

SAINT JAMES PARISH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

First Reconciliation at St. James

Our 2nd graders were very excited to make their First Reconciliation last week. Please pray for them as they finish preparing for First Communion.

BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. JAN 24 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A MESSAGE FROM...

Dear Friends,

This week was quite a momentous week. On Monday, we celebrated the witness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., perhaps with mental images or clips of his famous March on Washington in 1963. Two days later, we witnessed the inauguration of President Biden in a Washington with far fewer throngs of people. And today, the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, we would normally witness the March for Life, an event to pray for the promotion of a culture of life and to protest a culture of death. This year's march, however, is virtual.

As I continue to reflect on these events and what they celebrate or signify, I'm wondering if it's helpful for us as Christians to recognize the importance of two wombs, the womb of the mother and the womb of the world.

The womb of the mother is the miraculous seedbed of life—the place where we were nurtured before we saw the light of day and were manifest to the world as newborns. The womb of the world is the place where, in a similar way, we are conceived and awaiting our definitive new birth: that moment when we are brought into the light of an everlasting day, no longer confined to the world of space and time as we know it. As of now, all of us reading this are much like an embryo on a path of development, one whose end is nothing less than a risen, glorified body like our Lord's.

Our Christian faith demands that life be protected, nurtured, and loved in both wombs. To assault or neglect people in the womb of the world is to abort human dignity. To assault or neglect a person in the womb of a mother is to practice unjust discrimination in its highest form.

Thankfully, even the most vicious attacks in both wombs cannot rob victims of the promise given at conception that we are called to live forever with God. If our violent discrimination or discriminating violence could take away that life, Jesus wouldn't have risen from the dead. But he did, and that means that no form of violence can ever have the last word.

Through our joy and courage, let's help the culture to realize this so that life may be loved and valued wherever or however it is found. -Fr. Ryan

Who is Christ and what did he do? A Basic Exploration of "Christology"

Episode 1: Monday, January 25 – 7pm

Episode 2: Tuesday, January 26 – 7pm

Miniseries 2 will allow for limited in-person participation and will be streamed. For more information and to register, check out our Adult Formation page here.

FORMING DISCIPLES





February 4-7, 2021

YOU WERE MADE FOR RELATIONSHIP. JOIN THOUSANDS OF SMALL GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE SEEKING A NEW BEGINNING, A NEW ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST, AND A NEW MOMENT FOR OUR CHURCH.

Whether you've attended FOCUS events in the past or have never been to a SEEK conference, this year we're putting together a whole new immersive conference experience you can have right from where you are — no travel or time off required!

SEEK21 will have live broadcast programming that will give you the flexibility to experience SEEK as a group with enough time for fellowship, prayer, meals, discussions and more built into each day. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, Bible study, church group, etc. to join you for SEEK!

Learn more or Register with St. James here: https://www.stjamesah.org/st-james-seek21/. Questions? mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org.

LITURGY & WORSHIP





Join us via livestream or register for SEEK21 to attend

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL CUPICH

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Jan. 6, 2021

What has been unfolding at the Capitol today should shock the conscience of any patriotic American and any faithful Catholic. The eyes of the world look on in horror as we suffer this national disgrace. For many months we have witnessed the deliberate erosion of the norms of our system of government. Peaceful protest is a sacred right. It has been an essential component of much social progress over the course of human history.

But violence is its opposite. Violence in the service of a falsehood is worse. Please join me in praying for the woman who was shot during the rioting, and who has died, and for law enforcement who protect us against mob rule.

We pray for peace at this bracing moment in U.S. history, a history that has been marked by one of democracy's greatest virtues—the peaceful and orderly transition of power. May our elected officials heed the counsel of their better angels to stand up for the Constitution they swore to defend, to speak the truth, and to recognize threats to democracy, no matter their source.

May God's love suffuse our political life together, reminding all Americans that politics is the peaceful resolution of conflicting points of view. This is our tradition as a democratic nation—and we undermine it at our own peril.



NEW YEAR. SAME LIFETEEN.

SUNDAY LIFENIGHTS JANUARY 24 & 31 | 6-8PM

We're back! Teens, join us on Sundays for LIFETEEN this semester. We kick off with two in person nights, starting at 5 with mass, and continuing our night with dinner, a great talk, small group time, and fun! If you haven't registered for LIFETEEN yet, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register.

LIFETEEN RETREAT FEBRUARY 6 | 8AM-9PM

Our retreat may look a little different this year, but we're still excited for what is ahead. Was your New Year's Resolution to grow closer to Jesus? PERFECT! Join us this year for an all day, in person retreat! We will have all of your favorite elements of the retreat: incredible talks, interactive small group time, games, music, and prayer... oh and the t-shirt! All high school students are invited. Registration is \$50 for registered LIFETEEN teens and \$60 for new teens. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to sign up!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL CHUDSON@STJAMESAH.ORG

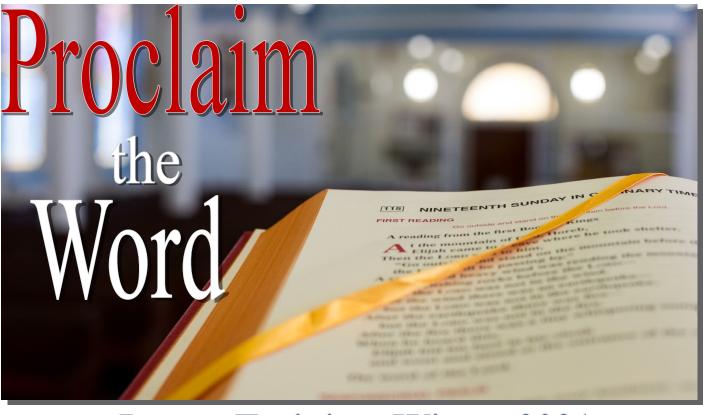
We congratulate St James Seminarian Mauricio Espino on his Diaconate Ordination, December 16th at St. Anne's Catholic Church in his Diocese of Las Vegas. Mauricio continues to serve St. James as a Deacon baptizing our babies & preaching at masses as well as assisting with Lifeteen events. Please continue to pray for Mauricio as he prepares for ordaination this summer.

FORMING DISCIPLES



LITURGY & WORSHIP

"The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, That I might know how to answer the weary a word that will waken them."



Lector Training, Winter 2021

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

FOR NEW MINISTERS ONLY (Adults and Teens)

When: Saturday, February 13, 2021 Check-In, 8:45 a.m.; Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Zoom

Registration: www.viclchicago.org

D. Todd Williamson is the Director of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is a speaker, author and liturgist whose ministerial experience includes teaching and parish pastoral ministry. His most recent publications, Great is the Mystery, the Formational Power of Liturgy, and Guide for Celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation with Adults, are published by Liturgy Training Publications.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



As a friendly reminder, St. James staff will never solicit items from you. If you get an email from a St. James staff member, please double check the email address is from our parish. For example Fr. Ryan's address is frryan@stjamesah.org. If you see a variation of that address, please do not open or respond to that email.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness Invites you to

"Moving Forward in Hope"

An Evening of Prayer, Connection and Hope Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness is 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.

Register by clicking **here.** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Questions? Contact Deacon Tom Lambert at tlambert@ourlmc.org



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



Welcome to your 2020 National Blue Ribbon School! At Saint James we #FindAWay to form our students in academic excellence and moral character, which is paired with the importance of developing a relationship with Jesus Christ. By joining the Saint James community, your student will become academically, socially, and morally strong young men and women with a faith-based foundation. – #FindYourWay to Saint James and join us for our Virtual Open House...starting Sunday, January 31, 2021.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY CLICK HERE

DEVELOPMENT

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE!

Generous Parishioners, your weekly stewardship and Christmas gifts to St. James during December were abundant. Thank you for your incredible financial support. Please continue to remember St. James throughout the year, and St. James will continue to thrive and welcome even more people into our faith family. May we remember to be living examples of our parish values and truly be disciples and make disciples!

Happy New Year * Thank you * God Bless You!

Stewardship: December 2020

	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Envelope Donations:	\$105,483.70	\$57,000.00	\$48,483.70	
Online Donations:	<u>\$152,061.68</u>	<u>\$128,376.00</u>	<u>\$23,685.68</u>	
Total December 2020 Sunday Collections:	\$257.545.38	\$185,376.00	\$72,169.38	And the second second
*Christmas Collection:	\$138,213.60	\$160,000.00	(\$21,768.40)	1
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The EMPOWER Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) Program Can YOU help our school families?



archchicago.org/<u>tcs</u> or call the Hotline at *312-534-2617* David & I began the Catholic School journey for our children almost 6 years ago. We were welcomed with open arms by the staff & parents of St. James School. We are blessed to be able to fiscally provide the Catholic education offered by SJS. Many families, however, are not in the same situation. These are the families that need tuition assistance in order to allow their children to flourish in the educational and spiritual environment that SJS offers. Through EMPOWER Illinois, we are all enabled to help these families. This tuition assistance is not only a financial support to them, but it also offers a 75% financial return benefit to us. Being able to receive a credit on our taxes by donating to a scholarship fund is an amazing opportunity. Plus, it's an incredibly simple process that we plan to continue. ~ David & Pamela Kelly

† Thank you for your support of our St. James School children! **†**

Please pray for our sick... Tom O'Connor, Carmella Hionis

Rose For Life

Is donated by Marilee Cripe in loving memory of her son, Stephen Cripe.

Baptisms Londyn Reese Patterson, child of Anton Patterson and Laura Gerard

Grace Jeannette Flaherty, child of Peter Flaherty and Lisa Flaherty

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday January 23/24 Jason Michael Saccone, Ben Scola (1yr Anniv),

Monday, January 25 Joan Lyman, Evelyn Faber, James J. McGrath

Tuesday, January 26 Grace Downey Koehler, Darron LaGrave, Catherine Flannery

Wednesday, January 27 Terry Betti

Thursday, January 28 Thomas Rothfus Mary Ann Foley **Friday, January 29** Jozef Dobek, Julie Womack

Saturday 7:30am January 30 Helen Marie Bailitz, Edward Hopper

In Loving Memory

Frances Litrenti mother of Laura (late Edward) Peters, Linda (Bob) Rud, Barbara (Guy) Filip, Janet (Michael) Giannelli and the late Frani Litrenti; grandmother of Amanda (fiancé Scott Druzinski) Peters, Cody (Megan) Peters, Kelsey (Matthew) Ziegler, Jason (Teri) Rud, Kimberlee Rud, Brooke (Joshua) Goddard, Tanner (fiancé Lisa Flotlin) Filip, Nicole Giannelli, Karly Giannelli and Erika (fiancé Jimmy Barbaglia) Giannelli; great-grandmother of five.

Anna Schmid Anna was the wife of the late Max; mother of Marla (Norman) Gunn, William Schmid and the late Deanna (Fred) Dubs; grandmother of 7; greatgrandmother of 6.



WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25). **Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28







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Reconciliation - Saturdays 8-9 AM and Thursdays 7–8 PM or call for an appoint-

ADORE - Join us Thursdays in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration, procession of the blessed sacrament, a witness talk, meditative praise and worship music, silent prayer, and confession.



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