

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# A MESSAGE FROM...

## Today's Readings

#### **First Reading:**

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

#### **Psalm:**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

#### **Second Reading:**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

#### **Gospel:**

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow." (Mt 13:3)



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## "When we accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense."

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure.

This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before.

He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist? No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit.

However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense.

When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir <sub>©LPi</sub>

### PARISH NEWS



# Please join us for HOSPITALITY

**TODAY** After A.M. Masses | Coffee & Donuts | Laramie Room

with your fellow parishioners over a cup of coffee and a donut.

FIRST JESUS THEN COFFEE



## Morning of Recollection

### Wednesday, July 19

On the third Wednesday of each month, a Morning of Recollection for women is provided here at St. James in the church.

On Wednesday, July 19, please join us at 10 a.m. for meditations, reconciliation, and Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

This time of prayer helps deepen the connection between life and faith in an atmosphere of quiet reflection.

For any questions please email: Knorrhouse7@gmail.com

"May you seek Christ. May you find Christ. May you love Christ."

–St. Josemaria Escriva



Take advantage of weekly opportunities for the

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays – 6:00 - 7:00 pm Saturdays – 8:00 - 9:00 am following daily Mass

## COME SEE THE MUSICAL



AINT JAMES PARISH





Tickets are still available for Saint James' summer musical, Big Fish. Show dates are July 13-23.

With a cast of over fifty actors, this high energy, larger than life tale is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Please see the St. James Theatre website to purchase tickets. www.stjamestheatre.org







## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## ST. JAMES TEENS 8TH-12TH GRADE

- ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CAREER IN EDUCATION OR A RELATED FIELD?
- DO YOU ENJOY HELPING CHILDREN LEARN?
- DO YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH IN SERVICE?

# COME, VOLUNTEER & JOIN OUR TEAM!

Religious Education serves students Kindergarten-5th grade on 2-3 Tuesday afternoons September-April.

There are many opportunities to be involved, and all teens will be partnered with adult mentors/teachers.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact Bethany Larson blarson@stjamesah.org 224-345-7152



## Registration is Open until July 31, 2023

### What's happening in Religious Education 2023-2024?

- Now accepting students in KINDERGARTEN-5th Grade!
- Tuesday Afternoon/Evening Sessions: 4:30pm-5:45pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm
- Homeschool Option with family formation & community engagement
- · Family Faith Nights: engaging activities for the whole family
- Joyful Noise: whole-group assemblies & fun projects

## REGISTER BY 7/31/23 to secure your place in Religious Education this year! more information at stjamesah.org/children

## FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

St. James event series continues at the Arlington Ale House

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

Don't miss the last two inspirational talks this summer. **July 26** - Jon Blevins **August 9** - Bishop Grob As a thank you, we'll be covering your first drink!









Are you a Catholic woman seeking to grow in your faith and connect with women of all ages and stages as your schedule allows?

# Join the Women of St. James Ministry!

The Women of St. James (WOSJ) is a community of Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing our faith through sisterhood and service.

The 2023-24 WOSJ Ministry Year kicks off in August with Small Group meetings beginning in September. Register or learn more today.

Use the QR code, visit bit.ly/3NqCE4u or email WOSJministryleads@gmail.com



Save the Date! WOSJ Membership Weekend August 5 & 6 after Mass

Already a member of WOSJ? Be sure to confirm your registration with your small group leader. Dues will be collected in August.



## YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

## SAVE THE DATE



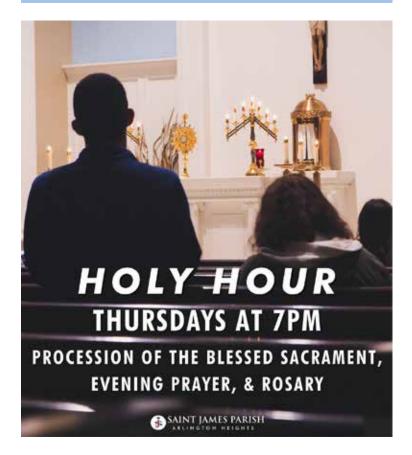




## 29TH ANNUAL ST. JAMES JUBILATION GALA!

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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### **Moms Plus** *St. James' group for all moms*



We are Moms Plus, part of the Women of St. James Ministry. A group of both new and experienced moms, we gather once a month to have conversations and learn fmore about our faith.

During the school year we meet on Friday mornings. Babysitting during our meetings is available to help you rest and recharge. We bring in speakers to talk on faith-based topics and plan social events consisting of opportunities for the kids to play and the moms to socialize.

Our group currently numbers 15, but we would love to expand to include more women. Tamara Hoffman and Lauren Alpert-Zeunik are the leaders for this upcoming year, and they warmly welcome all women to join.

If you would like to join the ministry you can reach out to us at **momsplus@stjamesah.org**.

## **REGISTER NOW**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Grades 2-5 Tuesdays 5:45-6:30

CELESTIAL VOICES Grades 6-8 Wednesdays 3:45-4:45



Contact: Natalie Conseur sjkidssing@stjamesah.org

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BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

## MINISTRY NOTES

## **The Grief Support** Ministry



The St. James Grief Support group meets twice a month for comfortable conversation with people going through the same changes in their lives after a loss.

We are a small group who meet on the first and third Saturday of the month at 11:30 - once a month at a restaurant for a friendly lunch and once a month in the parish office for a more constructive meeting.

This group started two and a half years ago. Our spiritual leader is Deacon Johnny Burnett. We welcome new members from St. James as well as other local parishes who are looking for support. We have a grief counselor available if needed.

Our email is griefsupport@stjamesah.org. Ministry Leader Mary Jean Jarosz will be happy to contact all who are interested.

Ut Vitam Habeant

SAINT JAMES PARISH RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY That They Might Have Life \$

## Memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne ~ July 26, 2023 Parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus



We pray for all infertile couples, like Sts. Joachim and Anne, to trust Our Lord and the plan He has for you. We pray that God will hear your prayers, and, if it be God's will, you will be able to welcome a child into your family.



- Pray a Novena to Sts. Joachim and Anne from July 17-25 https://www.usccb.org/resources/Sts%20Anne%20and%20Joachim%20Novena.pdf
- See: https://www.respectlife.org/navigating-infertility
- Also, https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning July 23-29 is National Family Planning Awareness Week

## **OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

#### **In Loving Memory**

Sondra Yasger

#### **Please Pray for Our Sick**

Gene O'Neill Norine Naselli Marilyn McIlveen

#### **Rose for Life**

In loving memory of Helen and Helen Marie Bailitz

#### **Recent Baptisms**

Niamh Elizabeth Hansen, child of Sean Hansen and Tori (Shields) Hansen

Miriel Saya Harrington, child of Aziz Harrington and Ayako (Yabe) Harrington

Eleanor Kannon Harrington, child of Aziz Harrington and Ayako (Yabe) Harrington

Olivia Rin Harrington, child of Aziz Harrington and Ayako (Yabe) Harrington

Evelyn Astrid Steiner, child of Erik Steiner and Maria Graciela Franzwa

Florentina Violet Caputo, child of Marco Caputo and Amber (Haanpaa) Caputo

Rory Scott Durrett, child of Thomas Durrett and Nicole (Strauch) Durrett

Oliver Hendrix Durrett, child of Thomas Durrett and Nicole (Strauch) Durrett

Camille Louise Wilk, child of Adam Wilk and Erica (Lee) Wilk

#### **Wedding Banns**

I.	Nick Baur and Meghan Griffin (August 5)
II.	Scott Pyes and Cadie O'Connor (July 29)
III.	Vincent Napoli and Barbara Polan (July 22)
III.	Kevin McMahon and Kristen Abrahamson (July 22)

#### **Readings for the Week of July 16**

Sunday:	ls 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23		
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1		
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24		
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27		
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30		
Friday:	Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8		
Saturday:	Sg 3:1-4b/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18		
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43		

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday,	-		
5:00	Richard Carey		
	uly 16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:00	Kevin James Houlihan		
8:30	Catherine Lyons		
	John Schliessmann		
	Isidro Perez		
10:00	Roland Ley		
	John Flynn		
	Richard Carey		
	Sandy Yasgar 🛇		
11:30	For the people of the parish		
5:00	Florence Pecksaw		
Monday, J	-		
7:30	Meggan McDermott		
	Eleanor Whitehead (1st Anniv.)		
	Marcin Bukowski		
	Loretta Lang		
	Marge McGrath		
	John Flynn		
12:00	John F. Kordek		
	Ron Bruett		
Tuesday, J	July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest		
7:30	Joseph Kirwan		
	Jeffrey Helminski		
	John Flynn		
	ay, July 19		
7:30	Rosanna Glueckert		
	Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.		
	John Flynn		
Thursday,	July 20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr		
7:30	Joseph Kirwan		
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Friday, Jui 7:30	ly 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi		
	Clarance Trampf		
Rev. Edward Tomasiewicz			
	Henry Blazej		
	Caroline Mangiamele		
Saturday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene			

#### $\Diamond$ Indicates Living

## PARISH INFORMATION & UPDATES

# DON'T FALL BEHIND

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

#### 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. **sjearthshepherds@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** 

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

**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. **tsherva@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** 

SCAN HERE TO

**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** 

**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 anyone 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. All requests kept confidential.

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** 

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

#### St. Edna Weekend Fest, July 21-23

Save the dates! St. Edna Parish (2525 N. Arlington Heights Road) hosts a weekend of entertainment. • Friday, July 21: **BINGO** in the Parish Center • Saturday, July 22: **Outdoor Fest** & **Children's Zone** including the "Magic of Gary Kantor," 5-6:30 pm. **Music** by Joe DeLuca. **"Oh Yes" in concert**, 7-10 pm. • Sunday, July 23: outdoor **Christian music** concert featuring **The Scally Brothers**, 6-7:15 pm. The Weekend Fest will be held rain or shine. Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Day of Reflection, July 27

God in All Things, People, and Places: The Beauty of Ignatian Imagination. Led by Angela Alaimo O'Donnell, PhD. Thursday, July 27at St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 West Roosevelt Road in Chicago. Registration is \$40 per person. Mass starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by presentation & buffet lunch. The day will include time for reflection and discussion.

Visit www.ivcusa.org/chicago to register for this event.



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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, 7:30 am

Monday & Wednesday, Noon

### **Parish Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday** 9:00 am - 8:30 pm **Friday** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm **Saturday & Sunday** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### **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

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL



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

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