



SAINT JAMES PARISH
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Welcome Bishop Grob!

The new bishop of our
Vicariate, Bishop Jeffery Grob, will
preside at the 8:30AM and 10AM masses
at St. James on Feb. 21st. Read more
about our new shepherd inside.



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

FEB 21
2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



A MESSAGE FROM...

Jeopardy fans, rejoice: The category of this weekend's bulletin article is "Potpourri."

First, a word of warm welcome. This weekend at the 8:30 and 10:00 masses we welcome Bishop Jeffrey Grob as our main celebrant. Bishop Grob is the vicar who leads Vicariate I, the part of the archdiocese which includes St. James. Ordained a bishop just last fall, Bishop Grob is beginning to acquaint himself with the parishes in Vicariate I. Please join me in welcoming him to St. James to experience our vibrant Sunday communal prayer life.



Second, a word of explanation. During Lent, we'll be using a different option for the Penitential Act at our liturgies.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Where am I getting this? I thought you'd never ask. It's in the Roman Missal (the big priest book), but the Missal lifted it from Baruch 3:2 and Psalm 85:8. I'm sure you agree that we all could use a little more Baruch in our lives this Lent.

Third, a word of repentance. Last week I began my article with "most everyone," which, as someone dutifully and charitably pointed out to me, is an unacceptable colloquialism. I should have said "almost everyone." You dear readers deserve much better! I have begun my self-imposed penance of rosaries by the chain-full and stations by the wall-full. Thank you for the correction. I sincerely love it. I was laughing at myself all (or most?) of Sunday and taking solace in the fact that others care about grammar, too.

Fourth, the daily double (I couldn't resist). This is a reminder that we will have two daily masses on Wednesdays during Lent—the normal 7:30am and the additional noon.

Finally, a word of hope. Our wonderful Genesis reading this weekend reminds us that "never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood." Looking out at all this snow, I find that to be very encouraging news.

- Fr. Ryan

Bishop Grob: Wisconsin farm boy to auxiliary bishop

Bishop Grob's vocation to priesthood showed itself early when he was growing up on a dairy farm near Cross Plains, Wisconsin. He remembers attending Mass with his family at St. Francis Xavier Church and insisting on sitting at the end of the pew so he could look down the aisle and watch the priest. "I was fascinated with what the priest was doing up on the altar," he said. "Being good Catholics like my parents were, we sat in almost the last pew in the back of church. It was a long, beautiful, old Catholic church."

When it came time for high school, he asked to attend Holy Name High School Seminary in Madison instead of the local public school. After high school he entered college seminary and the rest is history. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1992.

He served in parishes as resident and assistant pastor at Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish, Winnetka, from 1992 - 1998, and as a weekend assistant at St. Basil Parish in Ottawa, Ontario, 1998 - 2002, while he was studying. He was dean of Deanery IV-D from 2008 - 2009 and pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park from 2008 - 2013.

He has served the archdiocese in many, often simultaneous positions, including assistant chancellor from 1994 to 1998, judge on the Court of Appeals from 2003 to 2013, judicial vicar from 2013 to 2015, chancellor from 2015 to 2017, archbishop's delegate to the Independent Review Board from 2010 to the present, archbishop's liaison to lay ecclesial movements and new communities from 2015 to the time of his ordination and judicial vicar and vicar for canonical affairs from 2017 to the time of his ordination.

He doesn't regret ever saying yes to God's call to priesthood.

Duriga, J. (2020, Nov. 18) Bishop Grob: from Wisconsin farm boy to auxiliary bishop *Chicago Catholic*.

CONFIRMATION

We just had an amazing virtual EDGE session with our middle school youth. They are ready and excited for Lent! We went over the importance of Lent and connected it with Jesus spending 40 days in the desert.



Many of the youth shared what they plan to give up and add to their prayer lives in order to make God the center of their life. We cannot wait to check back in with them next week to see how Lent is going. Please keep our middle school youth in your prayers as they continue their preparation for Confirmation!

Lenten Spiritual Opportunities

- + Daily Mass at 7:30am Mon-Sat
- + Noon Mass on Wednesdays in Lent
- + Weekend Masses: Sat. at 5PM
- Sunday 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 & 5PM
- + **ADORE** Thursdays 7PM; includes
adoration, music, witness talk,
and reconciliation
- + Reconciliation Saturdays 8-9AM
- + Fr. Ryan's Biblical Fitness found [here](#)
- + Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7PM

February 19th – Traditional Stations

February 26th – Traditional Stations

March 5th – Traditional Stations

March 12th – *Respect Life Stations*

March 19th – *St. Vincent DePaul Stations*

March 26th – *Anti-Racism Stations - Livestreamed*

April 2nd, Good Friday – (at Noon) – Traditional Stations

Registration is not required except for Good Friday stations

Stations will NOT be livestreamed except where noted

Booklets will not be handed out, the responses will be on screens in the church.

+ Spiritual Reading in the S.J. Resource Center

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The change that Jesus has done in my life is nothing short of a miracle, everything that doesn't make sense to you today is all in the loving hands of God... If you haven't started having a relationship, [an] intimate and personal relationship with Jesus yet, there is no testimony or words that can express how badly I want you to experience the freedom, fullness, and joy that comes with embracing His truth. I had to start taking a look at the influences in my life that were dragging me down, like social media and the kinds of friends I was around. It was when I gave myself fully, who I was, brokenness and all, was when I felt change. Allow Him to meet the real you where you are.

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 LIFE TEEN

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Men of St. James

WINTER EVENT

"Focus on the Positive"

Deacon Matthew Hahn

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

7:30PM - Laramie Room

-Space Limited-

**All men over 21 RSVP by 3/5 to
Mike at MSJ@stjamesah.org**



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MEN OF ST. JAMES

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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](#)
to shop locally or online
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experiencing family crisis this Easter

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

For more information or to register, Contact Jan Gedmin at
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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



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.

21-DAY IGNATION RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE

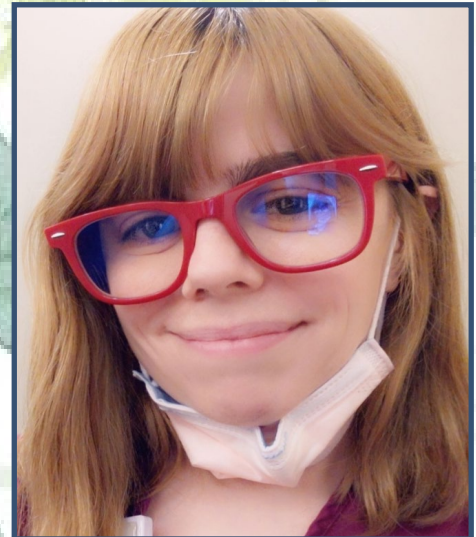
Learn, Pray and Act for Racial Justice

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



My name is Tamara [Tammy] Holtzman-Belcher and my family and I live in Arlington Heights. My twin boys started Saint James school in 2020. As a family we were baptized Lutheran but wanted to grow our faith at Saint James. I had the opportunity to help my boys prepare for Reconciliation and First Communion that they received earlier this year. To continue my own religious journey, I joined RCIA to share my learnings and faith with my family.

Hello St. James, my name is Allison Paone. I was raised a mixture of southern Baptist and Catholic, and as an adult have truly felt the call towards Catholicism and taking steps forward in my faith. I currently work at Northwest Community Hospital, and the RCIA has been instrumental in giving me the clarity and strength to lean on God to get through this year that has been so difficult for everyone. In my free time I love to read, watch science fiction movies, bake, go running, and probably drink more coffee than I should. I very much look forward to getting to know this wonderful community better in the years to come.



My name is John Stelling and I grew up in the area before spending about a decade living down in Florida and returned to the area in 2007 to further my career. For some years now I have been wanting to grow closer to God and with the guidance of his will and servants I really feel I have finally found it. I have been very blessed to have been guided to the St. James community by my Fiance/Sponsor Tracy Tesnow, whom I met last summer. The welcoming warmth of the RCIA group, especially in these difficult times, has really helped my faith grow and cemented the knowledge I have made the right decision to step on this path. I look forward to meeting you all as my journey continues and I become a full member of the St. James community.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Meeting Mental Health With Grace You are Loved

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to check out our Mental Health Ministry webpage for resources, support and educational information.

Many of us today are dealing with isolation and feelings of sadness. We might be feeling unloved and all alone. If you are struggling, you are not alone, and you are very much loved by God. Here are some things to remember if you find yourself feeling unloved.

God's not mad at you, He's mad about you

Dispel the myth of an angry God. "God is Love." (1 John 4:8)

Our feelings follow our thoughts

Flood your mind with the thought "My Heavenly Father tenderly loves me!"

"Nothing can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39). God and I are inseparable.

Recognize your value

The value of a piece of art is determined by how much someone would pay to have it.

Think about God paying for us with the blood of Jesus - His Son. WOW - we are as valued by God as his son, Jesus.

Reject the voices of rejection

Remind yourself that you are chosen by God, accepted and outrageously loved by your Heavenly Father.

Write it down - post it on your mirror. You were chosen by God.

Know who you are

You are a child of God. He calls you "His beloved" continually in the Bible. Do a word search. You are His beloved.

Be Loved. Feel loved. Ask Him to help you feel His love.

Anyone can be struggling with suicide. If you or someone you love is struggling, please call the

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

or check out their website <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org> for a variety of resources and tips.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

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 new St. James Grief Support Ministry is about addressing your grief.

Are you struggling with a loss?

Having a hard time coping?

Join parishioners like yourself for conversation and sharing.

Contact: griefsupport@stjamesah.org and we will get back to you with details.

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.



DEVELOPMENT

Spring is Coming, St. James! (Let's move it along winter...)

It is a well-known fact that 2020 was a confusing and challenging year on all fronts. But it had its highlights too, even amidst the hardship.

One of the highlights I witnessed during 2020 was how gracious you were to St. James through your offertory gifts. Given electronically through Faith Direct, or physically dropped in a box, or US mailed, your weekly offertory donations were then, and are today, our bloodline. While we sadly see city churches deteriorating and eventually shutting down, St. James is thriving, and your generosity is the reason. Your financial stewardship enables us to pay for efficient maintenance of our campus grounds, its buildings, and their infrastructures. Your gracious gifts keep our structures current, safe, and up to code.

It will be impossible for you to miss this year's highlight which starts this spring--our steeple and bell tower repair project. Yes, *the heavens are telling the glory of God* at St. James! At a time when we were not expecting it, this costly and essential project has been allowed without another major campaign because you continually and generously give to Sunday collections.



And it won't stop there. Your regular donations will provide repairs and upgrades to other areas of the campus including:

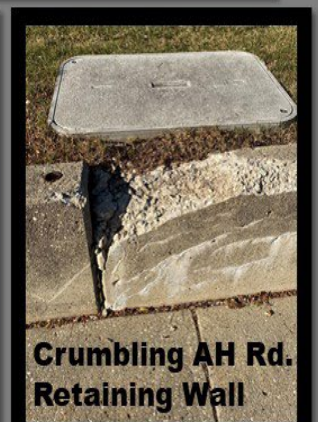
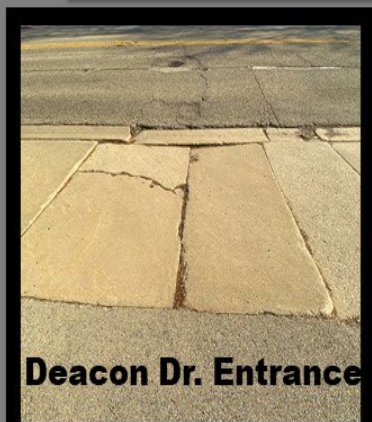
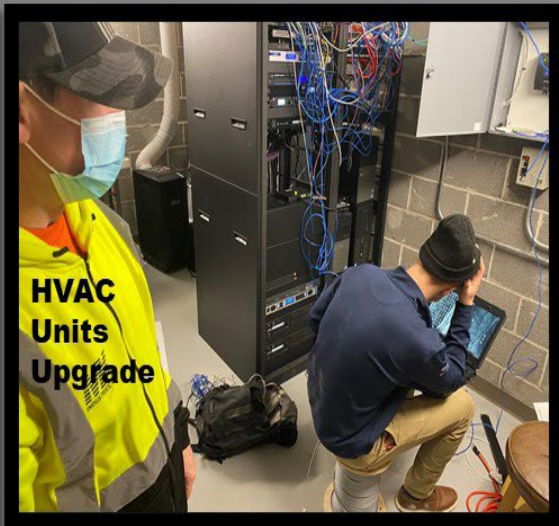
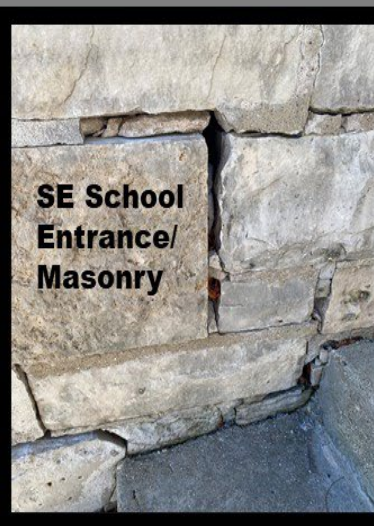
- * West Side Parking Lot Repaving & Restriping
- * New Rectory Windows
- * Upgrade Security Camera / Network

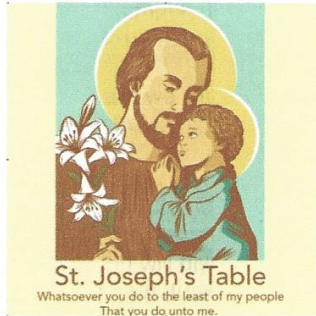
- * Installation of Air Purifier System in Parish Offices, Church, Rectory
- * Masonry and Concrete Work at Southeast School Entrance and Deacon Dr.
- * Landscaping Repairs in Church Parking Lot
- * Replacement of HVAC Units in Old Jr. High Classrooms
- * Re-roof Job on Parish Center

Be reminded that the volunteers on the Parish Finance Committee budget thoughtfully and use your gifts not only for capital improvements and other parish operations, but to constantly replenish savings. It is the reality that our savings account is not ignored to ensure financial stability and security.

We are ever grateful for the sacrifices you make through your financial stewardship to create a safe, sound, and beautiful place to practice our faith. May God continue to bless you, St. James!

~ Julie Cohen, Development Director





Special Lenten Food Drive
St. Edna Outreach Ministry

And

Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council #4483

We are sponsoring an Italian Theme food drive. These items will create a dinner bag for their needy Outreach Ministry recipients containing those items needed to create an Italian St. Joseph Table meal that honors St. Joseph. The bag will also include a history of the St. Joseph Table, prayer card to St. Joseph. The teens at St. Edna will assemble the items into complete dinners.

WHEN: Sunday, March 7, 2021 From 2 PM to 4 PM

LOCATION: St. Edna Church Parking Lot at 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road

NEEDED ITEMS ST JOSEPH TABLE:

PASTA SAUCE, MINESTRONE SOUP, OLIVES, PARMESAN CHEESE (NOT REGRATERED), BISCOTTI OR ITALAN COOKIES, ANY OTHER CANNED OR JAR ITALIAN ITEMS. ALL MUST BE NON-PERISHABLE

OTHER FOOD PANTY NEEDS:

RICE, JUICE, NUTS, BEEF JERKY, CANNED FRUIT, CONDIMENTS, BABY WIPES, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS.

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WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Greetings from Mundelein Seminary!

We hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy. Each Tuesday Mundelein seminarians will pray for some of our TTPP parishes during Mass. Please know that on March 2nd you will be held in prayer on and in gratitude for all that you do, and that on behalf of all of us here at the TTPP Office, may you be blessed!

Please pray for our sick...

Teodozja Musialowicz, Barbara Stout,
Greg Winters, Margaret Rogers, Joan Lyman

Rose For Life

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Wedding Banns

February 27, 2021
Colten Wolf & Emma Hogaboom

Baptisms

Cater Thomas Flanagan, child of Matthew and Alexandra Flanagan

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday February 20/21

Jay Burger, Tom Faciana, Barbara Chengary

Monday, February 22

J.T. Foley, Dan Kennedy, Dr. Gary Schuberth

Tuesday, February 23

Raymond Check (1st yr Anniv),
Jason Michael Saccone, James Bowes

Wednesday, February 24

Aldo Coda, Charles Heybrock, Richard Lescher

Thursday, February 25

Susan Terry

Friday, February 26

Br. Camillus Delude OFM, Mitchell Bruski (1st anniv), Gilmour Krogstad, Joseph Hertvik Sr., Vincent E. Villinski

Saturday 7:30am February 27

Helen Marie Bailitz, Connie Gil, Diane Arrigo, Chie Johnson,

In Loving Memory

Irene Gawron wife of the late Richard Gawron, daughter of the late John and Anna Stefka, sister of the late John (Carol), Frank (Joanne), Mary (Myles) Kaczmarczyk, Donald (Nancy), mother of Patricia (Michael) Grandziel and Bonita (Michael) Launer; grandmother to Jeff (Tara), Timothy (Tracie) and Matthew (Victoria) Grandziel, Eric (Kelsey) and Ryan Launer; grandmama to 11. Auntie to many nieces and nephews.

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

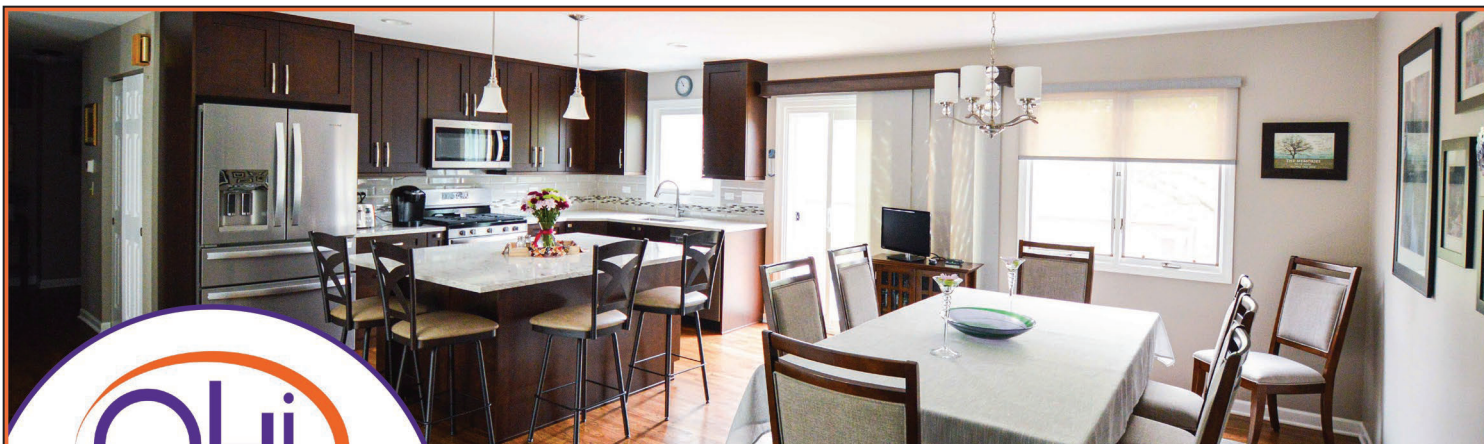
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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Please see special schedules for Holy Days.

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