



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

In Search of Our Kneeling Places

In each heart lies a Bethlehem,
an inn where we must ultimately answer
whether there is room or not.
When we are Bethlehem bound
we experience our own advent in His.
When we are Bethlehem bound
we can no longer look the other way
conveniently not seeing stars
not hearing angel voices.
We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily
tending our sheep or our kingdoms.

This Advent let's go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.
In the midst of shopping sprees
let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.
Through the tinsel
let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.
In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,
let's listen for the brush of angel's wings.
This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem
and find our kneeling places.

Poetry from *Kneeling in Bethlehem* © 1987 Ann Weems

DEC 18
2022

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A MESSAGE FROM...

Today's Readings

First Reading

You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:10-14)

Psalm

The king of glory shall come in. (Psalm 24)

Second Reading

God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1-7)

Gospel

The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us." (Matthew 1:18-24)



"Listening to and hearing the Lord requires silence."

Dear Friends,

The Scripture readings at mass are becoming more explicitly focused on the imminent coming of Jesus at Christmas. Today we hear the reading from Matthew's Gospel about Joseph's role in the Holy Family.

Not understanding what had happened with Mary becoming pregnant with the Messiah, Joseph planned to quietly divorce her. But the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Joseph did as he was asked. He accepted the vocation to which the Lord was calling him. He is a model of Christian discipleship, obviously and necessarily a man of prayer, who was open to receiving what the Lord was saying.

The path of Christian discipleship requires prayer, and prayer involves listening. Listening cannot be done very easily in the cacophony of noise and distraction surrounding us. Listening and hearing the Lord requires silence.

Consider that the Lord is asking you to take some time apart, in silence, to be open to His voice, especially in the chaotic days leading up to Christmas. Maybe some time in silent prayer in our Adoration Chapel is just the place for that.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

UPCOMING AT SAINT JAMES



SAINT JAMES PARISH
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

Church: 3:00 pm* 5:00 pm & 12:00 Midnight
Parish Center: 3:15 pm, 5:15 pm

Sunday, December 25

Church: 8:00 am, 10:00 am* & 12:00 Noon
Parish Center: 10:15 am

**Livestreamed*

St. James Parish

Holiday Office Closings

The Parish Office Will Be Closed:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

New Year's Eve New Year's Day

Holiday Mass Schedules

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

**VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF
GOD - MASS AT 5:00 PM**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MASSSES AT 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30

NO 5:00 PM MASS SUNDAY



SAINT JAMES PARISH
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

HOSPITALITY *Weekend!*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Please Join Us!

**PROCEED TO THE LARAMIE ROOM
FOLLOWING SUNDAY A.M. MASSES
TO ENJOY COFFEE & DONUTS
WITH ONE ANOTHER**

MUSIC AND PRAYER



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SAINT JAMES PARISH
MUSIC MINISTRY

Advent TAIZE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7:00 PM

As we await the birth of Christ, the Light of Hope, let our voices be
a light for all as we pray through our singing.

Taizé worship is prayer consisting of meditative singing and
periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state.

All are welcome to participate in singing and silent prayer.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS

Advent Inspiration

A Place for Quiet Prayer

The St. James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open for your Advent prayer time.

Monday-Friday 6:30 am - 8:30 pm

Saturday-Sunday 6:00 am - 6:30 pm

24 hours a day for committed adorers with access code.

Register at <https://adorationpro.org/jamesil>

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem...May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."
- Pope Francis

Advent Books Available

Get in the spirit with books to be found on a cart in the Parish Resource Center

Location: Rooms on either side of the Laramie Room in the church lower level.

Enjoy a more prayerful Advent with the help of these resources.



Spread Christmas Joy

Youth musicians are invited to participate on Christmas Eve

All musically inclined middle schoolers, teens, alumni and their siblings are invited to join us in song for the St. James Christmas Eve Masses in the Parish Center

3:15 pm (Angels and Shepherds)
and 5:15 pm Mass



Please contact Mrs. McDermott and Mr. Towner:
mmcdermott@stjameschoolah.org

St. James Children's Formation

Invites ALL Children Grades K-5 & their families to explore...

Tuesday, December 20th

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

St. James Parish Center

Teen & Adult Volunteers Needed!



A
NIGHT
IN
BETHLEHEM
JESUS CAME TO SAVE US

Questions? Contact: blarson@stjamesah.org



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

SOLIDARITY

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Fifth of a Series: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

- As a worker, do I give my employer a fair day's work for my wages? As an owner, do I treat workers fairly?
- Do I treat all workers with whom I interact with respect, no matter their position or class?
- Do I support the rights of all workers to adequate wages, health insurance, vacation and sick leave? Do I affirm their right to form or join unions or worker associations?
- Do my purchasing choices take into account the hands involved in the production of what I buy? When possible, do I buy products produced by workers whose rights and dignity were respected?

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching

Peace & Justice invites you to join us! Last Tuesday of the month 7pm Contact us at peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.
THIS WEEK WE ASK YOU TO
PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR
THE KISLIAK FAMILY OF
BUFFALO GROVE**

Everyone deserves to be in safe, healthy relationships. If you, or someone you know, may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help.
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE

"As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified." – US Catholic Bishops

MEN'S

WELCOME

RETREAT

JOIN THE JOURNEY

02.25.23

+

02.26.23

RENEW YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST

EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY
AS A SON OF GOD

JOIN YOUR BROTHERS
IN CHRIST

SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFO OR TO
REGISTER



SAINT JAMES PARISH
MEN OF SAINT JAMES

Welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



CALLING ALL CHILDREN
OF ST. JAMES: GRADES K-5

ANGELS & SHEPHERDS MASS CHRISTMAS EVE 2022 3:15 PM PARISH CENTER

Please register each child participating. Open to the first 50 registrations! Sign up soon!

A required rehearsal will be held Thursday, Dec 22nd, 5-6PM in the Parish Center.

**We are no longer
accepting registrations!**
Register here!



Questions???
Contact-Kathryn Coughlin
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org



CHASE THE CHILL

Thank you one and all!

Once again well over 100 scarves were collected for our 8th Annual Chase the Chill Outreach for homeless thanks to your assistance.

One way or another, we could not have done this without you!



Help Wanted During Mass Join the Slideshow Apostolate

Help...we really need some help! There are many times when we do not have a regularly scheduled person to run the slideshow for us during our weekend Masses. The slideshow is important as it helps everyone at Mass participate in all aspects of prayer and song.

No need to volunteer for several Masses in one weekend. You can still attend your favorite Mass (with a guaranteed seat).

Might you please consider joining this new apostolate here at St. James? All are welcome.

Thank you for considering. Contact Deacon Matthew Hahn with questions and to sign up.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



The EDGE Overnight Retreat for all EDGE and SJS middle school youth will be a chance to get away from the day to day. Youth will learn how Jesus not only forgives them of their sins but also has the power to cast out fear even in the darkness.

Youth will be empowered to go forth and share the light of Christ with others. Adoration and confession will be part of this retreat.

The weekend will be filled with opportunities for prayer, talks, games, small group time, lots of food and lots of fun. We only have room for 60 youth so sign up today!



A Dynamic Understanding of Jesus

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
& A CONTEMPORARY
UNDERSTANDING OF A
HISTORICAL MOVEMENT

This past year, John Camardella took a sabbatical from teaching to complete a graduate degree in religion at Harvard Divinity School. As part of his research, he traveled to Israel and Palestine with the biblical archaeology program and partnered with the Israeli Antiquities Authority to excavate a recently discovered site in Galilee.

Join us for this exciting presentation where we will dig into the archaeological process and unearth the diverse ways Jesus is understood in light of archaeological findings.

John Camardella teaches two world religion senior elective courses at Prospect High School, where his students earn dual credit through Eastern Illinois University. This designation is a first for public schools in the United States and allows students to earn three undergraduate credits upon graduation. John also works as an Education Fellow at Harvard Divinity School, where he trains public school administrators and educators to adopt a more sound approach to teaching about religion.



Wednesday, January 18 | 7:00 p.m.

St. James Church | 831 N. Arlington Heights Rd. | Arlington Heights, IL

Questions? Kathy Squared at kk_ek@msn.com

Hosted by **CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY for WOMEN**
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For any questions reach out to Julie:
jjacobson@stjamesah.org



SAINT JAMES PARISH
MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Meeting Mental Health With Grace

Holiday Stress and Mental Health

The Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness has an article with ideas on handling holiday stress. Here are a few tips from the article. Click [HERE](#) to read the full article on our Mental Health Ministry Webpage:

- Help loved ones figure out how to handle some of the stress of family gatherings (i.e. how to answer tough questions during family time, identify a task to focus on during gatherings, how long to stay, places to go to take breaks etc...).
- Set boundaries around time spent on holiday tasks. An afternoon shopping at a couple stores is more manageable than a full day at the mall.
- Prioritize quiet time with God by creating a special holy space with a candle, cross or picture to connect with Jesus.

If you or someone you love is looking for help:

- The Suicide / Mental Health Crisis Helpline: 988
- Crisis Text line - text HOME to 741741
- Our [Mental Health Ministry Webpage](#) for resources and education

"BE STILL AND
KNOW THAT I
AM GOD"

PSALM 46:10

May the presence of
God help to calm you
this season.

Let this be your
mantra.

Just slowing down to
breathe and say the
verse should bring
you a moment of
peace.



OUR PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Patrick Joseph Dyra

Please Pray for Our Sick

Lorraine Capocieno
Esther Clarke
Rose Marie Evans

Rose for Life

Donated in loving memory of Jack and Peg Hanahan, and Jack's brother, Andrew Hanahan.

Recent Baptisms

Owen Allen Buddin, child of
Marcus Buddin and Nicole (McLain) Buddin
Leah Annabelle Prioletti, child of
Mark Prioletti and Alexandra (Beam) Prioletti
Nolan Bryn Frederick, child of
Tyler Frederick and Amy (Bryniczka) Frederick
Tyler James Green, child of
Kenneth Green and Melina (Adelman) Green

Celebrant Schedule, Dec. 24-25

3:00	Fr. Paul Stein
3:15 Parish Center	Fr. Ryan McMillin
5:00	Fr. Paul Barwikowski
5:15 Parish Center	Fr. Bill Zavaski
Midnight	Fr. Ed Pelrine
8:00	Fr. Paul Barwikowski
10:00	Fr. Paul Stein
10:15 Parish Center	Fr. Ed Pelrine
Noon	Fr. Paul Stein

Weekly Readings

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm For all the people of the parish

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Genevieve Waller
8:30 am Janet Richards
 Carl Fuerst
10:00 am Louis Samartino
 Bill Kenney
 Roland Ley
11:30 am Carina Chambers
 Amanda Gibson
5:00 pm Marcin Bukowski

Monday, December 19

7:30 am Marcin Bukowski
 John F. Kordek
 Thomas Rothfus
 Beth Klopp Lansing
 Louis Samartino
 Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.
 George & Georgia Avgeris

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 am Simon Ulahannan ❖
 Joan Resch
 Charles Schmueser
 Angelica Felix

Wednesday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

7:30 am Mary E. McDonald
 Mary T. Womeldorf
 Amanda Gibson ❖
 Peggy Young ❖
 Catherine Mary Case ❖

Thursday, December 22

7:30 am Dr. Rob LaVeau
 Lucille Berard

Friday, December 23 St. John of Kanty

7:30 am Bronius Underys
 June Becker
 Richard Supis

Saturday, December 24

7:30 am Anne Kneesel
 Richard & Catherine Lyons
 Barbara Cygan
 Catherine & Frank Amato
 Patti Calmeyer

❖ Indicates Living

PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds provides opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. sjeearthshepherds@gmail.com

Grief Support Ministry is about overcoming your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details. griefsupport@stjamesah.org

Men of St. James provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age. msj@stjamesah.org

Mental Health Ministry provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope. tsheva@gmail.com

Ministers of Care bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines. ministryofcare@stjamesah.org

Ministry of Praise gives members the opportunity to offer their prayers to God for special intentions to help others in their need. ministryofpraise@stjamesah.org

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James. momsplus@stjamesah.org

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50. stecstan@sbcglobal.net

PADS Outreach provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused. st.james.pads@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council provides parishioners' voice to the Pastor and Parish Administration.

Peace & Justice Ministry educates the faithful on the Catholic social teachings, supports and complements parish ministries and empowers people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Meets the last Tuesday of each month. peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. mschoney@wowway.com

Stepping Stones raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338), steppingstones@stjamesah.org.

St. Vincent de Paul provides emergency, short-term financial help for parishioners and others living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office followed by x8517. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. Be assured that all requests for assistance are handled with care and confidentiality. parishoffice@stjamesah.org

Wheels to Worship drives people to church and shares in the Mass with St. James parishioners who cannot drive themselves. wheelstoworship@stjamesah.org

Women of St. James provides support to Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing their faith through sisterhood and service. wosjministryleads@gmail.com

NEWS & EVENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

"Walk in the Light" Advent Concert, Dec. 19

Craig & Kristen Colson and Friends in concert. Mon. Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Location: St. Norbert and OLB Parish, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook. Free Admission. A freewill offering will be taken.

Confirmation for Baptized Vicariate I Adults

Register by February 20, 2023 for Adult Confirmation Formation Sessions that begin Monday, March 6, 2023. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will confirm adults on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at St. Edna Parish, Arlington Heights. For information and registration, visit <https://vic1chicago.org> or email questions to Lorie Crepeau, lcrepeau@stedna.org.

"Jesus: The Story You Thought You Knew" Book Discussion

Begin the new year getting to know Jesus Christ and growing in love with him! Join author Deacon Keith Strohm in a three-part book discussion about his own book, Jesus the Story You Thought You Knew. Sessions will be offered online and in person during the month of February, 2023. The discussions are part of the Institute for Pastoral Leadership's Continued Education series. The cost is \$45 and includes lunch for the in-person session. The book can be purchased separately wherever books are sold.

Register for the book discussion by visiting: <https://strohmbookdiscussion.eventbrite.com>

DON'T FALL BEHIND

STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST





Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm St. James Collective
Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ
Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Choir & Organ
Sunday 10:00 am Contemporary Choir
Sunday 11:30 am Contemporary Choir
Sunday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday Mass at 7:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The office will be closed on weeknights until further notice.
Thank you for your patience.

Sacraments & Devotions

Baptism - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation - in the church

Tuesday – 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday – 8:00 - 9:00 am following daily Mass

Holy Hour - Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary.

TO STAY UP TO DATE AND BE INSPIRED DAILY

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