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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# A MESSAGE FROM...

## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

### Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

### Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

### Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30)



"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

~ Matthew 13:30

Dear Friends,

As we listen to the readings this summer, we are treated to numerous agricultural images in the passages from Matthew's Gospel. One of the common themes is God's desire for us. The Bible shows that he is equipping us to live as his faithful disciples, even in the face of temptation, distractions and sin around us and often within us.

He equips us in several ways. One is in the power of the Word of God; as the Book of Hebrews states, "the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). Also in the power of the sacraments, first through Baptism, which transforms us into children of a loving Father, and then through the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ in our midst.

God also equips us in the Church, in

which the presence of the Holy Spirit dwells and animates us, and in the Apostolic teaching which has been handed down to us.

Origen, a great Father of the Church, wrote, "The angels and servants of the Word will gather from the kingdom of Christ all things that cause a stumbling block to souls, which they will scatter and burn."

"God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



## MINISTRY NEWS

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 2023-24 WOSJ Ministry Year kicks off in August with Small Group meetings beginning in September.

*Register or learn more today!*

Scan the QR Code, visit [bit.ly/3NqCE4u](https://bit.ly/3NqCE4u) or email [WOSJministryleads@gmail.com](mailto:WOSJministryleads@gmail.com)



### WOSJ Annual Backpack & School Supply Collection for Marillac Social Center

**Saturday, August 5**

**1-3 p.m. St. James School parking lot**  
*This is a drive-through drop-off event.*

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Backpacks (no wheels)
- Crayons, Markers, Pencils, Colored Pencils
- White Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue Sticks
- Two Pocket Folders
- Pink Erasers
- 12" Ruler
- 5" Pointed Scissors
- 4 Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Black Pens, Highlighters
- Wide-Ruled Loose Leaf Paper



Give a full backpack or just a few supplies. Monetary Donations also accepted. Make checks out to Marillac House. Contact Barbara Heitzman at [bheitzman@comcast.net](mailto:bheitzman@comcast.net) for more info.

## Moms Plus Ministry

*A Catholic Group for All Moms*

Moms Plus meetings provide an atmosphere of faith, friendship and fun. New and experienced moms gather to share the ups and downs of the blessed (and sometimes hectic) journey of motherhood.

We meet on Friday mornings (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) and have babysitting available to help you get a little time to rest and recharge.

#### This Year's Meeting Dates:

August 25 ~ September 8 and 29 ~ October 20 ~ November 17  
December 8 ~ January 19 ~ February 9 and 23 ~ March 8 and 22  
April 5 and 19 ~ May 10



**Mark your calendar and come as you are – no RSVP needed!**  
**Meetings take place in the lower level of St. James Church.**

**Questions? Reach out to Moms Plus at [momsplus@stjamesah.org](mailto:momsplus@stjamesah.org).**



## MINISTRY NEWS

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated yearly to bring focus to people sometimes relegated to the margins of society, to celebrate them, recognize their worth and contributions, and to encourage acts that favor them.

These words from Sirach [44:1,7,10-15], though commemorating the deceased, draw attention to this generation of elders who have paved the way – mentoring, teaching, sharing wisdom and sacrificing to make life better for others. May we honor them by working to ensure their dignity and advocating for policies that benefit them.



*"I will now praise the godly, our ancestors, in their own time;  
All these were glorious in their time, each illustrious in their day.  
Yet these also were godly; their virtues have not been forgotten.  
Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants;  
Through God's covenant their family endures, and their offspring for their sake.  
And for all time their progeny will endure, their glory will never be blotted out;  
Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on and on."*

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.  
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE



## PADS Overnight Shelter Reopening This Fall

### **Volunteers are needed to serve the unhoused in our area.**

After being closed as an overnight shelter during Covid, there is a need to reopen the doors of the church to the vulnerable and unhoused in the area. The renovation of St. James Church was thoughtfully outfitted to offer a soft place to land on a weekly basis from October through April. We are grateful to be able to offer showers, laundry, and warm meals. This is only possible with consistent, generous support from the community.

St. James PADS will reopen October 2023. We are in need of many volunteers this season. If you worked with PADS in the past, please come back and continue to nourish the spirit of those in need and mentor new volunteers. If you have not volunteered before, please join one of our volunteer teams, and check with your

friends to see if you would like to work together on a shift. Many parishioners and others in the community have formed lifelong bonds with their fellow volunteers through this program. Serving others is a connection like no other. The commitment can be as small as four hours per month or as often as you are available.

**Shift Volunteers** work on either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Wednesday of the month covering 4-5 hour shifts from 7:00 pm -7:00 am. During this time the volunteers monitor and serve the needs of the guests with showers, sleeping arrangements and laundry. Shift Volunteers must be 18 or older, or 16 with a parent. New volunteers will have access to a brief training.

**Food Teams** sign up for either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Wednesday of the month to provide and/or serve warm dinner for the guests (signing up to drop off either an entrée, side, or dessert from a given menu).

There will be additional opportunities for small groups, scouts, youth groups, community groups, teams, ministries, etc.

To sign up to volunteer with PADS, please follow this link or scan the code below:  
**<https://forms.gle/YQSF94LvCefN584C8>**

For questions contact:  
st.james.pads@gmail.com

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

~ Matthew 25:44-45





## 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](mailto:blarson@stjamesah.org)  
224-345-7152



# **St. James**

## Religious Education

## **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](http://stjamesah.org/children)**

# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## In Loving Memory

Marilyn McIlveen

## Please pray for our sick

Gene O'Neill  
Norine Naselli

## Rose for Life

Marilee Cripe in loving memory of her husband, Lawrence, and son, Tim, on their birthday, July 29th.

## Recent Baptisms

Peter Olechno, child of  
Patrick Olechno and Agnieszka (Zielinski) Olechno  
David Paul Chidalek, child of  
Abraham Chidalek & Sarah (Edwards) Chidalek  
Micaela Rose Sedwitz, child of  
John Sedwitz and Christina (Trupiano) Sedwitz  
Owen Francis Magee, child of  
Patrick Magee and Lauren (Cirone) Magee  
Collins June Donahue, child of  
Peter Donahue and Jaclyn (Concialdi) Donahue  
Emma Grace Weller, child of  
Kyle Weller and Caitlin (Donahue) Weller

## Wedding Banns

II. Nick Baur and Meghan Griffin (August 5)  
III. Scott Pyes and Cadie O'Connor (July 29)

## Celebrant Schedule, July 29-30

5:00	Fr. Ed
7:00	Fr. Paul
8:30	Fr. Paul
10:00	Fr. Ed
11:30	Fr. Ed
5:00	Fr. Paul

## Readings for the Week of July 23

<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00	Patricia Gensler
8:30	John Schliessmann
10:00	Roland Ley Richard Carey
11:30	Carl William Gilmore
5:00	For the people of the parish

### Monday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest

7:30	Marcin Bukowski Jack Coyle Fred Barth John F. Kordek
12:00	Jeanette Kopstain

### Tuesday, July 25 St. James, Apostle

7:30	Kathy Wilhite Nicholas Michas Marlene Wenderski
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### Wednesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne

7:30	Deceased members of Houlihan & Moran families George Weber Catherine Lyons (16th Anniv.) Lorraine Kelly
12:00	Bob Malatt

### Thursday, July 27

7:30	Philip Krueger
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### Friday, July 28

7:30	The mother of Ian Bradley
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### Saturday, July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:30	George McAndrews Donald Powers
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## PARISH INFORMATION & UPDATES

# DON'T FALL BEHIND

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

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### SELECT PARISH MINISTRIES

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[sjearthshepherds@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:griefsupport@stjamesah.org)

**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.

[stjameslandf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ministryofpraise@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](mailto:stecstan@sbcglobal.net)

**Parish Pastoral Council** serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit. [PPC@stjamesah.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mschoney@astound.net)

**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](mailto:wheelstoworship@stjamesah.org)

### COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY S.J. AND OTHER LOCAL PARISHES

All are invited to join in the Friends of the Poor "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" event, Saturday, September 23. This run/walk will benefit St. Vincent de Paul and outreach ministries for St. James, Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Edna parishes.

The run starts and ends at 434 West Park Street, Arlington Heights. The ministries of these parishes aide parishioners and those residing within the parish boundaries with support during difficult economic times. Please help contribute to this effort by participating in our event on Saturday, September 23.

- Kids Dash free for 10 and under starts at 7:45 am.
- 5K run or 1-mile walk starts at 8:00 am.
- Individuals and families are welcome.
- Registration can be found at <https://bit.ly/2021WalkForPoor>
- Early bird pricing ends September 10, 2023.

- There are no refunds.
- The event may be canceled due to inclement weather or emergency.
- Contributions are welcome to Give Central from those unable to join us at the event.

For more information ask for Patricia Porzezinski at 847-253-5353 X398 or e-mail [officeservices@olwparish.org](mailto:officeservices@olwparish.org).



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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

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