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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

SEEK21 inspires and challenges



SEEKers were able to spend four days immersed in the Gospel message. They were reminded that God didn't just create us to redeem us individually; He created us to be a part of a family - the Family of God - the Church. Fr. Mike Schmitz reminded us of the immense love and mercy of God the Father, which demands a response from us. If you would like to know more about how Jesus is inviting each of us into the life-changing mission of making disciples who make disciples, contact Matt at mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org or Sarra at ssstanley@stjamesah.org.

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

FEB 14
2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A MESSAGE FROM...

Dear Friends,

Most everyone reading this, I would hope, owns a bible. Some people reading this, however, may have been formed in their childhood to think that reading the bible is a dangerous task best left to the clergy. **Nonsense**, says the Second Vatican Council. (I'm paraphrasing.)



No doubt opening the Bible can be intimidating. We're inundated with words, places, names, and events that seem so unintelligible, remote, strange, or fantastic. Obviously, we don't need to memorize them or even pronounce them correctly. We don't have to worry about catching everything or doing things "right" the first few times around. It's a life's journey.

Think about it as moving into a new house. Masons, plumbers, electricians, etc. have taken the time to construct a well-designed house. When you set foot in it the first time, you're not expecting a fully furnished and cozy place, are you? That takes work. You've got to get to know the house and use your imagination. Only after some time and some heavy lifting are you able to say that the place feels like home. As you walk through the front door day after day and year after year and as you continue to form important memories there at home, you come to know the house like the back of your hand.

So it can be with the Scriptures. The mansion of the Bible has been built by many different hands and has even been lived in by many people throughout history. But it's our turn to move in, if we haven't already, and make ourselves at home.

Lent 2021, which begins in less than a week, can be the perfect time for you to move in and get comfortable. To that end, I'm pleased to announce one simple daily offering to you this Lent. It's called Biblical Fitness (in homage to Fr. Matt!). Biblical Fitness is a Lenten regimen that involves reading through one book of the Bible (Mark for "lightweights" and Exodus for "heavyweights"). Beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, I'll be sending a daily email with a short reflection or observation that might help address typical questions about the passage or may offer some other little insight. This will last for, you guessed it, 40 days. If you'd like to take part, please [click here](#).

Of course, there are plenty of other opportunities this Lent to deepen your prayer life and dig into the word. Whether it's by contacting Matt Marcheschi or Sarra Stanley to join a small-group bible study, by listening to a Bible-in-a-year podcast, by attending a BYOB session, or using some other resources—let's renew the commitment we made a few weeks ago on the Sunday of the Word of God to explore and love the Word of God.

Fr. Ryan

FORMING DISCIPLES



Women's Welcome Renewal Retreat

Saturday, April 17th 7:15 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

St. James Church and Parish Center

Registration Now Open!

Come join us for a day filled with divinely-inspired spiritual nourishment and sisterly fellowship. Discover how the Lord works in each of our lives. Make this a spring gift to yourself – a special time for reflection and for feeling loved! Act fast, it fills up quick!

Cost for the day is \$40.00.

Individually-packaged lunch and dinner from local vendors are provided.

COVID Safety notes – We will follow the Archdiocese of Chicago COVID guidelines

For more information and register today:
http://www.stjamesah.org/ministry_guide/welcome/

For questions, contact

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LITURGY & WORSHIP



The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would re-trace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church. - USCCB

Please join us this Lent on Friday evenings at 7PM for Stations of the Cross beginning on Friday, February 19th! Stations of the Cross will be held weekly from February 19th through March 26th in the church. No registration required. Masks and social distancing still apply.

ASH WEDNESDAY CHANGES THIS LENT

As we heard in our Epiphany Proclamation, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021. It is the beginning of the Lenten season and the beginning of the 40 days we are to spend mirroring Jesus' journey in the desert. On Ash Wednesday, we normally come to receive ashes on our foreheads and follow the command to repent and believe in the Gospel.

This year Ash Wednesday might feel a bit different than our "usual" Ash Wednesdays. Due to Covid-19 the Archdiocese and the entire Church has had to adapt and change what we have become accustomed to in our ways of worshipping. Below are the details for how Ash Wednesday has been adapted to maintain the safety of all who worship:

Distribution of ashes is to be done in the following way:

"After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel' or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' Without saying anything, he then sprinkles ashes on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's foreheads..."

Sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest to touch multiple people. The beauty is that as a whole Church, we will be receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.

We are all connected through our frailty and can find redemption through the One who helps us to conquer our sin and gives us that opportunity for eternal life with him. This Ash Wednesday let us be reminded that no matter how our ashes are received, we have a God who is seeking a relationship with us and wants us to know his love. Let us use this upcoming Lent to focus on the God who is pursuing us and how we can better prepare our hearts to share his love with others.

-Tamaron Conseur

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

6:30 am – Service/Ashes (ashes only; no communion) - Presider/Deacon Espino

7:30 am – Mass/Ashes (livestreamed) - Fr. Ryan and Deacon Sheehan

12:00 pm – Mass/Ashes/Music (livestreamed) - Fr. Ryan and Deacon Bannon

5:00 pm - Mass/Ashes/Music - Fr. Joji and Deacon Brady

7:00 pm – Mass/Ashes/Music (livestreamed) - Fr. Ryan and Deacon Brady

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES REQUIRE REGISTRATION

NOON Mass will return WEDNESDAYS ONLY during Lent.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training, Winter 2021

Adults and Teens are welcome!

When: Saturday, February 27

Check-in, 8:45 a.m., workshop, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Zoom

Presenter: David Philippart, director of evangelization and adult faith formation, Holy Cross

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Romans 12:2





Important Reminders for Ministers of Care

At St. James we are blessed to serve God in so many ways; one is as a Minister of Care! MOC, as it is informally known, is women and men of the parish who bring Holy Communion, prayer, and conversation to the sick, the shut in, or those otherwise unable to attend Mass.

People sometimes ask if a Eucharistic Minister and a Minister of Care are the same. While both have the privilege and sacred trust to offer Jesus in Holy Communion, the training and function are different. The Eucharistic Minister is trained to offer Holy Communion at Mass or during a prayer service. A Minister of Care is a pastoral presence to those in hospital, care residences, or home-bound. An MOC has twelve hours of required Archdiocesan training to become mandated as Ministers of Care and as Eucharistic Ministers.

For the duration of the COVID pandemic, specific Sacramental Guidelines have been provided by the Archdiocese in regard to MOC visits. If you did NOT receive these guidelines last spring via email, it may be that you are not on the roster as an MOC. It is important that the parish has an up-to-date list of ministers and those to whom they minister. Especially in these COVID times, an accurate accounting facilitates contact tracing which is essential to keep everyone safe. Please let me know if you did NOT receive the Guidelines so that I can add you to the MOC roster.

One important guideline, for current use, is in regard to the pyx. For each household visited on a single day, a separate, sanitized pyx is to be used. This is to avoid cross-contamination between households. Of course, masking, sanitizing before and after entering a home and distributing Holy Communion, distancing except at distribution, and brief visits are also part of the Guidelines for now.

If you have questions or you are seeking information about becoming a Minister of Care, please contact Nancy Braun at njbraun1148@gmail.com or 847-915-1507.

Thank you for your continued caring support, through prayer and action, for those we serve, especially during COVID.

"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of my brothers, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Ut Vitam Habeant



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That They Might Have Life

The Vatican and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have declared that it is morally permissible to receive COVID-19 vaccines. For more information on what they have said, and to find out about ways you can make a difference in how vaccines are developed in a morally responsible way, please see our Respect Life page www.stjamesah.org/ministry-guide/respect-life

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

You are invited to
Journey through Lent with Laudato si',
Pope Francis' Encyclical on Care for our Common Home

Pray
Reflect on Creation
Act to love and protect all of creation

Attend a 3-part Zoom presentation and discussion

Wednesdays March 1, 17, and 31

7:00-8:15 pm

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Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Six Black Catholics are featured in [On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent | USCCB](#). Two of these Black American Catholics who are being considered for sainthood are Father Augustus Tolton and Sister Thea Bowman.



Father Augustus Tolton, a former slave, was born in Missouri in 1854. Augustus Tolton applied to seminaries across the country with the help of an Irish priest he had been studying with in Illinois. No seminary would accept him because he was black, so he instead had to study in Rome, where he was eventually ordained in 1886.

He served mainly in the Quincy, IL and Chicago areas, helping the poor and sick, feeding the hungry and winning souls for God. His endless, tireless and devoted work led many to the Faith. In 1897, the first black Catholic priest in America, lovingly known as "Good Father Gus," died unexpectedly while on a priest's

retreat. Tolton was only 43 years old, yet he left a legacy that will live forevermore.

[Learn more about Father Tolton](#)



Sister Thea Bowman, born in 1937 in Mississippi, was reared as a Protestant until at age nine when she asked her parents if she could become a Catholic.

Gifted with a brilliant mind, beautiful voice and a dynamic personality, Sister Thea shared the message of God's love through a teaching career. After 16 years of teaching, at the elementary, secondary and university level, the bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, invited her to become the consultant for intercultural awareness.

In her role as consultant Sister Thea gave presentations across the country; lively gatherings that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer and storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races. Sister Thea is credited with originating the phrase "Black is Beautiful", which she borrowed from her mother.

Diagnosed with cancer, she prayed "to live until I die." Her prayer was answered, and Sister Thea continued her gatherings seated in a wheelchair. In 1989, the U.S. bishops invited her to be a key speaker at their conference on Black Catholics. At the end of the meeting, at Sister Thea's invitation, the bishops stood and sang "We Shall Overcome" with gusto. She died in 1990.

[Sr Thea Bowman Address to USCCB 1989](#)



Black History Month Events

NOVENA FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Unite in prayer for nine days, framed in the example of Catholic saints and servants of God who provide a witness and example for us in our work for racial justice.

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Learn, Pray and Act for Racial Justice

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Moving Forward In Hope

Join us for an evening of

Prayer, Connection & Hope

Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness

We are pleased to offer Moving Forward in Hope, a monthly series of evening prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward In Hope

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7-8pm

Click [HERE](#) to register

*Questions?: Deacon Tom Lambert
tlambert@ourlmc.org*

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Book Recommendations from
the St. James Resource Center

A Dynamic God: Living an Unconventional Catholic Faith
By Nancy Maris

Open The Door: A Journey to the True Self
By Joyce Rupp

My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer
By Christian Wiman

These books are available for loan in our Parish Resource Center.

GOLF, SUNSHINE, WARMTH & FUN

It's never too early or too cold to start thinking about golf. The St. James Women's Golf league is looking for regular and substitute players for our Friday morning league. We play 9 holes every Friday morning, starting at 8:20 a.m., May 7-September 24, at Arlington Lakes Golf Club. So dust off those golf clubs, polish up those golf shoes and contact Sue at 847-767-1388 or email smgarlic@yahoo.com for further information. We would love to have you join us!

The St. James Stepping Stones Ministry invites you join our

Easter Basket Donation Drive

February 15- March 5, 2021



to benefit children living in
WINGS Program's emergency shelters

Visit our [Donation Sign Up](#)
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and bring a smile to a child
experiencing family crisis this Easter

Did You Know.....

That St. James Parish has started a Senior Ambassador Program during the pandemic? We heard from several parishioners that Covid had cut them off from our community and they were hungry for connection to our parish. As a result, our Ministry of Care ministers and Over 50 Social Group volunteered to make weekly phone calls to check in with our neighbors who cannot connect with us electronically. We also mail a special bulletin to these parishioners once per month.

If you know of a parishioner who would benefit from our Senior Ambassador Program or would like to receive a printed bulletin, please email parishoffice@stjamesah.org.





2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world,” was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

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What is a tax credit scholarship?
Tax Credit Scholarships cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for the 2021/22 school year. Students from low-income households can qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than \$72,900. More than 9,000 students qualified for a scholarship last year and 6,300 were left waiting without one.

Cut tax liability
Individuals and corporations may receive a credit for their Illinois state taxes equal to 75 percent of donation.

Triple your impact
Donate to a school or all archdiocese schools between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28, 2021, and, thanks to a few generous donors, your donation will be matched and maximized threefold! Limitations apply.

www.archchicago.org/tcs

HOW IT WORKS
We use \$10K in this example, but any amount is needed.

DONATE \$10,000
After following the step-by-step guide, a taxpayer can donate \$10,000 to Empower Illinois, the Scholarship Granting Organization working with the Archdiocese. Designate the archdiocese's Catholic schools or a specific group of schools as beneficiary.

TAX REWARD CAN EQUAL \$7,500
You are eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit on your state taxes -75 percent of your gift! This has the potential to eliminate your 2020 tax liability.

MATCHING ANGELS:
Your \$10,000 gift becomes \$30,000 in student scholarships
Each dollar you give between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28, 2021, will be matched 2 for 1 by a handful of generous donors, tripling the scholarship amount and making a bigger impact on students who need your help. Limitations apply.

How we **LOVE** our
Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) donors!

Thank you to the donors of this year's tax credit scholarship program that benefits St. James school families in need of tuition support. Our donations have been successfully matched by the Archdiocese thus far, but just a reminder that donations are matched only while supply lasts, or until February 28. *We are in the final weeks of the matching opportunity!* If you are still considering a donation to this wonderful and mutually benefitting program, please do not delay. A short video included below describes how the Tax Credit Scholarship program works.

Thank you for your consideration!

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St. James Parish

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Stewardship

Month of January!

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Envelope Donations	\$82,619.56	\$82,000.00	\$619.56
Online Donations	<u>\$119,155.68</u>	<u>\$128,376.00</u>	<u>(\$9,220.32)</u>
Total January 2021 Sunday Collections:	\$201,775.24	\$210,376.00	(\$8,600.76)



Thank you for your stewardship!



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WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick...

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Greg Winters

Rose For Life

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Wedding Banns

February 27, 2021

Colten Wolf & Emma Hogaboom

Baptisms

Anna Elise Berger, child of Adam Berger and
Elizabeth Berger

Grace Catherine Berger, child of Adam
Berger and Elizabeth Berger

Evelyn Marie Guiden, child of
Pete Guiden and Jen Guiden

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday February 13/14

Nikki Carso (1yr Anniv), Frank & Victoria
Bosco, Alex & Martha Wrobel,
Meggan McDermott, Alice Matthews

Monday, February 15

Fred and Frances Litrenti

Tuesday, February 16

James Capiga, Kevin James Houlihan

Wednesday, February 17

Patrick Ruane, Catherine Sabay,
Maureen Downes, Donald Smith

Thursday, February 18

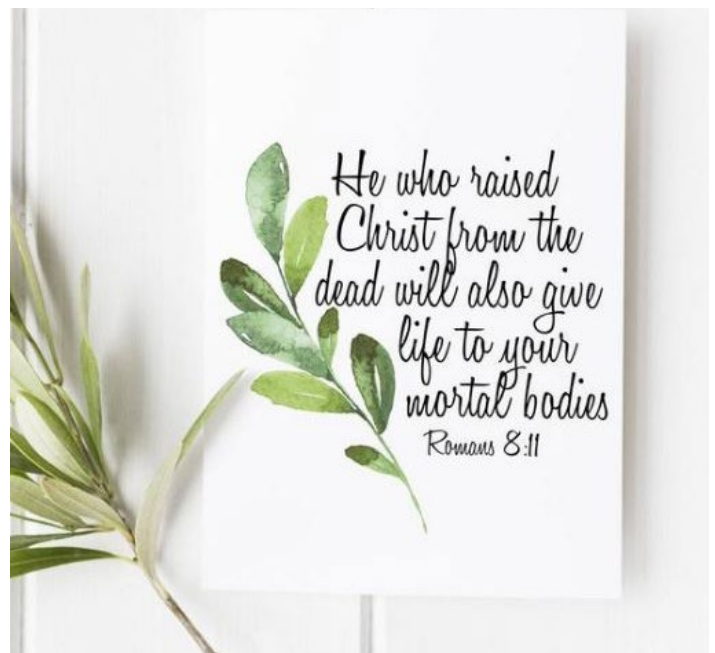
Marian Hannaford (1yr Anniv),
Pamela Tinaglia, Stefan Mizera

Friday, February 19

Angela Kalemba (5th Anniv), Cornelius
Vanderwiel Jr., Diana Darlene Sciortino,
Lucy Laurie, Ann Laurie

Saturday 7:30am February 20

Larry Gorry, Barbara Chengary, Jane Krol



WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making
an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and
you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of
God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 —
11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he
was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk
8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

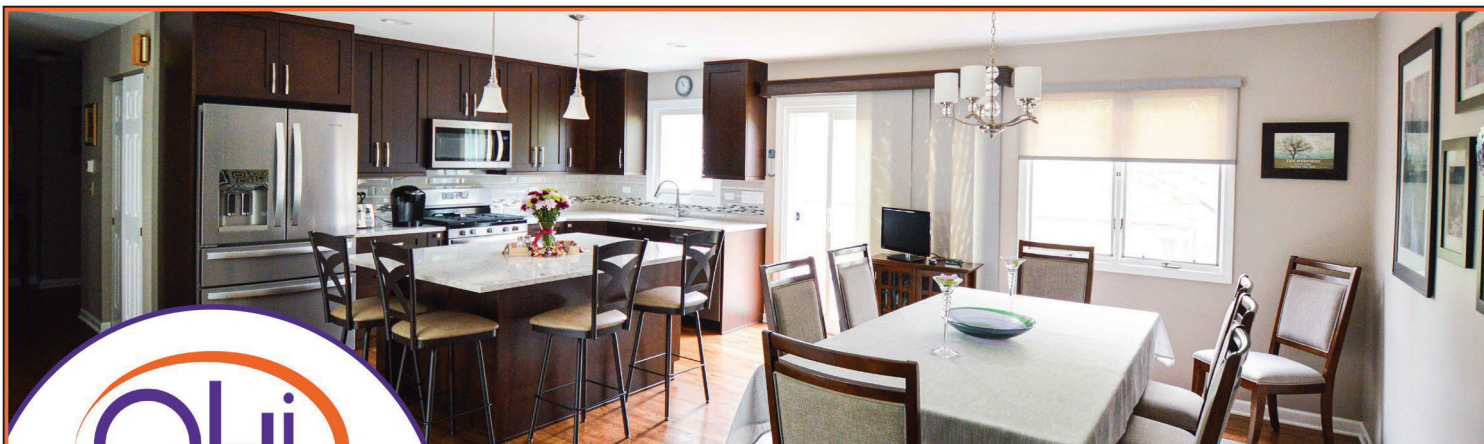
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; **Mk 1:12-15**



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