St. James Parish
A Catholic Christian Community

820 N. Arlington Heights Road  Arlington Heights, IL  60004
www.stjamesah.org  224-345-7200

December 23, 2018

Conceptual Rendering

ST. JAMES CHURCH

newman architecture

Conceptual Rendering of Gathering Space
December 23, 2018

…”Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”…

What an amazing meeting we hear about in today’s gospel. Mary and Elizabeth both had good reason to be preoccupied, and maybe a little confused, with their pregnancies and all that new life brings. Each woman had to make adjustments as their daily life changed. Although Mary was a young teenager, she was able to accept the heavenly message from the angel about what God was asking her to do, despite her engagement to Joseph. Elizabeth became pregnant despite being considered barren and way past child-bearing age. These strong women consoled each other and bravely embraced their unknown future with grace. Do you think they had any idea of the impact their sons would have on the world?

The story of the Visitation teaches us an important lesson: when we embrace Christ, we are led to people, places, and situations that we never dreamed of. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we should not worry about whatever out-of-the-ordinary issues come our way because we are in Christ, and Christ is in us. These two women showed us that it is possible to expand our scope and move beyond our own personal agenda, and to be open to saying “yes”. Perhaps as the New Year approaches, we might be open to some form of volunteer organization or ministry work.

Serving others is not simply performing tasks for those in need. Authentic ministers allow themselves to accept the grace of the Holy Spirit that fills us and the people we minister to. Such moments of grace support us, strengthen us, and help us to appreciate the many gifts that God provides to us.

In light of the hustle, stress, and distractions of the holiday season, we need to remind ourselves of these moments of grace and maybe consider saying “yes” when help is needed?

May God watch over you and your family this week, and keep you safe, just as He protected Elizabeth and Mary.
Liturgy and Worship

The Adoration of Our Lord

Adoration in the Parish Center Chapel on Thursdays, from 4pm-8pm. Holy Hour including recitation of the Holy Rosary & Closing Benediction with Deacon Hahn starts at 7:00 pm.

For more information and to receive news or updates, contact: Regina Kastner at 847-207-8893 regkastner@gmail.com

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation

MASS on DECEMBER 31st—at 5:00pm

MASS on January 1st 8:00am and 10:00am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE – 2018

December 24th Christmas Eve – Parish Center

12:00 Noon – Mass
2:00pm – Children’s Mass
4:00pm – Mass
6:00pm – Mass
12:00am – Midnight Mass

December 25th Christmas Day – Parish Center

8:00am – Mass
10:00am – Mass
12:00 Noon – Mass
Saint James School

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 27, 2019
12:45pm - 2:00pm

✓ Tour The School  ✓ Meet Our Students
✓ Check Out Our School Activities

Saint James School offers PK3 to 8th grade
RSVP to 224-345-7145 or secretaries@stjamesschoolah.org

Visit us at stjamesschoolah.org  
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004
ST. JAMES
SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

milwaukee
Current 8th-12th graders
Dates: June 9 - 15
Registration: $380
Registration pricing includes registration cost, meals, accommodations

st. croix
Current 10th - 12th graders
Dates: June 22 - 29
Registration: $1500
Registration pricing includes registration cost, meals, accommodations, flight, and additional free day (island tour)

Where do I sign up?
For more information, or to sign up, visit http://www.stjamesah.org/youth-ministry

Where can I learn more about Catholic Heart Workcamp?
Visit http://heartworkcamp.com

Save the Date
Are you Thriving or Just Surviving?

Welcome.
There is More to Life

Join us for the Men’s Welcome Renewal Weekend!
(formerly known as Christ Renews His Parish)

Men’s Welcome Renewal Weekend
February 23-24, 2019
For more information, contact
Gregg Hansen or Matt Marcheschi
sjmenswelcomecrhp@gmail.com
(224) 213-8885 for Gregg
(224) 345-7210 for Matt

An incredible experience that will help you discover what’s missing in your life and what you can do about it.

REMINDER
NO Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on Sunday, December 30
at 10:00AM Mass

WISHING YOUR FAMILIES A MERRY
CHRISTMAS & HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

From the CLOW Team
Are You Thriving or Just Surviving?

Welcome
CRHP 2.0
There is More to Life

Registration opens December 3rd for the
Women’s Welcome Renewal Weekend
(formerly known as Christ Renews His Parish)

Join us for an overnight weekend experience on January 19-20, 2019. Whether you want to connect with other women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday, you will find what you are looking for - and more!

Space is limited!
Last year, the retreat was full within the first week of registration and a waitlist was created, so don’t delay!

For more information, visit bit.ly/SJWelcomeWeekend or contact Katherine Sheldon at sjwomenswelcomecrhp@gmail.com or (847) 650-9249.

FOCUS PARISH OUTREACH SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY WITNESS:

Have you ever considered joining a small group Bible study? Joining a small group is for you, whether you have no idea where to start, crave deeper friendships or simply want to grow in your faith.

"Participation in the FOCUS small group bible study at St. James has been an amazing experience. I am so grateful to have been invited to a meeting several months ago. I was looking forward to learning more about scripture and to enhancing my faith. The experience far exceeded my expectations. One of the most powerful learnings that this group of special ladies introduced me to was the importance of fully engaging in morning prayer and scripture reading every day. As a result, my faith has been dramatically enriched; it has helped me listen and better understand God’s Word and the love He has for us, enhanced my relationship with Jesus and Mary, and strengthened my desire to continuously learn about the Bible. This has led me to much peace and purpose, helps me understand what is most important in daily life with my family and all relationships, and helps me share God’s love with others. My family and personal life have been enriched in many ways. I am so thankful to be a part of this extraordinary group."

Please contact Matt Marcheschi for more information:
224-545-7210 or mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org

Deb Piazza
St. James School Parent
FIND YOUR GREATNESS

Four habits that will transform your life

Featuring: DR. ALLEN HUNT

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best version of yourself or some second-rate version of yourself?

Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly’s book The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, this half-day event will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential.

When: April 06, 2019
7:00 PM - 10:45 PM

Where: St. James Parish
831 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Tickets: $25.00
Purchase your tickets at http://bit.ly/DynamicCatholicEvent through the St. James website or call 859-980-7900

Dynamic Catholic
Faith Formation

JOIN US FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY FAITH-BUILDING EVENT
Multi-Parish Mission

TOGETHER AT THE CROSS:
Connecting Your Faith to Real Life

Fr. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R.
Redemptorist Priest
Mission Preacher

At Our Lady of the Wayside Church
434 West Park Street, Arlington Heights, IL
Co-Sponsored by: Our Lady of the Wayside, St. James, St. Edna, St. Mary

Monday, January 14th at 7:00 PM
Discover God’s Plan for Our Happiness

Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 PM
Who is Jesus for you? Where do you find Him?

Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 PM
God Doesn’t Give Up on You!

Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 PM
Solving Life’s Mysteries on Our Faith Journey

Nightly refreshments & fellowship — Family attendance encouraged

Holy Land
With St James and Father Derek Ho
Pilgrimage
May 8-17, 2019

You’re invited on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Includes round-trip airfare from Chicago to Tel Aviv; 8 nights’ hotel accommodations; daily Mass at biblical sites throughout Israel; a professional Christian guide; and the opportunity to pray at the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more! Space is limited. Call Corporate Travel Service at 866-468-1420 for more details. https://www.ctscentral.net/trips/israel/pilgrimage-holy-land-st-james-parish/
2018 Jubilation at St. James Photos

Thank you to all those who supported this year's Jubilation at St. James...Under the Big Top. We are grateful for your generosity. Proceeds from the event will benefit parish ministries, local and global charities, tuition assistance, PADS and St. Vincent dePaul. Photos from the event can be found on the Jubilation website page and at the following link: https://www.flickr.com/photos/8522031@N06/albums/72157702253418461

The Gallup ME25 Survey Results Are In!

The survey results can be accessed through the St. James app or on our website at: www.stjamesah.org/gallup

Thank you to all who took the time to share your opinions with us!
Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly sinned** in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore** I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Psalm Response

Sung Psalm Refrain:

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Advent Gospel Acclamation

**Advent/Christmas Gospel Acclamation**

David Haas

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All


*Verses 1-4 Cantor 4 All to Refrain

1. You are the joy of ev'ry human heart, Lord Je-sus, come!
2. You are Lord, our justice and our mercy. Show us how to live:
3. Eternal light, and sun of justice, shine in all our darkness:
4. Emmanuel, the joy of all nations, come to us and save us:

*Verses 5-7 Cantor 4 All to Refrain

5. Born today, our justice and our mercy, Lord Je-sus Christ!
6. You are light that shines in the darkness, star to guide the nations:
7. You are born of water and the Spirit, fountain of our dreams:

Holy, Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Memorial Acclamation

When We Eat This Bread

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

To repeat

world, have mercy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

Opening Antiphon:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).
Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

Order of Worship

Closing Song


Refrain

And holy is your name through all generations!

Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.

Verses

1. My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my savior:
   you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.

2. I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
   that my name will be remembered, for all will call me blessed.

3. I proclaim the pow’r of God, you do marvels for your servants;
   though you scatter the proud hearted, and destroy the might of princes.

4. To the hungry you give food, send the rich away empty.
   In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen.

5. In your love you now fulfill what you promised to your people.
   I will praise you Lord, my savior, everlasting is your mercy.

The Parish Office Staff wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and many blessings in the coming year.
The reserve for uncollectible pledges is an estimated amount of what might reasonably not be fulfilled pledges due to changes in financial circumstances, moves, deaths, etc. of the donors. This amount increases the remaining funds needed just as cancelled pledges do. Any questions, please contact Barbara Krawczyk at 224-345-7239.

Q: WHERE DID THE STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS GO??  A: NOWHERE....

The left side of the picture shows the stained-glass windows in place. The right side of the picture shows the new clear glass windows that you can see from the outside of the building. The space in between is our new Gathering Space!
Parish Life

Detective Richard Wistocki

Cyber Guide for Parents
Wed., Feb. 27, 2019—7 - 9 p.m.
St. James Parish Center
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

*NEW DATE!

Parents will learn about how to have technology talks with their child, parental responsibility, trending crimes, reporting incidents, collecting evidence, software for computer and cell phone, red flags, sexting issues, and social networking issues.


With 20 years experience as an internet crimes investigator, Detective Richard Wistocki educates Law Enforcement using cutting edge investigative techniques and parents and students on responsible digital activity.

For more information visit www.besureconsulting.com/

* Note - New Event Date!
This event was originally scheduled for Jan. 9,—it has been changed to Feb., 27, 2019.

The St. James Over 50 Social Group
Invites you to a show and dinner.

We are going to the Metropolis Performing Arts Center, 111 W. Campbell, Arlington Heights, to see and hear the famous Lira Polish Dancers.

Date: Saturday January 19 at 3:00 pm. We will be going to Qulinarnia Polish Restaurant for dinner at 1730 W. Golf Rd., Mt. Prospect.

Meal selections choice of: Beef Golash, Polish Plate, Breaded Pork Chop, Chicken Soup or Mushroom Soup, Deserts, and coffee included. (drinks not included)

Meet by Metropolis by 2:30 pm.
Cost: $50 for show and dinner.

RSVP to Kathy by Dec. 21st. 847 506-9295
Make checks payable St. James Over 50 marked Polish Dancers and take to the Parish Office.

Come and have an after New Year Polish good time.

Pictures from Over 50 Group’s Thanksgiving Mass celebrated at Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa.
ST JAMES PRESENTS

2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Come Sail Away
For a Sensational night of Dancing, DJ, Photos, and Refreshments

January 25, 2019
pre-K - 8th Grade
7:00 PM - 9:00PM
Parish Center

Checks made payable to St. James. Memo should read FSA-DDD. Please send form to Parish office.
Corsages will be available for pickup at entrance.
Please RSVP by Jan 11. No tickets will be sold past this date.
For questions, please contact Katherine Sheldon at kusheldon@gmail.com

Dad's Name ___________________________ Phone # ___________________________
Girl's Name ___________ Grade _______ Girl's Name ___________ Grade _______
Girl's Name ___________ Grade _______ Girl's Name ___________ Grade _______
E-mail ____________________________

Pre-Order Corsage QTY ______ x $10/each = _____

Cost Per Family To Attend = $35
Total = _____

All hands on deck! Moms are you available to volunteer? Send us your e-mail ___________________
### Community Groups and Events

#### St. James Parish Groups

Elizabeth Ministry—A ministry of women reaching out to other women in their childbearing years. We offer prayers and support regarding pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, child loss, adoption, NFP, and other issues. Visit the Rosebud Display in the Parish Center Gathering Space or connect with us: ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org or www.stjamesah.org

Grief Support Group
The Group meets on Tuesdays (during session times). Next session: There are no sessions scheduled at this time. The groups offer support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s loss. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

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.

Wheels to Worship
If you need a ride to Mass or wish to be a volunteer driver, please call Carol at 847-253-4680. carolserranianolson@yahoo.com

Stepping Stones
Everyone deserves to be in a safe, healthy relationship. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or locally, contact WINGS 24-hour Hotline at 847-221-5680.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you looking to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation? Are you looking to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation? Contact Fr. Derek Ho at 224-345-7201 Email: fderek@stjamesah.org or Jim Hamman at 847-347-1368 Email: jhamman@rcgdirect.com

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

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 AH.

Sexaholics Anon. at 630-415-0341
A fellowship with a solution to the problems of lust, sex and pornography addiction. Meeting list available on the chicagosa.org website.

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 or call 312-534-5254

NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness—847-899-0195

Escorted Transportation for Seniors
Escorted Transportation Services North-west (ETS/NW) - is a service available to those 60 and over in our community who are in need of rides to medical and dental appointments. It is a multi-denominational outreach to the elderly. If you are in need of such assistance, or if you would like to volunteer to serve seniors in our community, please call 847-222-9227 or email info@etsnw.org

St. Mary’s Services - Offers free, confidential counseling to assist women with an unplanned pregnancy as well as postpartum depression, grief and loss over a miscarriage, stillbirth, post abortion, and/or adjustment to motherhood. Our baby closet is available for all receiving counseling. Please call at 847-870-8181 to make an appointment or to volunteer.

Special Events

Join Sister Barbara Mass, SLW for a prayer experience of Winter Blessings: “Bless the Lord, Snow and Ice,” on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 10–11:30 AM or 7–8:30 PM at the Living Word Center, 800 North Fernandez Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois. RSVP by January 10 to bmass329@gmail.com.

You are cordially invited to attend a monthly series “On Care for our Common Home: Laudato Si: The Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis on the Environment” led by Sister Colette Fahrner, SLW on the last Sunday of the month in 2019 at the Living Word Center, 800 North Fernandez in Arlington Heights, Illinois from 2–4 PM. We can all work together to create a sustainable future for Mother Earth. We will meet in 2019 on Sundays January 27, February 24, March 31, TBD in April, May 26, and June 30. Come to all, any or even one session; a different chapter is discussed each week.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT TRIVIA!!! TAKE THE CHALLENGE!!!

Join your friends (or meet some new ones!) for a fun night of trivia at St. Edna on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the game will begin at 7:00 pm. Cost: $20 per person in advance, $25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Edna Parish Office located at 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Road. Water and soda are included in the price of the ticket. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Pizza can be pre-ordered or you can bring your own food and non-alcoholic drinks. No outside alcohol will be allowed. Participants must be 21 years of age or older to play. For further information, please contact the St. Edna Parish Office at 847-398-3362.
Please pray for our sick...
Fr. Tomas Marin, Nikki Carso, Joan McGrath

Rose for Life is donated by Marilee Cripe in thanksgiving for her daughter, Susan.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday, December 23
Leonard Waller, Lee King (1st Anniv.), Dana Mangi, John Glueckert, Sr., Andrew Firnbach Family, Shirley Barbara, Kathy Caillouet, Bronius Underys, Mary Jane Gorski

Monday, December 24
Dana Mangi, Kathleen Colvin, Louis Metzger, Jr. (8th Anniv.)

Tuesday, December 25
Raymond J. Bieniasz, Richard & Catherine Lyons, Phyllis Annand, Daniel Lyons, Virginia Bruski, Donald Seiler, Sharon Lynn Seiler Scanlan, Dana Mangi, William Destiche, Vincent Mangi, Joanne Mangi, Joanne Destiche, Meggan McDermott, Alice Matthews, Marion McDermott, Patrick Bushnell, Mary Ann Foley, Louis Metzger, Jr.

Wednesday, December 26
Christina Mahoney, Tom O’Toole, Judith Ann Tatera Penny

Thursday, December 27
Anselm Britto, Catherine Machado

Friday, December 28
Jeff Helminske (16th Anniv.), Dana Mangi, Jean Zywiciel (30th Anniv.), Mary Ellen Bannon, Richard Foley, JT Foley, Mary Ann Foley

Saturday, December 29
Candace Duggan, John J. Senerchia, Sr., Jeffrey Kestler, Virginia Helminske, Francis Bertolasi, Helen Bailitz

Saturday Evening/Sunday, December 30
John Glueckert, Sr., John J. Senerchia, Sr., Shirley Barbara, Kathy Caillouet, JoAnn McLaughlin, George Mulcahy, Peter A. Ruddy, Jr., Angela Biasiello

Weekly Intentions

That each member of our community encounters the fire of God’s love; then with hearts burning brightly, shares that love with others.

OUR MISSION

To be disciples of Christ and make disciples of Christ.

OUR VISION

That each member of our community encounters the fire of God’s love; then with hearts burning brightly, shares that love with others.

OUR VALUES

Divine Intimacy
...cultivating a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ centered on prayer and the Eucharist.

Education
...seeking to learn the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Respect
...honoring the dignity of each human person.

Generosity
...giving selflessly and abundantly of our time, talent, and treasure.

Hospitality
...creating an atmosphere of joy and welcome.

Adopted May 20, 2018
**Liturgical Ministers**

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**Human Concerns**

**St. James Peace & Justice**

**NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS**

*Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2019, 5:15pm Mass Holy Name Cathedral 730 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois (free parking)*

The Archdiocese of Chicago’s Human Dignity and Solidarity—Immigration Ministry invites you to National Migration Week Mass. This is an opportunity for all people of faith to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

This year’s theme is “Building Communities of Welcome.” This special Mass will bring with the Procession of Nations—35 different countries with people wearing their country’s national attire. It will also have a multi-ethnic choir and personal testimonies from an immigrant and refugee.

St. James is welcome to this colorful and inspiring celebration of accompaniment to welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers.

Email: peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org

**December 23–24, 2018 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

Today’s Gospel is the story—so precious and moving—of Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth: two pregnant women—one very young; the other very old—awaiting the births of their unexpected children.

No better example than this of our “God of surprises.” Just when we think hope is lost, God’s love and redeeming power save us yet again. Now in this time and year, let us pray and work for justice for all immigrants and refugees. And let us remember that the theme of immigration is placed throughout the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of St. Luke and St. Matthew. The Holy Family faces danger and an unsettled future again and again. To love Jesus’s family is to love all who are in similar peril. They are ALL our Holy Families.

Returning to today’s Gospel, our two mothers invite us to live and celebrate the mystery of Christmas with faith and surprise and love for all. Happy the town where there are believing mothers, bearers of life, capable of radiating peace and joy.

Happy the Church where there are women blessed by God, who live out their faith in acts of loving kindness.

Let Us Pray Lord Jesus let your Spirit light my actions and give me the strength to follow what Your Word has made me see. Make me, like Mary, your Mother, not only to listen, but also to put the Word into action. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.
Parish Life

ST. JAMES PARISH/SCHOOL APP

Download our APP to stay connected to our social media here at St. James.

You don’t need to have a Facebook account to see our posts. Click the social media button on our app and view all our posts to Facebook.

Download our Parish App... The App is available through the App store and Google Play.

Kid’s Bulletin

God’s Word for Children

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The prophet Micah wrote about the place where Jesus was born. He said “one who is to be the ruler in Israel” would come from this small village (Micah 5:1).

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Saturday Evening  5:00pm  Cantor
Sunday Morning  7:00am  Cantor
Sunday Morning  8:30am  Traditional Choir
Sunday Morning 10:00am  Contemporary Choir & Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sunday Morning 11:30am  Contemporary Choir
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