



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

THE
JUST ONE
IS A
LIGHT IN
DARKNESS.

PSALM 112

FEB 5
2023

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A MESSAGE FROM...

Today's Readings

First Reading

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed.
(Is 58:8)

Psalm

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.
(Ps 112)

Second Reading

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
(1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket."
(Mt 5:14-15)



"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." ~ Matthew 5:16

This question came up once at a meeting of the Presbyteral Council, an elected and appointed group of priests who meet monthly with the Archbishop: "What is the purpose of the Mass?"

The answer was "to glorify God and sanctify people." The Society of Jesus has a famous motto, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloria* - To the Greater Glory of God. It is often abbreviated as AMDG, and you will see this inscribed on stationery, in stained glass, and carved into the facades of buildings.

Although the desire for recognition and praise for the good that we do is normal and even a human need, it is not goal of all we do, or rather, all that the Lord does through us, In all we do, may we give glory

to our God, and grow in holiness at the same time.

When we gather to celebrate the Mass, I pray that everything we bring to the Mass and contribute to it is about the worship and praise of God. I pray that through this action of the Trinity - Jesus offering Himself as a sacrificial offering to the Father in the power and working of the Holy Spirit - and joining us to Jesus - will bear fruit in our lives as we grow in holiness.

Let us be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, glorifying the Father in all we do.

God bless you,
Fr. Ed

Lent 2023 at St. James

Opportunities for Prayer and Spiritual Growth

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

Schedule of Ash Distribution

- 6:30 am Mass
- 7:30 am Mass
- Noon Mass
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm Mass
- Ashes will be distributed in the Parish Center Chapel from 4-7 pm.

Daily Mass at Noon

- Each Monday - Friday in Lent

Stations of the Cross

- Fridays in Lent (February 24 - March 31) at 7:00 p.m.

"SEEK Where You Are" Faith Experience

- Friday, March 10 - Sunday, March 12 at St. James (see pg. 4)

Lenten Choral Concert

- Brahms Requiem, Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm in the church

Multi-Parish Reconciliation Services

On March 27-30 St. James will partner with local parishes to offer reconciliation services. Don't miss the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Plan to attend one of the services listed below. A number of priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions.

- Monday, March 27 • 7 p.m. • Our Lady of the Wayside
- Tuesday, March 28 • 3 p.m. • St. Edna
- Tuesday, March 28 • 7 p.m. • St. Mary
- **Wednesday, March 29 • 7 p.m. • St. James**
- Thursday, March 30 • 3 p.m. • St. Colette

No confessions on 3/28; Holy Hour remains on Thursday, 3/30



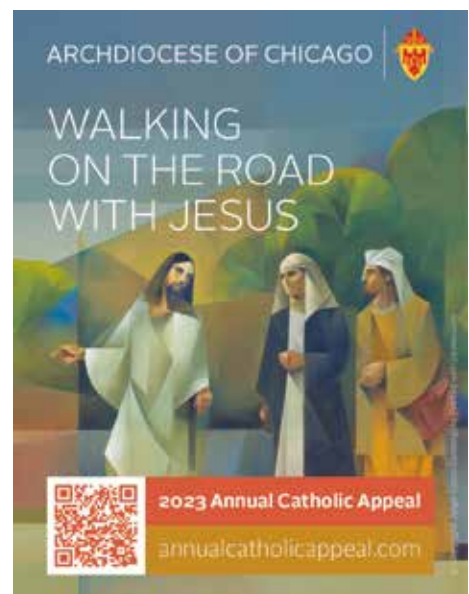
Please Make Your Gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Walking on the Road with Jesus

Many families in our parish have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Walking on the road with Jesus."

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.



Rise up and answer the call.

Christ is calling you to something greater.

Join us for **SEEK "Where You Are"**. Dive deep into the plan and purpose God has for your life and take the next step in your journey of faith alongside a small group community.

MARCH 10-12 | ST. JAMES PARISH (IN THE CHURCH)

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MEN'S

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JOIN THE JOURNEY RETREAT

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02.26.23

RENEW YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST

EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY
AS A SON OF GOD

JOIN YOUR BROTHERS
IN CHRIST

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MORE INFO OR TO
REGISTER



SAINT JAMES PARISH
MEN OF SAINT JAMES

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Golf, Sunshine, Warmth & Fun

It's never too early or too cold to start thinking about golf. The St. James Women's Golf league is looking for regular and substitute players for our Friday morning league. We play nine holes every Friday morning, starting at 8:15 a.m., from May 5 through September 29, at Arlington Lakes Golf Club. So dust off those golf clubs, polish up those golf shoes and contact Sue at 847-767-1388 or email smgarlic@yahoo.com for further information. We would love to have you join us.



Serving God's Children

The Open Doors Ministry is seeking volunteers to serve as mentors for students with disabilities. Positions are open during Religious Education classes on Tuesday nights and at EDGE Middle School Ministry meetings on Sunday afternoons.

Please contact Open Doors Ministry Coordinator Kathryn Coughlin, kcoughlin@stjamesah.org, if you're interested.



STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School
June 12-15
9:00-12:00
June 16
5:00-7:00



Consider joining the Vacation Bible School Team

Join this fun and vibrant team, and you will enjoy getting to spend a high energy week with the children and teens of our parish!

Adult Leadership Opportunities

- Co-Director
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Sing & Play/ Stage Leader
- All-STAR Games Leader
- Adult Crew Leaders

Need more info!?!?

Contact- stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



St. James Middle School Broadway Bulldogs Presents

Seussical JR.



Friday, February 17 @ 7pm
 Saturday, February 18 @ 7pm
 Sunday, February 19 @ 2pm
 Tickets are \$10

For tickets, please scan or visit www.stjamestheatre.org



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN *info night* FEB. 9, 2023 | 7PM

Join us for an informative evening to learn more about St. James School preschool and kindergarten programs and offerings.

Parents will meet in the SJS library at 7pm where they will be greeted by Dr. Kendrick, then welcomed into our preschool and kindergarten rooms for Q&A and teacher presentation.

	PREK3	PREK4
MWF Full Day	✓	✓
MWF Half Day	✓	✓
M-F Full Day	✓	✓
M-F Half Day	✓	✓



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
8:30-9:30AM@SJS

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IS SKYROCKETING!
 Join us to learn more about our out-of-this-world Kindergarten program at St. James School.

You and your child will be welcomed into the classroom where parents and children will meet our teachers, do activities together and learn more about how Kindergarten is experienced at St. James School.

Scan here or register online



St. James School | 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004 | www.StJamesSchoolAH.org

PARISH UPDATES



SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Montague, MI
June 18-24

Incoming 9th grade and older

Puerto Rico
June 18-24

Incoming 11th grade and older

<https://www.stjamesah.org/summer-mission-trips>



LIFETEEN THIS MONTH

Grades 9-12 | Laramie Room
Sundays from 6-8 pm

Feb. 5: LifeTeen Night

Feb. 12 (12:30-2pm): Super Bowl Pre-Game

Feb. 26: Life Teen Vigil

<https://www.stjamesah.org/lifeteen-registration>



**St. James Parish
welcomes 9x Grammy
nominee and a 5x GMA
Dove Award winner,
Matt Maher**

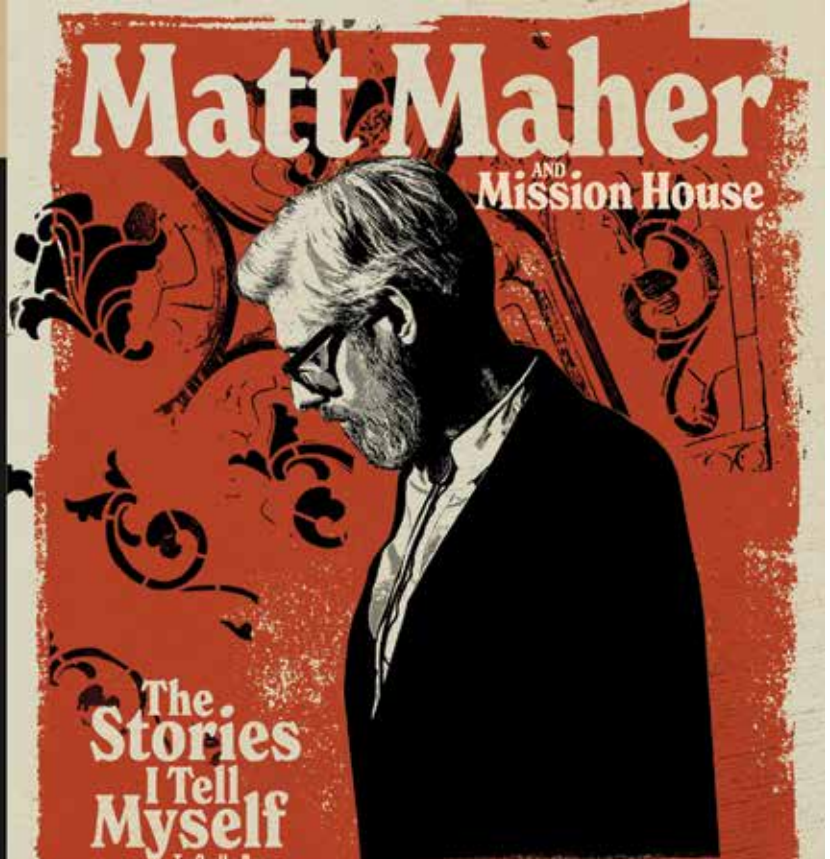
MARCH 11, 2023

ST. JAMES PARISH

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RENEW MY CHURCH SUMMARY



Dear St. James Parishioners,

During the last two months of 2022, our parish participated in the Renew My Church (RMC) process. We were grouped with St. Mary in Buffalo Grove, St. Joseph the Worker in Wheeling, St. Edna, and Our Lady of the Wayside, both in Arlington Heights. To culminate the meeting phase of the process Fr. Ed and part of our Evangelization

Team met with the Chief Operating

Officer of the Archdiocese, as well as Bishop Casey.

There will be no changes because of the RMC process for our grouping. No schools will be closing, and no parishes will be combining with other parishes. Our RMC process was more dedicated to sharing best practices within the group and identifying strengths and opportunities in our respective parishes. The strengths and opportunities were broken down to Operational and Ministerial.

St. James' Operational Strengths

- Quality staff dedicated to missionary discipleship
- Strong financial base
- Quality physical structures

St. James' Operational Opportunities

- Managing high volume of incoming community contacts
- Maximizing the use of our physical structures
- Refining utilization of staff talent
- Increasing enrollment in our school

St. James' Ministerial Strengths

- Quality ministry leads
- Quantity of priests in residence
- Amount of opportunities for Adoration & Confession

St. James' Ministerial Opportunities

- Engaging all families after sacramental celebrations
- Inviting the parish community to return to Mass & prayer
- Teaching the Kerygma through parish and school events
- Evangelizing during the preparation period leading up to baptisms and marriages

The RMC Team also inspected our physical structures. I am pleased to say that our facilities all were found to be in "above average" condition. Nevertheless, the Archdiocesan RMC team made maintenance recommendations to be addressed anywhere from immediately to seven years out. Because we have taken such good care of our facilities, the recommended maintenance for our physical structures over the next several years will cost approximately \$2,000,000. We had already identified many of the projects before the RMC process began. In fact, some of the work was already accomplished this past fall.

The Archdiocesan RMC Team showed interest in the efforts that we are putting forth here at St. James. Looking at the numbers (in Mass attendance, celebrations of baptisms, funerals, marriages, annual collections, and school enrollment) we are faring better than the U.S. Catholic Church. We stand out in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This is happening because of the efforts continually put forth by the parish community at-large. Let's continue to focus our lives around developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones,

Deacon Matthew M. Hahn

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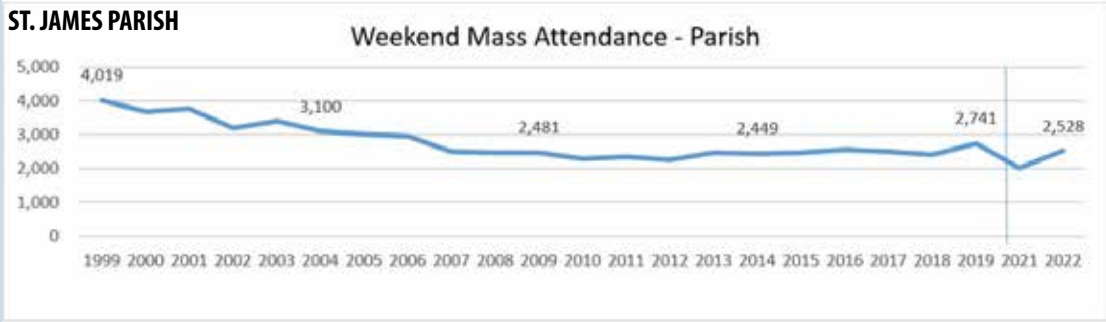
US CATHOLIC CHURCH STATS

- Catholic marriages are down 55% since 1990
- Baptisms went from 986,000 to 694,000 (-30%)
- 1 in 5 children baptized do not receive 1st communion
- 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed
- 85% of children confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 21

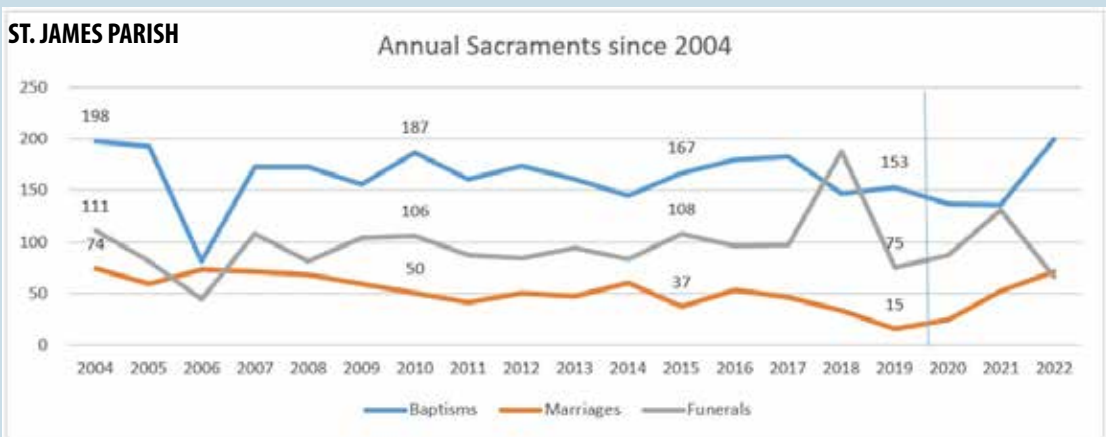
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO STATS

- 35% decline in Mass attendance 1999 to 2019: 195,000+ fewer people attend Mass each Sunday compared to 20 years ago. Covid led to an additional 37% decline between Oct. 2019 and May 2022.
- Significant population shifts: Areas of Chicago that were once predominantly Catholic with a parish for each ethnic group now have fewer people and fewer Catholics but often the same number of facilities as in the past.
- Fewer priests to serve our communities: More than 160 priests will reach retirement age in the next decade with fewer priests being ordained per year (4 of the next 5 years will have 3 or fewer ordinations, the other year will have a maximum of 7 ordinations) to replace them.
- An aging infrastructure: Many parishes are significantly under-investing in building repairs, leading to facility challenges that take time and resources away from ministry.
- Insufficient resources to invest in ministry: Prior to RMC parish consolidations, over 40% of parishes in the archdiocese did not have a full-time staff member dedicated to ministry except for the priest.

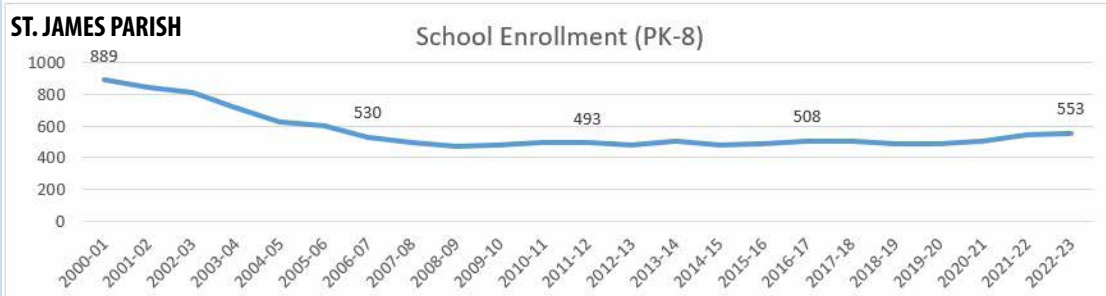
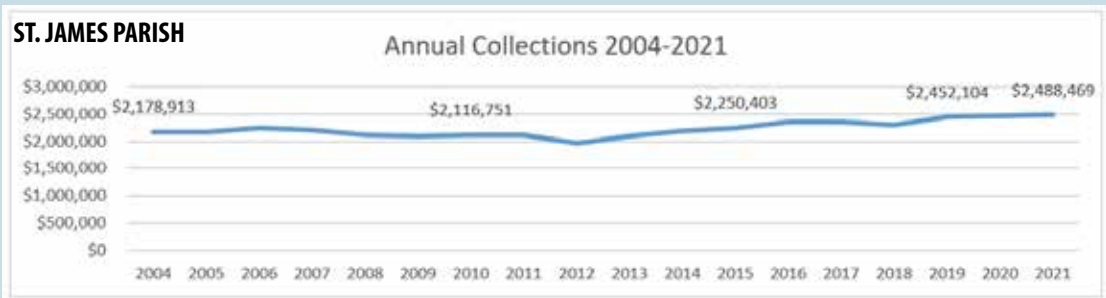
RENEW MY CHURCH - OUR PARISH STATS



- Mass attendance from 1999 to 2019 declined approximately 32%, lower than the overall archdiocesan decline.
- Mass attendance from 2019 to 2022 (i.e. pre Covid to through Covid) declined ~8%, a much smaller decline than the average across the archdiocese.



- Baptisms remain very high relative to the average of 46 per parish across the archdiocese (in 2019).
- Marriages are also higher than the archdiocesan average of 8 per parish (in 2019).
- The parish historically has had ~3x the number of funerals than the archdiocesan average of 29 per parish with a healthy ratio of baptisms to funerals.



OUR PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Eleanor Grant
Thomas Swieca
Fr. Eric Meyer
Fr. Charles Watkins
James Lee

Please Pray for Our Sick

Pam Haerr
Margaret Trettenbach
M.J. Healy

Rose for Life

Donated by the Blomquist Family in loving memory of Mary Angela Arens on the 16th anniversary of her death.

Recent Baptisms

Logan Joseph Colmone, child of
Joe Colmone and Kathleen (Hudson) Colmone
Roman Robert Cozzini, child of
Alexander Cozzini and Lauren (Vance) Cozzini
Calliope Joan Kotsadam, child of
Christos Kotsadam and Ann (Fesl) Kotsadam
Connor Joseph McGuire, child of
Patrick McGuire and Cynthia (Dublin) McGuire
William James Stretz, child of
Frank Stretz and Anne (Sheilds) Stretz

Celebrant Schedule, Feb. 11-12

5:00 Fr. Paul Stein
7:00 Fr. Paul Stein
8:30 Fr. Paul Stein
10:00 Fr. Paul Barwikowski
11:30 Fr. Paul Barwikowski
5:00 Fr. Paul Barwikowski

Readings for the Week of February 5

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 4

5:00 Casimer Kozlowski

Sun., Feb. 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Lester Stanley Dickinson, Jr. (1st Anniv.)
James Connell
8:30 For the people of the parish
10:00 Bob & Andy Jarosz
Roland Ley
Jeff Tiske
Theresa Losch
11:30 Raymond B. Votzmeyer
George Allard
William Reilly ♦
Karolina Weich

Mon., Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Mary T. Womeldorf (1st Anniv.)
Marcin Bukowski
Patricia Dasso
Elizabeth Lyman
Helena Jochaniewicz
John F. Kordek
Mabel Preiss
Deceased Members of the Grib Family
Luther D. Avancena

Tues., Feb. 7

Cathy Colleran (1st Anniv.)

Wed., Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Sr. Mary Ann Lechner
Zbigniew Karas (1st Anniv.)
Robert Lyman (7th Anniv.)
Matthew Lombardi
Norman Cooper
Charles McLaughlin, Sr.

Thurs., Feb. 9

Margaret M. Klauke (1st Anniv.)
Gayle Pacelli (5th Anniv.)

Fri., Feb. 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin

Sumpski

Sat., Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

Angela Glynn
Chie Johnson

♦ indicates living

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

PARISH UPDATES

SELECTED 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. sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. stjameslandf@gmail.com

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. tsherva@gmail.com

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

Parish Pastoral Council serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit. PPC@stjamesah.org

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@astound.net

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. parishoffice@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

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Job Opening, Office Manager – Sisters of the Living Word
Our client, a religious community with over 45 years of advocacy, seeks an Office Manager.

- Part time position with our client, Sisters of the Living Word.
- Flexible hours and hybrid office environment.
- See how your contributions affect the lives of those served.
- Work collaboratively with the Finance Director and Congregation leadership.
- Visit www.slw.org for more information.

How You'll Contribute:

- Manage operational system for the community including contract services, insurance, benefits, legal, etc.
- Manage the financials including daily, monthly and yearly transactions.
- Manage benefits administration, process payroll, maintain job descriptions and other policy administration.
- First point of contact with outsource accounting firm, staff and volunteers.

About You:

- Committed to supporting the organization's mission.
- 5+ years of broad accounting/office management experience.
- Experience with Microsoft Office and QuickBooks software.
- Ability to manage people, skills and deadlines simultaneously.

To apply, please send your resume to mcherry@millercooper.com

Young Adult Ministry Presents "Winter Wine Series"

All young adults are invited to learn from wonderful speakers while sharing fellowship. ID required for those 21+.

List of Events: February 1 from 7-9 pm, "Theology of the Body" with Dr. Melanie Barrett at St. Hubert in Hoffman Estates.

◆ February 8 from 7-9 pm, "Your Mental Health and Prayer Life" with Sister Laura Toth at St. Julian in Elk Grove Village.

◆ February 15 from 7-9 pm, "Preparing for Lent" with Fr. Rob Ryan at St. Joseph the Worker in Wheeling. There will be a raffle at each event. Featured prize is a free tour of Lynfred Winery in Wheeling. All proceeds and donations will go to Revived Soldiers Ukraine. The Young Adult Ministry-NW serves those in their 20s and 30s within Northwest Cook County.

DON'T FALL BEHIND

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

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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.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel - 6:00 am - 8:00 pm daily; 24 hours a day for committed adorers with access code. adoration@stjamesah.org

TO STAY UP TO DATE AND BE INSPIRED DAILY

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