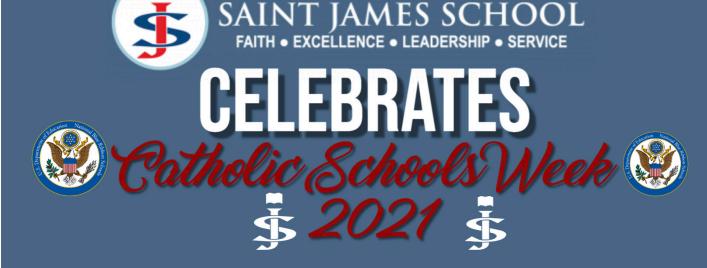


# SAINT JAMES PARISH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS





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# A MESSAGE FROM...

This week at St. James School we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. During this week, we will celebrate our school, our community, and most importantly our Catholic faith. Jesus, our ultimate teacher, is at the center of everything we do at St. James School. Our teachers implement a Christ Centered Culture of Joy to help instill the virtues of the gospel in our students. Our faith based education addresses the whole child and provides them with the academic, character, and spiritual support to become well-rounded children of God.



This school year has presented unique challenges during the pandemic. But that has not stopped us from doing what is best for the children we serve. At St. James our teachers and staff work together to FIND A WAY to do what is best for our students, no matter the circumstances. This school year we have been able to provide in-person instruction while simultaneously supporting remote learners from home. We have developed new safety protocols and have become more creative in the classroom to meet the needs of our students. We do this because our mission is to partner with parents to raise their children to be young men and women of faith and intellect. This school year we have found a way to serve our growing community in the face of adversity and that has made us stronger as a school community.

In addition to helping students grow in their faith, our teachers provide an outstanding inclusive education. Our teachers identify the individual needs of the students and design instruction to meet those specific needs. This school year St. James School won the National Blue Ribbon Award for the second time for being a high-performing school. This prestigious national award is a byproduct of the fantastic work our teachers do with our students in the classroom. Our students move on from St. James to be highly successful at the high schools of their choosing.

This week we are offering an online virtual open house to showcase the great work being done at SJS. If you are looking for a school that will help your child grow academically, strengthen their character, and bring them closer to Christ, then sign up for our virtual open house. We would love for you to join our SJS community.

http://www.stjamesschoolah.org/2020/12/28/2021-virtual-open-house/

It is a great day to be a national blue ribbon Bulldog!

-Mike Kendrick Mkendrick@stjamesschoolah.org Principal, St. James School

## FORMING DISCIPLES



what if there's more to your story? 66

SEEK21 is less than a week away, sign up today because you are worth investing in the most important relationship you'll ever have! Find more information and register today on the St. James website. Parishioners who attended SEEK in the past highly recommend!

"I feel refreshed. I am seeking a life for myself and my family with God at the center...my heart was full. I am grateful for the nudge, and it was a great way to start the year!" - Tess Dean

feb. 4–7 | seek.focus.org | #seek21

LITURGY & WORSHIP

# Thurs, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>'s ADORE has moved to Sat, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm



Join us via livestream or register for SEEK21 to attend

#### CONFIRMATION

Fr. Ryan and seminarians Dan and Mauricio presented our 8th Grade Confirmation students with bibles at each mass last weekend. As Fr. Ryan presented each student with their bible, he encouraged them to "Pray it, Study it and Live it!" Every bible brought to mass received a blessing as well.

#### LIFETEEN

## LIFETEEN RETREAT FEBRUARY 6 | 8AM-9PM

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Retreat registration is still open! Our retreat may look a little different this year, but we're still excited for what is ahead.

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. CLICK HERE to sign up!







# THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 31 | 6PM-8PM

This Sunday we are in person! New to LIFETEEN, no problem! Let our youth minister know you are joining so we can plan for numbers. Ready to register? Register for spring semester <u>HERE</u>.

\*Photos from Retreat 2019

## RE GRADES 1-5



St. James School students, Bryce and Devon, received their First Communion last Sunday. Please pray for them and for all our students at St. James preparing for First Communion this spring!

# LITURGY & WORSHIP



# 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

JOIN WOSJ FOR A MINI RETREAT AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR LENT



This special live rosary night will include a Catholic meditation led by Joy Anderson. Remember to bring a journal, pen and rosary to this special evening of prayer and reflection

All women of the parish are welcome! Did you know that you can join WOSJ any time during the year? We invite you to come to see how the WOSJ can help you grow in faith through sisterhood & service.

# ST. JAMES PARISH

Contact **wosjministryleads@gmail.com** for more information or to access the ZOOM link.

# MINSTRY SPOTLIGHT



## Meeting Mental Health With Grace: Dealing with Anxiety

Please CLICK HERE to check out our Mental Health Ministry webpage for resources, support and educational info.

#### Anxiety during the pandemic? You are not alone.

Since early 2020, we have all been struggling with the COVID 19 pandemic 24/7. Many of us are dealing with feelings we may not fully understand or know how to handle. One of these feelings is anxiety.

#### What is Anxiety?

Anxiety is an emotion you feel when you are worried about something. We all experience it. Your body tenses up, and your mind becomes fixated on the thing you are worried about. A little anxiety can be useful, if it helps us to adjust to a needed situation, but when it INTERFERES with your daily life, it is something that needs attention.

#### What are the symptoms?

Everyone's experience with anxiety is different.

- Some of the common symptoms are:
- · Feeling restless and irritable
- · Eating too much or not enough
- Difficulty concentrating
- Muscle pain, tightness, or soreness
- Trouble falling asleep or staying asleep, feeling exhausted
- · Going out of your way to avoid situations that make you anxious
- Intrusive thoughts (unwanted thoughts that won't go away)

#### How to cope:

- · Keep a routine in your daily life
- Eat regularly and healthily & get enough sleep
- Overthinking? try repeating a mantra like "Jesus, I trust in you."
- Use breathing techniques to trigger your nervous system to reset: Take 3 DEEP breaths; then pray the Hail Mary slowly.
- · If you feel the need to REACH OUT, listen to yourself and what you need.
- · Limit media information and connections
- Think of something for which you are grateful

For more information on anxiety check out nami.org

# Please join us Februray 6 at 80M for First Saturday Rosary and Devotion to Our Lady

We will begin the rosary and prayers of devotion immediately after the 7:30am mass. To follow along, please refer to the materials found <u>here</u> on the website.

All are welcome!

This minstry meets in the church the first Saturday of every month to pray the rosary.

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



The signs of this time are asking us to wake up, to stand up and to speak up when we see racism. This is how we love our neighbor as ourselves. This is how we act like Jesus. This is how we do justice and love goodness (Micah 6:8). This is how we make safe lodging for all. This is how we begin the healing from racism in our land, writing a new parable of racial justice for this time.

Let us examine our conscience in light of the sin of racism, asking ourselves:

- 1. Have I fully loved God and fully loved my neighbor as myself?
- 2. Have I caused pain to others by my actions or my words that offended my brother or my sister?
- 3. Have I done enough to inform myself about the sin of racism, its roots, and its historical and contemporary manifestations? Have I opened my heart to see how unequal access to economic opportunity, jobs, housing, and education on the basis of skin color, race, or ethnicity, has denied and continues to deny the equal dignity of others?
- 4. Is there a root of racism within me that blurs my vision of who my neighbor is?
- 5. Have I ever witnessed an occasion when someone "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and I did or said nothing, leaving the victim to address their pain alone?
- 6. Have I ever witnessed an occasion when someone "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism with me inflicting the pain, acting opposite of love of God and love of neighbor?
- 7. Have I ever lifted up and aided a person who "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and paid a price for extending mercy to the other? How did I react? Did my faith grow? Am I willing to grow even more in faith through my actions?

## DEVELOPMENT



Jubilation is thrilled to announce that Krista & Mike Coleman will join our veteran co-chairs, John & Terri Todesco, to bring an *Amazing Grace Gala* to St. James on November 6, 2021. Krista and Mike have worked on Jubilation decorating committees in past years and are very anxious to work with the Todescos as co-chairs this year. They have two young daughters who attend St. James School and all are looking towards a hopeful and merry Jubilation 2021! Welcome Colemans, and thank you for your stewardship and commitment to to St. James Parish!

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# DO YOU 🤎 A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION?

Tax season is quickly approaching. This year please consider the <u>Tax Credit Scholarship Program</u> that may provide you a tax credit *and* allow children without means to attend St. James School.

Please visit this link for further information on how you help St. James School's Tuition Assistance program.





We invite you to get to know our

# St. James Over 50 Social Group

In non-pandemic times, we provide social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50. At the moment we are supporting each other via phone calls. For more info or to join our club, please email Gerry Stec at StecStan@sbcglobal.net.

# WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick… Tom O'Connor, Carmella Hionis, Anne Golbeck

# **Rose For Life**

Is donated by Diane Groth in loving memory of Andrew Szott.

# **Baptisms**

Max Michael Nowakowski, child of Michael and Samantha Nowakowski

# **Remembrances**

Saturday Evening/Sunday January 30/31 Friday, February 5 Edward Hopper, Eugene Harmack, Heleodro Vazquez (1yr Anniv), Clifford Bergstrom, Thomas Rothfus (12yr Anniv), Frank & Victoria Bosco

Monday, February 1 Donald Smith Sr.

**Tuesday, February 2** All deceased members of our parish

Wednesday, February 3 Mitchell Bruski, Jim O'Neil, Bob Riefke Sr.

Thursday, February 4 Arlene Knorr, Walter Kragn, Clara Redshaw Lantano

Patricia Cooper

# Saturday 7:30am February 6

Tiffany Kloeppel (1yr Anniv), Allan Geimer, Elizabeth Ann Lyman, Bob Jarosz, Mabel Preiss, Helena Jochaniewicz

# WEEKLY READINGS

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20). **Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39







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