastor Emeritus

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Paul Schmidt (Paulette)  847-253-3656
Pierce Sheehan (Midge)   847-259-1743
Tom Westerkamp (Diane)  847-253-3090
William Reinert (Joan) - Retired