

# For unto us a savior is born.....





Fr. Matt's last outdoor mass at St. James celebrated on December 27th.

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We begin a New Year blessed with faith. I am hopeful that our collective efforts to "Be Disciples of Christ and make Disciples of Christ" will continue to be led by the Holy Spirit. I trust that you will boldly invite others to the saving words of everlasting life. And I believe that God will provide enduring protection for our world.



I am overwhelmed by your thank yous and your well wishes these last few weeks. I appreciate the effort and care taken in each and every thoughtful card.

Mass attendance during Christmas season reflects your powerful and trusting faith. With 16 Masses on December 24th and 25th the celebrations of praise brought our St. James family together in peace and understanding. St. James is tremendously blessed this year with incredible stewardship. You have been most gracious with your time, talents and treasures.

Fr. Ryan will be an excellent Administrator. I will be praying for you and I ask that you pray for me.

Gratefully, Fr Matt

Our daily Noon mass has been suspended until Lent. Please join us for daily mass at 7:30am Monday-Saturday.

# A MESSAGE FROM .....

Last night we bade farewell not only to 2020  $\bigcirc$  but also to our pastor of seven years, Fr. Matt  $\trianglerighteq$ . We wish Fr. Matt every blessing as he begins the new year with a much-deserved sabbatical and journeys into a new chapter in his priestly ministry. Thank you for your devoted service to St. James, Fr. Matt! You will certainly be missed.

That means that as of today, dear readers, you're stuck with me as your administrator for the next six months \*\*\text{Q} \text{ } \text{ }

My role as administrator has everything to do with stability. I'm entrusted with maintaining the momentum of this wonderful parish so that what has been handed off by Fr. Matt can be received seamlessly by our new pastor come July 1, 2021. (The process of finding a new pastor is underway. If you haven't filled out the parishioner survey, please do so here. You may even request a pastor who is banned from using emojis...)

I have already begun to make sure that the sacramental life of the parish continues to be as robust as possible. So far, the only major change to the liturgical schedule has been the suppression of the weekday noon mass (effective last Monday). During January we'll welcome a few priests to help with celebrating sacraments. Fr. Gilbert Mashurano (former associate pastor of St. James) will help on Friday mornings; Fr. John Lodge (professor of Scripture at Mundelein Seminary—and a former teacher of mine) will help on weekends; and Fr. Mark Augustine (a weekend resident at Our Lady of the Wayside) will help on some Thursday nights and Saturday mornings.

The role of administrator is not identical with that of pastor, so there are some things I simply don't have the authority to do or to direct. If you're looking to build a new parking garage, remodel the church, or completely turn this ship around, I'm sorry (read: relieved) that I can't do much to help you there! But I'll be happy to hand off your concerns to the next pastor. Until July 1, only major expenditures that have been budgeted or already put into motion by Fr. Matt will be allowed.

That said, part of my pastoral responsibility does include the ministry of listening, sometimes directly, sometimes through other trusted people. If it seems to you that St. James is somehow becoming less than the St. James you know and love, don't hesitate to voice your concern. Please first pray about it and whether it can be heard or addressed by our wonderful supports here (e.g., Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Liturgy Committee, staff liaisons). If it's something that deserves my direct attention, I promise to try my best to give it the attention it needs.

This transition process is a team effort, and I'll be relying heavily on our Lord, on you, and on our staff and committees to help me grow through this new phase of my own discipleship—and I'll pray in turn that it can help you grow as disciples as well!

## FORMING DISCIPLES

Dear Women of St. James,

Faith Community Homes is extremely grateful for your collective donation of 270 gift cards for the families in our program.

Some of you "adopted" a particular family, and some of you donated gift cards that we will divvy up among families. With so many gift cards in our stash, we will hang on to many of them and distribute them to families throughout the year, including at Easter and Mothers Day.

With rent assistance and mentoring, Faith Community Homes focuses on helping families achieve financial stability. Your gift cards relieve a financial burden for these parents. But families in crisis need more than just money; they need hope. No change is possible without hope. Your acts of generosity give hope to these parents and, most importantly, to their children.

Thank you for believing in these parents' hard work and dedication, and thank you for showing them that, even during this stressful and isolating year, no one is alone.

Wishing you a peaceful Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

With Gratitude, Sarah Harte Program Manager Faith Community Homes



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Women of St. James collected a total of 271 gift cards in addition to cash donations for a total of \$6,940 for Faith Community Homes families.



# CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCES
We thank all those who have made a donation to our Environment & Art Ministry in memory of a deceased family member of friend.

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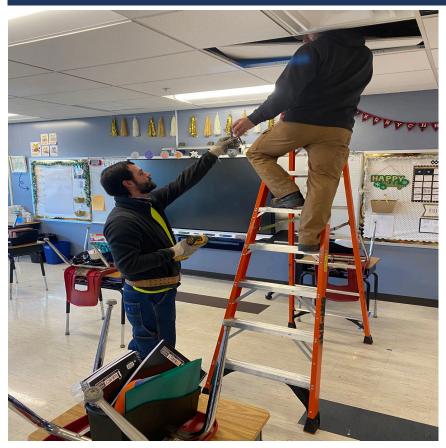
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Merry Christmas and God Bless from the St. James Music Ministry!



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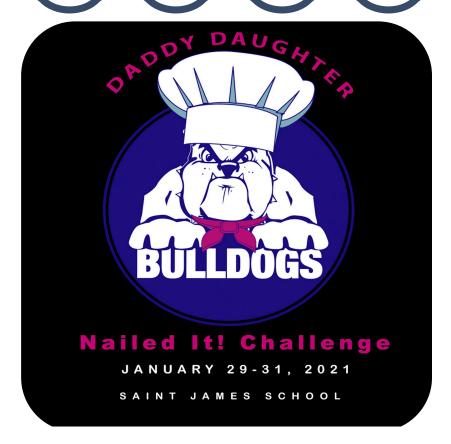






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Dads & Daughters - get your spatulas ready, preheat those ovens, and please join us for the Daddy Daughter Nailed It Challenge!

Each Daddy/Daughter team will be tasked to create their own version of a Bulldog-themed cake from the comfort of your own kitchens! You'll be provided a video with expert cake-making instructions, courtesy of the pastry chef at Scratchboard Kitchen, along with basic ingredients to bake your cake and other fun items to ensure a sweet time is had by all!

Oh & every challenge needs a winner, right? We have compiled an expert panel of sweet-toothed SJS staff to help determine the best bakers in a few TBD categories!

The Nailed It kits can be picked up from 2:3op-4:3op on Friday, January 29th at the church entrance. Official rules and more instructions will be e-mailed the last week of January. Please contact Megan Baum or Lisa O'Reilly at stjamesdaddydaughterdance@gmail.com with any questions.

# WEEKLY INTENTIONS

# Please pray for our sick...

Helena Jochaniewicz, Joan Leonas

# **Rose For Life**

In thanksgiving for Fr. Matthew Foley and for all his wonderful contributions to St James parish. He has been an incredible blessing to St. James.

# **Baptisms**

**Ryan Kathleen Hil**l, child of Luke Hill and Colleen (McCarte) Hill

**Reese Kathleen Olsen**, child of Roger Olsen and Mary Kate (McCarte) Olsen

# Remembrances

# Saturday Evening/Sunday January 2/3

Sharon Seiler Scanlan, Donald Seiler, Patrick Kett, John Glueckert Sr., Bob Jarosz, Alphonso Pietrolonardo

# Monday, January 4

Pam Tinaglia, Patrick Reilly

# **Tuesday, January 5**

Patricia Cooper, Donald Hecht, Mary F. Lyman, James Coy

# Wednesday, January 6

Donald Weiss, Aaron Brinkman, Jason Lebamoff, Jean Mary Schmit

# **Thursday, January 7**

Marcus Anderson, Elaine Kowall, Catherine J. McDonald, Charles Kett

# Friday, January 8

Ann Castleton (4th Anniv.)

# Saturday 7:30am January 9

Sam Girardi Jr., Helen Marie Bailitz



# WEEKLY READINGS

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6). **Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday:1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 Saturday:1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30 Sunday:Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



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