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The time is fulfilled. and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15

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Use Lent to Reorient Towards God, Who is Love

At Christmastime we say, "Have a Merry Christmas!" And at Easter, "Happy Easter!" But Lent feels different, maybe a little sad. But I think that we can be joyful about Lent saying, "Have a Loving Lent." Let me explain.

On Ash Wednesday, the ministers said, "Repent and believe in the gospel" before distributing ashes. In today's usage, repent means to feel sorry, to have remorse or regret. So, we might think that we should be sad for Lent. But in the biblical context "repent" means to have a complete change of

heart, which turns away from sin and towards God. So repent means we reorient ourselves away from worldly things and towards God!

And we have a lot in the world we can orient our lives towards, rather than God. I remember some of the things I turned towards other than God during the worst of the pandemic. For example:

- I remember all the time that I spent watching TV, especially Netflix. Now binge-watching old shows or getting wrapped up in Joe Exotic the Tiger King are not the best things to turn towards, because they do not lead us to Truth, Beauty, Goodness, and Love.
- I remember the quarantine playlist I made on Spotify, but you can only listen to Don't Stand So Close to Me by the Police and All By Myself by Eric Carmen only so many times, and they don't lift our spirits to God.
- I remember the separation I felt from family, friends, and parishioners. So, I often turned towards the voices of politicians, commentators, and experts who frequently lacked wisdom, truth, goodness, and love.
- But now during Lent, I remember the incarnation, suffering, and death of Jesus for our salvation…and the new covenant of the Eucharist that he made with us.
- This is the reorientation that we are called to in Lent. To turn away from all the worldly things around us… and our sins, and turn towards the perfect Truth, Beauty, Goodness, and Love of God.

We "repent and believe in the gospel." This belief is not just an intellectual conviction - it is also a trust & personal commitment even when facing a threatening future, such as a pandemic. It means:

- having the confidence that God cares for us so much that he became man, suffered, and died for our sins:
 - that he guides our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit;
 - and that God wants us to share eternal life with him.

We have the Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting not to punish us, but to remind us to repent and believe.

- To remind us that we are beloved daughters and sons of God, who need to turn towards him…towards his perfect love.
- And to remind us that we need to share God's perfect love with the entire world. So there it is. Have a joyous, Loving Lent!
- Deacon Jim Bannon

Lenten Spiritual Opportunities

Noon Mass on Wednesdays in Lent Fr. Ryan's Biblical Fitness found here

Fr. Ryan's BYOB + Miniseries March 22-24 Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7PM

March 5th – Over 50 Group 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

Registration for Triduum Liturgies will be posted on March 24th Registration for Easter Liturgies will be posted on March 26th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Let's Pray Together

During Lent, we invite our Religious Education students to add his or her prayer intentions to our Lenten Prayer Basket.

This Basket will be at the foot of the altar during St. James School's Wednesday morning Mass, Friday's Pray Day and at all of our Encounter Nights.

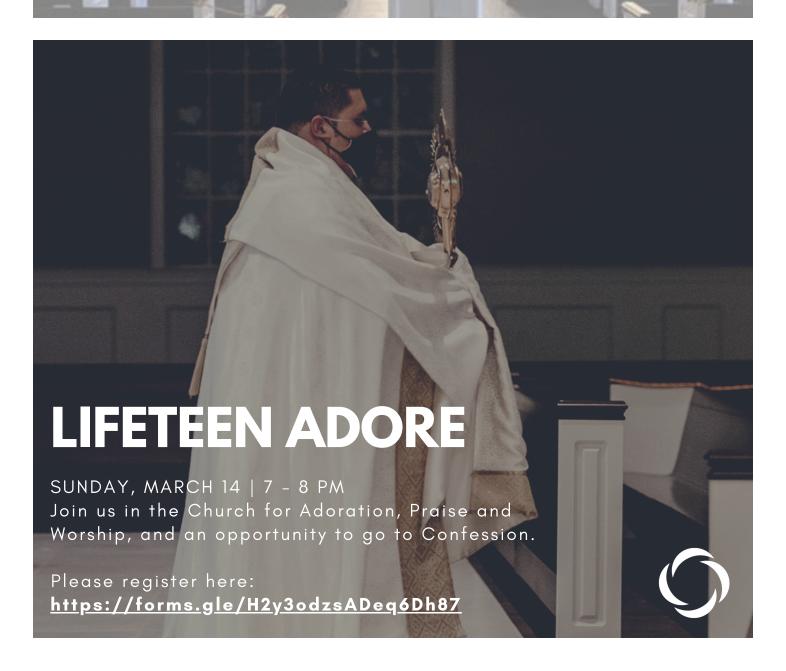
Write your prayer intention, place in an envelope and drop it off at the Parish office during regular hours or email to tstorto@stjamesah.org
Your prayer intention will be placed in the basket where our children will pray for one another in solidarity.

Examples of your intentions might include sick friends or relatives; a difficult situation at school; better relations between siblings; for issues of peace and justice; health and safety. The Lord will hear all our prayers.

Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name, I Am in Their Midst – Matthew 18:15-20

EDGE & LIFETEEN

This past week was incredible with our young people at St. James. We had an amazing EDGE session where we went over the season of Lent and the middle school youth shared some great things that they are doing to prepare for Easter. We met with our catechists and 1-5 youth to talk about what God is calling us to throughout Lent. We also had the opportunity to pray with our SJS students. Please continue to pray for all of the youth of our parish.



FORMING DISCIPLES

THE MINISERIES

STUFF TO CHEW ON . . . IN BITE-SIZE

MINISERIES 3: The Sacraments of Initiation

Deepening our understanding of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist

Episode 1: Monday, March 22—7pm Episode 2: Tuesday, March 23—7pm

Location: Laramie Room and livestreamed

Click here to register.

For more information, contact Fr. Ryan: frryan@stjamesah.org

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 3/8 to Mike at MSJ@stjamesah.org



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!

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

Register today!

http://www.stjamesah.org/ministry-guide/welcome/

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	<u>ACTUAL</u>	BUDGET	VARIANCE
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ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$111,395.42	\$128,376.00	(\$16,980.58)
TOTAL FEBRUARY 2021 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:	\$182,142.17	\$185,376.00	(\$3,233.83)



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Meeting Mental Health With Grace: Finding My Balance in Difficult times

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

Finding My Balance In Difficult Times

Last spring, Stacey O'Connell, LCPC and Lead Counselor at Amita Alexian Brother's Center for Mental Health joined the Mom's Plus group to share insights and practical tips for finding balance. While originally aimed at helping young moms, Stacey's insightful tips are applicable for children as well as all of us. Here are a few highlights from her presentation:

- **Set intentions vs expectations.** Intentions are softer guidelines that help us view things more in that "grey area" vs right or wrong/black or white
- Know your support team. Who do you reach out to when you need a laugh? someone safe to vent with? a problem solver? Identify these people, and write them down so you have them at your finger tips.
- The power of LOVE. Find the love in everything. In a conflict?
 ask yourself where is the love how can I use it? Share your love
 with someone through a small thing.
- List 5 things you like to do. Make sure you do 1 each day.
- Peace begins with me. Looking to bring peace to a moment
 of stress? The mantra: "Peace begins with me" can be tapped
 out on your fingers and said silently: thumb to pointer (peace),
 thumb to middle (begins), thumb to ring (with), and thumb to
 pinky (me).
- Make a coping skills box or board. Remember the power of senses (taste, sight, smell and touch) as you identify the items to include.

Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10



MINSTRY SPOTLIGHT

Ut Vitam Habeant



That They Might Have Life



Lenten Campaign ~ A Call to Do More

As God used 40 day periods to transform the world, twice a year we participate in a 40 day period of peaceful vigil, prayer, and fasting – a worldwide daily witness outside abortion facilities to be witnesses to the tragic reality of abortion – that those tempted to abort might understand that their child is already present and, already, a real person.

St. James Respect Life will be at 1601 N. Lewis Ave. in Waukegan on March 13th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

To join us, contact us at RespectLife@StJamesAH.org or just show up, we'll be there!

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Easter Remembrance

St. James Liturgical Environment Ministry invites you to be a part of our annual "remembrance" in honor or memory of someone special in your life to be used for the Easter décor of the Church. The names of those being remembered will be published in the April 11th bulletin. To create an Easter Remembrance, please fill out the form below & place it in an envelope marked "Easter Remembrance." We kindly ask for a monetary donation of \$25 per remembrance. You may include cash or check (made out to \$t James Parish with Easter Remembrance noted) with your submission. Submissions may be dropped in collection boxes at church or the parish office or can be mailed in no later than March 15th. Thank you, St James Liturgical Environment Ministry

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



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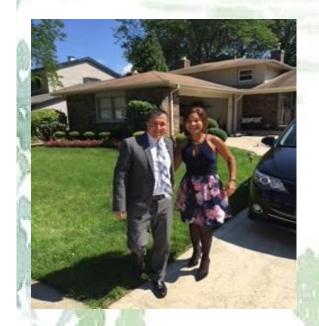
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Hi, my name is Christina Park. I was raised Presbyterian by my two immigrant parents. After attending DePaul University, for my undergraduate degree, I decided to explore the various denominations of Christianity. I attended several churches around the Chicagoland area. It has been an educational ten year journey. Throughout my exploration phase, I was always drawn to the Catholic church. The history, liturgy, and the morals/spirituality were some of the few things that always stood out to me.

Therefore, I decided to commit to this faith and took the steps to convert. I joined RCIA at St. James by chance, but it has been an amazing experience! The team and my fellow candidates have been very supportive and encouraging throughout this process. I am extremely thankful to have met such remarkable individuals, and I look forward to meeting everyone at St. James soon!

Hi, my name is Millicent Guerrero Arocha. I live in Buffalo Grove for about 5 years now. Originally from Venezuela. Born, raised and baptized Catholic. Married and mother of three boys - work in the parking industry for over 15 years. After coming in couple times, interacting with Fr. Ryan and feeling very welcome, I decided to join St. James Church. I always wanted to be confirmed from the time I was 16 years old, but events in life made it challenging for me. I was extremely happy after I spoke to my RCIA instructor lames and found out that I will be able to attend the program and be confirmed, regardless of my hectic schedule and busy life. I am grateful for my journey and the support given in the RCIA program. I also look forward to enhancing my faith, understanding of Catholicism and be confirmed.



DEVELOPMENT



Last year, we learned that some families at St. James chose to embrace the Lenten season by "giving up" envelopes and make the switch to online giving through Faith Direct. The steady support of recurring donations absolutely helped sustain our mission during the upheaval and challenges set in motion by COVID-19. To those families, and to all families who contribute to St. James through Faith Direct, we are tremendously grateful. This year, I would like to invite those still not giving regularly online to prayerfully consider moving to online giving.

Lent takes on special meaning each year — a time for all Christians to renew their faith in the Resurrection by journeying to the Cross. Even in the most challenging of times, as we all experienced during the past year, he constantly provides silver linings and hope for better things to come. Almsgiving is one way we can give of ourselves as Christ did, all while providing for our parish, our ministries, and community needs.

Please consider "giving up" or sacrificing offertory envelopes and switching to Faith Direct. It saves the parish money overall and increases efficiency. Signing up with a recurring gift is easy, and Faith Direct will help if you need assistance. Click here to enroll: https://membership.faithdirect.net/IL859 or text to 224-313-4345.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Lenten season and throughout the year. Thank you for your stewardship and dedication to St. James. ~ Yours in Christ, Fr. Ryan

DIACONATE ANNOUNCEMENT





Johnny Burnett, a parishioner of St. James Parish, is scheduled to be ordained to the Order of Deacon on May 8, 2021. This is a public announcement of the upcoming ordination and fulfills the canonical requirement. Catholics are obliged to reveal any concerns, impediments or circumstances that could prevent Johnny from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact the pastor or the Cardinal with such information as soon as possible if there is a serious question about the candidate's suitability for ordained ministry.





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Saint James Blood Drive March 3-31 @ Vitalant

Your blood is needed now more than ever! Give up to three people a new chance at life by making an appointment at a Vitalant Donor Center. (Our local center is at 25 W Rand Rd next to Trader Joe's.) Note that the COVID-19 vaccination doesn't prevent you from donating blood or platelets. Go to Vitalant.org to read what Vitalant is doing to keep donors, blood drive coordinators, volunteers, staff and patients safe during this time of COVID and to make an appointment. You can also schedule your appointment by calling Vitalant at 877. 258.4825. Make sure to enter or mention group code: AH25 to credit St James.

Vitalant is now also testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies to find potential convalescent plasma donors. Learn more at vitalant.org/antibodytest







Appointments have been reserved for Illinois seniors age 65 and older from March 10-31.

> Register beginning March 4th at Zocdoc.com/Vaccine

For those without internet access, call 312-746-4835.

Drive-through and walk-up options available. Language assistance provided, accessible to people with disabilities.

WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick...

Robert Hendle, Estelle Schaefer, Baby Jack Vincent Heidenreich

Rose For Life

The Rose For Life was donated by The Vincent Family in prayers for their unborn grandson, Jack Vincent Heideneich.

Wedding Banns March 26, 2021

Kyle O'Brien and Brittany Giammarino

March 27, 2021

Scott Scanlan and Rachel David

Baptisms

Madelyn Anne Considine, child of Sean

Considine and Emily Considine

Olivia Ryan Galis, child of Ryan Galis & Kristina

Landon Michael Arnold, child of Ashton Arnold and Julie Arnold

Fallon Elizabeth Arnold, child of Ashton Arnold and Julie Arnold

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday March 6/7

Carson Clark, Prahba Lockwood, Bob Jarosz, Mary Ann Foley, Anna Quaranta, Catherine Kelly

Monday, March 8th

Clarence Trampf, John Kordek, Tom Bolger (4th yr Anniv)

Tuesday, March 9th

Elaine Kowall (1yr. Anniv), Patrick Kett, Jackie Mullarkey

Wednesday, March 10th

Anna Quaranta (1st yr. Anniv), Richard Mysza, Laura Coda, John Roth, Norman Cooper, All deceased members of the Cooper family

Thursday, March 11th

Geraldine Axium, Abdallah and Camen Kaba

Friday, March 12th

Robert Coda, Richard Martin (2nd yr. Anniv)

Saturday 7:30am March 13th

China-Li Smith, Helen Marie Bailitz, Frank and Loretta Tanzi, Rosa Birazzi

In Loving Memory

Maryann Falkowski- is survived by her spouse John; daughters, Lori (Philip) Coffey and Margi (Tom) Kelly; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Dan) McLaughlin, John Coffey, Tim (Erin) Coffey, Katie Kelly, Dr. James Kelly, Matt Kelly; sister-inlaw, Geri Romano; several nieces and nephews.

Bruce Anderson III - is survived his wife Deborah (nee Ryan); Bruce M. (Meaghan) Anderson; his grandsons Aidan and Ryan and by his siblings Suzanne Vaughn, Patrick Anderson, Michel Anderson and Marie Anderson.

Kenneth Wollscheid Beloved husband of Christine Dolecki. Loving father of Casey Michael Dolecki-Wollscheid. Son of Harry and the late Donna Wollscheid. Dear brother of Michael Wollscheid. Fond uncle of many.

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday**: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14 **Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-**21**





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Weekend Masses - All Masses are in the Church

Saturday 5:00pm Contemporary
Sunday 7:00am Traditional
Sunday 8:30am Traditional
Sunday 10:00am Contemporary
Sunday 11:30am Contemporary
Sunday 5:00pm Contemporary

Weekday Masses (Church)

Monday - Saturday Mass at 7:30AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am—8:00pm Friday 9:00am—4:00pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00am—1:00pm

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Marriage - At least six months prior to your wedding date please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

Reconciliation -Thursday – ADORE -Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions – 7PM-8PM

& Saturday – 8-9AM following daily Mass

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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