St. James Parish is honored to introduce
the formation of our new

Living Legacy Society

The St. James Living Legacy Society celebrates generous parishioners who have made a financial commitment to St. James through a bequest or other future intention. Members names or ‘Anonymous’ will be published annually in our bulletin on May 3, the feast day of St. James. Read more inside on how education and intention can steer your future wishes.

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
Hello fellow parishioners and potential Living Legacy Society members!

Last month I had the privilege of hosting the first St. James legacy planning event. The overarching goals for the event included how sound financial and estate-planning methods can minimize the tax burden upon your passing and offer ways that St. James could be included in your will.

Thirteen inquisitive members of our parish, three outstanding presenters, and our two highly insightful priests attended the event held in January. It was the premier event of its kind and, let’s be honest, planned giving is not the most exciting, albeit necessary, topic of conversation. It was crucial to expose this otherwise complicated tangle of information and emotions in an uncomplicated and a non-overwhelming way. Thankfully, the three presenters were aligned with these goals, and I am incredibly grateful to say the event went off without a hitch.

A post-event survey showed that nearly all attendees gave the event the highest rating and all reported they would recommend the event to their friends. All said they were very excited about the future of St. James. Not only did this event increase awareness of the types of planned gifts out there, we had wonderful discussions and shared many laughs during our time together.

The St. James Living Legacy Society is the recent brainchild of Fr. Matt and I, but this topic has been discussed over the years, on more than one occasion. Ensuring financial stability far into the future is the recipe for this faith community’s success, and we are all invited to join this mission. St. James will flourish and remain the vibrant parish that our community has known and loved for over 118 years. I am confident that with education, your love for St. James, and chatter amongst your ministries and friends that the Living Legacy Society will gain traction. There is no better way to promulgate the faith, leave a lasting memory, and be an example to others than to become part of this special group.

I am currently planning upcoming events for the Retired Men’s Group and the Men of St. James. A parish-wide event will be scheduled this spring, so please stay tuned for more information. And, as always, feel free to reach out anytime at jcohen@stjamesah.org or 224-345-7212.

Julie Cohen, Development Director
2020-2021 Religious Education
Registration opens March 16th

Religious Education Classes will be over before you know it. We have begun planning for the 2020-21 school year. Registration for next year opens on Monday, March 16th. Please register early, so that we can plan for your family. We have had a wonderful year in RE and look forward to an even better 2020-21! If you have any questions please contact Theresa Storto tstorto@stjamesah.org 224-345-7213

RESTORE MISSION TRIP: ST. LOUIS

All 9th-12th graders! Join us for an epic summer mission away in St. Louis! Work projects could include anything from major rebuilds to minor repairs. In the evenings, teens will attend evening sessions filed with dynamic speakers and musicians and high quality programming to connect and strengthen teens and their relationships with one another and Jesus Christ. Each of these sessions will break open scriptural topics to build deeper spiritual connections with the teens and their Catholic faiths.

June 15-20, 2020 | Cost: $600*

For registration and more information: https://stjamesah.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/346998

*Maint of registration includes registration, transportation, meals, and housing

EDGE HIGHLIGHT

For the past couple months we have been diving into The Creed in our EDGE classes. Each Tuesday 40-50 middle schoolers gather in the Laramie room to play some games, hear a lesson, pray, and talk in small groups. This week we begin our new series on the Mass called "To the Heights" and we would love to see you there!

THE HIGHER WE GO THE BETTER WE SHALL BE ABLE TO HEAR THE VOICE OF CHRIST VERSO L’ALTO -BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

MENS WELCOME

I attended my first Men's Welcome retreat in 2009. There are a few events in my life that I see as life changing but that weekend was one of them. I had drifted, I was disconnected. That weekend was a new beginning. I needed a chance to reconnect with my heavenly Father and the 'Welcome' weekend offered me that chance. That weekend allowed me to restore my life in Christ. I was welcomed back home. We are not alone on this journey. Please come join us. Rediscover God's love for you.

Mens welcome weekend is a renewal experience that will help you discover what is missing in your life and what to do about it. February 22-23 here at St. James. Register today at: bit.ly/SJWelcomeWeekend
**THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES**

**SUNDAY:** Lifeteen 6PM in the Church
Confirmation Classes 3PM SJS

**MONDAY:** Over 50 Group White Elephant Bingo
1PM in the Laramie Room
Children’s Rosary at 4PM SJS Chapel
Alpha 6-8PM in Laramie Rm

**TUESDAY:** Visit our Adoration Chapel

**WEDNESDAY:** Retired Men of St James Mtg
10AM Parish Board Room

**THURSDAY:** ADORE + Confessions at 7PM
**THE LITTLE MERMAID 7PM PC**

**FRIDAY:** **THE LITTLE MERMAID 7PM PC**

**SATURDAY:** Confessions in the Church 8AM

**SUNDAY:** **THE LITTLE MERMAID 2PM PC**

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**LITURGY & WORSHIP**

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**Save these Dates!**

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**SAINT JAMES PARISH**

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**MULTI-PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2020**

**March 9**
God, the Universe, and Everything
(Matt's conversion story)

**March 10**
Parenting the Internet Generation

**March 11**
How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul

**March 12**
My Mother is a Virgin (talk on Mary)
Adoration/Confessions offered

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**STEWARSHIP**

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**Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**

Come, follow me and heal our world

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Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to “Come, follow me and heal our world.”

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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**Thank you for your generosity today and always.**

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**Thank you, St. James, for your generous stewardship during January!**

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**Stewardship Month of January**

**Envelope Donations:** $103,627.14

**Online Donations:** $74,894.00

**January 2020 Sunday Collections:** $178,521.14
Coffee Talk: A Support Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs

sponsored by
FIRE Foundation of Greater Chicago
Thursday, February 20th
7:30 – 8:30 pm
St. James Parish Board Room
Refreshments will be served.

Join us for informal discussions of the challenges, successes, questions and concerns that all parents may face when raising children with special needs or abilities. FIRE Foundation of Greater Chicago is an independent 501(c)3 organization. Our mission is to provide children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive education in Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

www.firefoundationchicago.org
Ministry of Care Training, Spring 2020
Full participation in both training sessions will fulfill Archdiocesan requirements for mandation.

Saturday, March 7: 9:00-3:00pm Spirituality in the Ministry — Marlene Sweeney, Pastoral Communication Skills—Amy Florian, Ministerial Procedures—Linda Engle

Saturday, March 14: 9:00-3:00pm The Experience of Suffering—Andrea Hug, Theology of the Eucharist, Deacon Jim Minor, and Prayer in Care Ministry—Sister Mary Barbara Hassler

Where: St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Learning Center (former school), 22277 W Erhart Rd., Mundelein, IL
Food: You are asked to bring your own brown bag lunch. A continental breakfast will be provided by St. Mary of the Annunciation, as well as beverages for lunch.
Reservations: You MUST contact the Ministry of Care Coordinator at your parish PRIOR to registering for the workshop. For St. James, the contact person is Nancy Braun at njbraun1148@gmail.com or 847-915-1507. After you have contacted Nancy, you may register for the Ministry of Care Training at www.vic1chicago.org.
Directions: Take Rte. 60 to Erhart Road. The Learning Center comes quickly after turning onto Erhart Rd. Take the driveway on the EAST side to the rear parking lot. The door in the back lead directly into the gym.

Lector Training, Spring 2020

FOR NEW MINISTERS ONLY
(Adults and Teens)

When: Saturday, March 14: Registration, 8:30 a.m., workshop, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield
All buildings are handicapped accessible
Registration: www.vic1chicago.org

Learn the theology, skills and self-confidence to help communicate God’s Word and make it come alive for the assembly.

Your Presenter:
Maureen Evers
Pastoral Associate,
St. Mary of Vernon Parish

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training, Spring 2020

Adults and Teens are welcome!

When: Saturday, March 14: Registration, 8:30 a.m., workshop, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield
Presenter: David Philippart, director of evangelization and adult faith formation, Holy Cross
All buildings are handicapped accessible
Registration: www.vic1chicago.org

Prepare to serve the Body and Blood of Our Lord at Mass by learning:

- The role of the Extraordinary Ministers throughout our history.
- The structure of the Mass and the dynamics of the Eucharist; practical aspects to serving as an Extraordinary Minister
- A follow-up session will take place in your parishes for administering the Eucharist in your particular parish community.

Training meets Archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation
Please join us for the St James Parish Book Discussion of **TOXIC CHARITY**
By Robert D. Lupton
On February 29th at 3PM
To register, please visit www.stjamesah.org/toxic-charity or call the parish.

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**ST. JAMES RETIRED MEN’S MEETING**

We will continue with the ALPHA SERIES. We have had a decent turn out for these meetings and those who have come to them have enjoyed the discussion and the spirituality that comes from them. We can always use more men. So if you haven’t joined us before, please do. I know you will be happy you did. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 12th at 10:00. See you there. Deacon Pierce (847 259-1743)

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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**Please pray for our sick...**

Jack Niemiec, Russ & Mary Wagner, Martha Wrobel

**Baptisms**

Juliet Rose Jones child of Adam Jones and Deanna (Greco) Jones

Mila Susan Jones child of Adam Jones and Deanna (Greco) Jones

**Rose For Life**

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by The Blomquist Family in loving memory of Eleanore Blomquist on her birthday.

**Remembrances**

**Saturday Evening/Sunday, February 9, 2020**

Gyle Pacelli (2nd anniver), Jane Klein, John Glueckert Sr, Julie Anne Paluch, James Paladino (1st Anniver),

**Monday, February 10**

Sam Girardi

**Tuesday, February 11**

Nancy Marsten,

**Wednesday, February 12**

Linda Mackey,

Michael Stefanewski

**Thursday, February 13**

Salvatore Girardi

**Friday, February 14**

Maria Socorro del Rosano Garcia, Meggan McDermott, Frank and Victoria Bosco

**Saturday, February 15**

Donald Seiler, Owen Bott

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Week of February 16**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B TEAM**

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