

SAINT JAMES PARISH



"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A MESSAGE FROM...

The Mystery of Christ's Baptism

Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, and it is with this awe-filled liturgy that the three great revelations or "theophanies" of the Christmas season are brought to stunning fulfillment.

The first of these revelations was the birth of the Christ child which was celebrated on Christmas Day. This "theophany" presented to us the first occasion when it was made known to human sight that God had accepted for himself a human nature and allowed himself to be born in this world as a man. God comes to Israel and the world in much the same manner as we all have. God is born in Christ to particular parents, into a particular family, and at a particular place and time. God is who Christ is- as an infant, as a child, and as a grown man: Christ is God!

The second of these revelations was commemorated in the United States last week in the solemnity of Christ's Epiphany. In this liturgy, the theophany of Christ as Messiah (that is, as the true king of Israel) was revealed. With this revelation came also signs that foreshadowed Christ's mission- a mission by which he would transform both Israel and the world. The Church professes and believes that Christ is the fulfillment of the expectations of Israel that God would send to his people a Messiah; but more than this, we believe that it is the God of Israel himself who comes into this world as the Messiah!

The third of these revelations is presented in the liturgy today in which the Church accepts and discerns the event of Christ's Baptism.

Though this event hearkens to and foreshadows the Church's Sacrament of Baptism, we shouldn't confuse the two. Christ does not receive the Sacrament of Baptism, and what John imparts is not what the Church is doing when people are baptized.

The baptism of John was a ritual act of purifications which was much like the mikvah that a faithful Israelite accepted before they entered the precincts of the Temple. John presented his mikvah or baptism as an act by which one would be prepared to receive the Messiah and enter with him into the Messianic Age.

It is mysterious as to why Christ would himself accept this kind of baptism.

Perhaps it is to show the depth of his identification with Israel and that, as their Messiah, he would not expect or ask anything of his chosen people that he would not at first undergo himself.

Or maybe it is to foreshadow his immersion into sin and death in the terrifying event of the cross. As he descends into the depths of the Jordan River and then emerges, so will it be in his Paschal Mystery.

The Fathers of the Church presented the insight that as Christ immersed himself in the waters of John's baptism, he sanctified all the waters of the world for use in the Church's Sacrament of Baptism.

These are all interesting and helpful insights, but none in itself is the revelation or the theophany that today's liturgy presents.

The great revelation of the Lord's Baptism is discerned, not in the reason that he accepts Baptism, but that in that moment something about God's identity was revealed that was not fully known or even believed to be possible. The Baptism of Christ is the occasion when the Trinity is revealed- the Son makes himself known, the Father speaks, and the Holy Spirit descends. It is this mystery, the mystery of the Trinity, that brings the revelations or the theophanies of the holy season of Christmas to their fulfillment.

The lesson?

Remember Christians, you do not believe that God is merely an idea in your mind or a projection of your best self. God is not for you some unknown and unknowable force in the universe or a feeling that you contain in your heart. The one, true God has revealed himself in Christ as the Trinity- the mysterious communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a communion of Divine Love "in which we live and move and have our being." It is this Divine Love that brought all into existence, and because of Christ, it is to this Divine Love that we will all one day return.

Grunow, S. (2017 January 9). The Mystery of Christ's Baptism Word on Fire Blog https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/the-mystery-of-christs-baptism/18861/

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued prayers. I am most appreciative of the power of your prayers! Please know that the care I am receiving is of the highest quality and compassion. I am feeling better and better each day. Because I am still working through the devastating loss of my nephew, as well as the recent loss of my dear mother, the team of my physicians, as well as myself, believe that I would benefit from a bit more time away from St. James.

I have been, and will be, in contact with the parish and school staff on a continuing basis. I have asked that they keep you posted of my progress.

Thank you for your patience, understanding…and most of all…your continued prayers. Be assured of my prayers for all of you and your loved ones. Fr Ed

Welcome, Fr. Heinz!

Cardinal Cupich has appointed Fr. Bob Heinz as administrator for our parish while Fr. Ed is away. Fr. Heinz served here at St. James, as well as at St. Ailbe, St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Alphonsus in nearby Prospect Heights, St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook in Northbrook, and recently at St. Francis de Sales in Lake Zurich.

Fr. Heinz will be added to the presider schedule beginning this Friday at our 7:30 AM daily Mass. Please keep Fr. Ed, Fr Bob and our parish in your prayers during this time.

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LIFETEEN SEMESTER KICK OFF: SKI DAY AWAY!

Kick off the new semester with LifeTeen Ski Day Away at Chestnut Mountain. Registration includes: transportation, lift ticket, rental equipment, and a lesson! All high school students are invited!



Sign up today!

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REGISTER TODAY! FEB 18-20TH

We are partnering with Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge, IL to bring you a full SEEK22 experience! Friday night we will kick off SEEK at MSW with Mass, keynotes, and our first small group time with wine and cheese. Saturday and Sunday we'll be in our very own Parish Center with Mass, talks, small groups, and fun! There will be surprise guests, great food, and most importantly an opportunity to learn more about our faith and how to share it with others. We hope you will consider joining us to further our mission to be disciples who make disciples. More information and registration can be found on the website below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Matt Marcheschi mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org Register today: stjamesah.org/seek



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Reading the Scriptures

WITH THE MIND, EYES AND HEART OF A WOMAN

Please join us for this introduction to a feminist approach to the Scriptures: what it is and why it's important, followed by an experiment in how to approach "taking up the cross" in a way that brings new meaning.

Sr. Barbara Reid is a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has served on the CTU faculty since 1988. She has served as Vice President and Academic Dean and has been actively involved in the Association of Theological Schools, including service on their Board of Directors. She is an esteemed theologian, professor, renowned author, and international retreat leader.



Saturday, January 29 | 10:00 a.m. St. James Church 831 N. Arlington Heights Rd. | Arlington Heights, IL Questions? Kathy Squared at kk_ek@msn.com

Hosted by CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY for WOMEN at St. James Parish, Arlington Heights, IL

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST ...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priests, altar servers, musicians, etc... Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child,

feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are to be reverent in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH ...

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

Kindergarten



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 9:00-10:00AM@SJS

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YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IS SKYROCKETING! Join us to learn more about our out-of-this-world Kindergarten program at St. James School.

You and your child will be welcomed into the classroom where parents and children will meet our teachers,

do activities together and learn more about how Kindergarten is experienced at St. James School.



Please Register by Friday, Jan. 7 🎐







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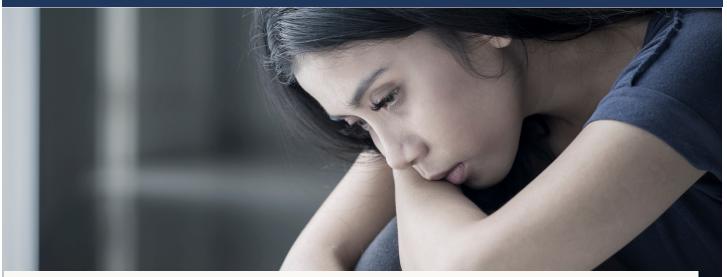
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St. James School Finds & Way To:

- ✓ Help students succeed to their highest potential academically
- Build a faith foundation that will grow throughout their lives
- ✓ Develop a strong moral compass
- Embrace a culture of inclusion
- Differentiate at a high level



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



MEETING MENTAL HEALTH WITH GRACE MINISTRY PRESENTS

Giving Light to the Darkness A Panel Discussion on Depression

Monday, January 17th, 7–8:30pm A Webinar via Zoom Click <u>HERE</u> to Register or reach out to Tracy at tsherva@gmail.com

Fr Ryan will begin the evening with prayer followed by a panel of speakers: Identifying symptoms and treatments of depression – Janeen Samartino, MA., LCPC Living with depression, a personal journey – Neha

Spirituality & depression – Rev. Kurt Boras, Vicar for Priests, Clinical Psychologist Healing with holistic self-care – Tina Haisman, Certified Master Life Coach

You are not alone – approximately 21 million U.S. adults — 8.4% of the population had at least one major depressive episode in 2020. Source: NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness

Questions? Please reach out to Tracy at tsherva@gmail.com



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Get your Hawaiian shirts and hula skirts ready!

Masks are required for this indoor event. Dads: bring cash for entryinto some exciting games for you & your daughter(s)! Please join us for our in-person Daddy/ Special Friend/ Daughter Luau with



dancing, photos, games, crafts, and a night of fun is sure to be had!

Dinner plans before the dance? Or for moms at home? This year we have partnered with Garibaldi's and Peggy Kinnanes for a special Eat & Earn! 20% of their profit will go back to the school for anyone who eats there Friday 1/28 & mentions SJS (carry out included)Click here to register https://www.stjamesschoolah.org/daddy-daughter-dance-2021/Contact Megan Baum or Lisa O'Reilly at stjamesdaddydaughterdance@gmail.com with any questions!

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Ut Vitam Habeant

ST. JAMES PARISH

That They Might Have Life

March for Life Chicago "SAVING MIDWESTERN LIVES"

The largest Pro-Life event in the Midwest 10,000 marchers expected

January 8 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. March begins with inspiring speakers at the Federal Plaza

2019 Abortions in surrounding states lowa 3,566

3.664

4,660

6,511

7,637

26,038

Iowa Kentucky Missouri Wisconsin Indiana MARCH FOR

2019 Abortions in Illinois

46,517

(7,534 from out of state)

JOIN US – STAND UP FOR LIFE

MEN OF ST. JAMES





FRIDAY, January 21st, 2022 - 7:00 PM

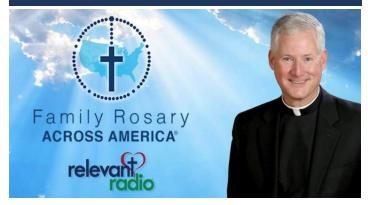
We invite all men (21+) from the St. James community to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Come as a team or as an individual. BYOB

RSVP and/or questions to Joe Smith msj@stjamesah.org 224.828.3125

ST. JAMES PARISH CENTER 820 N. Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, IL 60004



AROUND THE ARCH



Join Us for a Rosary Like No Other

Relevant Radio's Father Francis (Rocky) Hoffman is coming to Our Lady of the Wayside Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 6:45pm, to host a live broadcast of his Family Rosary Across America national radio program. Afterwards, he will share a meditation on The Beatitudes. Bring the whole family!

This event is hosted by OLW's Christian Family Movement (CFM) and is open to all families in the NW suburbs.

All are Welcome!

New Men's Study Group Forming!

Deepen your faith through study and fellowship in the Christian humanism tradition. Join a group of approximately 6 men to read, analyze, and discuss books from Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.'s The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan (available on Amazon). The reading list includes The Bible, The Catechism of The Catholic Church, and authors such as the Church Fathers, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Cervantes, John Henry Newman, St Therese of Lisieux, G. K. Chesterton, Evelyn Waugh, Christopher Dawson, Jacques Maritain, and Bernard Lonergan. The group will make the reading selections. The group will meet at least once a month in members' homes. Contact Jeff Anderson at 206.595.5114 or jeff@andersonfma.com.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website has launched! We hope that it will be easier to navigate and welcome people to St. James. We ask your patience as we make final changes and improvements. Please log on here and take a tour: www.stjamesah.org



WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick... Jim Mackey, Jim Forrester, Noreen Naselli

Rose for Life

The Rose for Life is donated in loving memory of The McLaughlin family in loving memory of Joann & Suzanne McLaughlin.

Baptisms

Juliette Reidy Spahr, child of Shawn Spahr and Tera Spahr

Remembrances

Saturday, January 8 Vigil

5:00 p.m. +John Conley

Sunday, January 9

8:30AM For the people of St. James Parish 10AM +John & Sadie Touhill, +Patricia McGee

Monday, January 10

+John Kordek, +Josephine Callahan (1st Anniv.), +Adelaide Lehnis, Alexander Glodkowski, Evelyn Faber, James M. McGrath, Genevieve Santo

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

For Saturday
and Sunday
January 15th & 16th

Mass TimesPresiderSat. 5PMFr. Ric7AMFr. Ryan8:30AMFr. Ryan10AMFr. Bob11:30AMFr. Bob5PMFr. Ryan

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good

(Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14 20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21 28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29 39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40 45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1 12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13 17 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Tuesday, January 11

+Louis E. Cella Sr., +Thurston Swanson,

- +Kathleen M. Riberto, +Dorothy Heinz,
- +Mary Ellen Bannon

Wednesday, January 12

+Anna Schmid (1st Anniv.),

+Mercedes de la Cruz (1st Anniv.), +Thomas Rothfus

Thursday, January 13 — St. Hilary

+Frances Litrenti (1st Anniv.), +David Curtis, +Linda Mackey

Friday, January 14

+Barbara Sneary, Fr. Rog

Saturday, January 15

+Fr. Tom Healy (1st. Anniv.), +Michael Brawley, +Helen Marie Bailitz, +Monica Ward

BE OUR LIGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF THE RISEN CHRIST, BE WITH US TODAY AND ALWAYS. BE OUR LIGHT, OUR GUIDE, AND OUR COMFORTER. BE OUR STRENGTH, OUR COURAGE, AND OUR SANCTIFIER. MAY THIS NEW YEAR BE A TIME OF DEEP SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR US, A TIME OF WELCOMING YOUR GRACES AND GIFTS, A TIME FOR FORGIVING FREELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, A TIME FOR GROWING IN VIRTUE AND GOODNESS.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US TODAY AND ALWAYS.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

PARISH EVENTS

St. James School Pre-K/Kindergarten Info Meeting:

Thursday, January 13 at 7PM in the Parish Center. We will meet in the school library for a brief introduction from our Principal, Mr. Kendrick, then move into the classrooms for a Q&A with the teachers. No registration required.

SEEK22: This February 18-20, come together as a parish for SEEK22 to be empowered, encouraged and equipped to share the hope of Jesus Christ with your community.

SEEK22 is a multi-day event centered on the heart of the Gospel. This year, the full conference experience is coming straight to our parish! With exciting talks from some of today's Catholic speakers, times for prayer and the sacraments, discussions on issues of the faith and community fellowship, SEEK will give you the hands-on experience you need to go deeper in mission with your local parish community.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds aims to provide opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. Contact sjearthshepherds@gmail.com.

Grief Support Ministry is about overcoming your grief — Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? Join us the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Senior Room in the church basement. Contact griefsupport@stjamesah.org.

Men of St. James is an exciting ministry providing opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for all the men of the parish at least 21 years of age. Contact MSJ@stjamesah.org.

Mental Health Ministry strive to provide support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. strives to provide resources of support, education and hope. Contact Tracy Sherva tsherva@gmail.com.

Ministers of Care bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines. Contact: ministryofcare@stjamesah.org

Mom's Plus (part of Women of St. James) is a ministry of mothers is a faith-filled community providing support and fellowship to Catholic moms. Contact momsplus@stjamesah.org

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50. Contact Gerry Stec at StecStan@sbcglobal.net.

Peace + Justice Ministry is a guiding voice for peace and justice by: educating the faithful on the Catholic social teachings; supporting and complementing parish ministries; and

empowering people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Contact peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is the parishioners' voice to the Pastor and Parish Administration. We encourage you to engage the Parish Council in one of three ways:

 Contact PPC member in person (see parish website)
Contact the Council through its email address: ppc@stjamesah.org. PPC monitors this daily.
Contact the Council through its voice mailbox. Call the Parish Office at 224-345-7200 and ask for the PPC's voicemail. PPC monitors this daily. All information will be handled confidentially.

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. Contact Mike & Marybeth Schoenwald at mschoney@wowway.com

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. Contact Terri McDonnell terrimcdonnell79@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul is an emergency source for short-term financial help for parishioners and others living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office at (224) 345-7200 x8517. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. Be assured that all requests for assistance are handled with care and confidentiality.

Wheels to Worship drivers provides transportation to church and share in the mass with St. James parishioners who cannot drive themselves. Contact: wheelstoworship@stjamesah.org.

Women of St. James is a community of Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing our faith through sisterhood and service. Contact WOSJministryleads@gmail.com

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous 312-346-1475 Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338 Narcotics Anonymous 708-848-4884 Families Anonymous 847-795-8320 NAMI -National Alliance on Mental Illness 847-899-0195 IL Dept. On Aging Senior Helpline 800-206-1327 Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255 or text to 838255. Deaf, hard-of-hearing can call 800-799-4889. **2-1-1 Helpline:** We are the local experts who make finding help easier. There are more than 200 211 agencies across the United States to help you access the best local resources and services to address any need. The 211 network in the United States responds to more than 20 million requests for help every year. Most calls, web chats, and text messages are from people looking for help meeting basic needs like housing, food, transportation, and health care. Call 211 directly to find help.



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