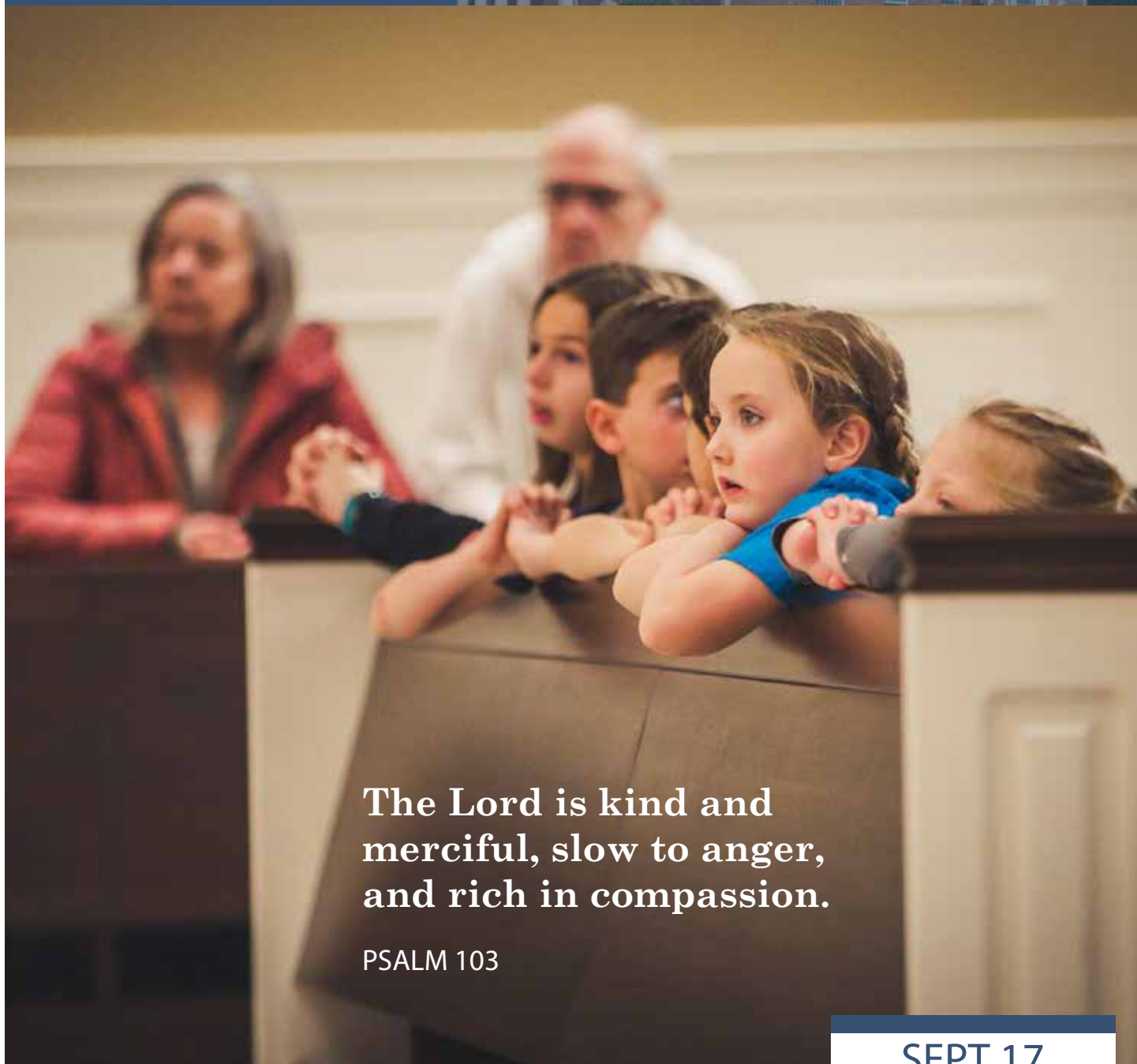




SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



The Lord is kind and
merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.

PSALM 103

SEPT 17

2023

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A MESSAGE FROM...

Today's Readings

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

(Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

(Ps 103)

Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

(Rom 14:7-8)

Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

(Mt 18:21-22)



"Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults."

~ Sirach 28:7

Dear Friends,

These words from the Book of Sirach, and the words of the parable from Matthew's Gospel: "Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:35) are some of the most challenging in the whole of the Gospels.

Does Jesus really expect us to forgive those who have hurt us – sometimes grievously? Well, apparently, yes. How hard it is to hear these words from Jesus himself. In my life, I have encountered people who have been exceedingly cruel. I don't want to forgive them. I am sure that I have offended people, and they surely don't want to forgive me.

But Jesus is calling us to another way. This is the tough part. If we do not forgive, we allow the Enemy to claim a place in our hearts where resentment and anger can take root and dominate our thoughts and emotions.

The Lord wishes that we be free of that. Handing all of this righteous anger over to Jesus and asking for freedom from this pain can be a start to interior freedom, where we can encounter the Lord's love more fully.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

P.S. We welcome Father Rocky, a priest from India and a friend of Fr. Joji, to speak to us today about his work and his need for our support.

P.P.S. I remember my wonderful uncle, Fr. Thomas Garvey, S.C.J., whose 92nd birthday would be today. He died suddenly in India in December 2002. He was a large part of my vocation to the priesthood. RIP

LITURGY AND FAITH FORMATION



It's the End of the World as We Know It

Bible Study: The Book of Revelation

With Fr. Paul

Mondays after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am

September 25 – December 11

Laramie Room

No registration needed, just bring your Bible!

HOSPITALITY

Weekend!

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



After morning Masses this Sunday, September 17,
come enjoy coffee and donuts while learning more about two amazing St. James ministries:
our St. Vincent de Paul Society and
our Music Ministry!



Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16

STORYTELLERS, MUSICIANS & STEWARDS OF THE FAITH

DOUG AND DAVE

PRESENT A CATECHETICAL COMEDY FOR ALL AGES

2023 FALL FAITH TOUR

SEPT. 19 MASS CONFUSION @ ST. JAMES *(Arlington Heights, IL)*
SEPT. 20 MASS CONFUSION @ ST. RAYMOND *(Mount Prospect, IL)*
SEPT. 21 THE FAITH WE LIVE @ ST. THERESA *(Palatine, IL)*

ALL SHOWS START AT 6:30 P.M. CT

DOUGANDDAVESHOW.COM

FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Young adults are invited to Mass and fellowship on Wednesday, September 27 starting at 6:00 pm in the church.

MASS & MEETUP YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39

Reconciliation & Holy Hour

A New Schedule

Beginning the week of October 8, a schedule change will take place.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Moving from Tues. to Thurs. at 6:00 pm
- Begins October 12
- No confessions on October 10
- Reconciliation still available Sat. 8:00 am

Holy Hour

- Remains on Thurs.
- New 6:00 pm start time begins Oct. 12
- Confessions will be heard during Holy Hour

COME AND SERVE THE KING OF KINGS

Altar Server Training
for new servers rising
grades 4 through 12
September 19 at 4:00 pm

or

September 26 at 4:00 pm

Contact Deacon Hahn
mhahn@stjamesah.org
for more information and to sign up.



SAINT JAMES PARISH
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

PARISH UPDATES

SAINT JAMES
LIFE TEEN

see you at kickoff

18:00
Sunday, September 17

EDGE
6-8th grade

Corey May
EDGE KICK OFF IS ON
SEPT 10 AT 3PM

Christina Hudson
TEXT STJAMESLT TO
84576 FOR UPDATES

[HTTPS://WWW.STJAMESAH.ORG/LIFETEEN-REGISTRATION](https://www.stjamesah.org/lifeteen-registration)

It's a
Wonderful Life
JUBILATION 2023

Let's come together as a parish to support our church, school, and numerous ministries & non-profit organizations close to our community's heart!

NOV 4 | **LINCOLNSHIRE**
SATURDAY | **MARRIOTT**

6PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION | 7:30 DINNER, AUCTION, & DANCING
BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

7TH HEAVEN WILL BE OUR EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

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OCTOBER 3
NOVEMBER 14
JANUARY 16
FEBRUARY 6
APRIL 25

A monthly opportunity for dinner followed by formation and prayer for the whole family.
From 5-7pm at the church

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN



Join us for St. James'
SENIOR LUNCH
Wednesday, September 20
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Laramie Room
Speaker: Father Michael Grzesik
RSVP to Theresa
224-345-7213 or
tstorto@stjamesah.org



Over 50 Group Oktoberfest

September 28

Autumn is the time of year when we celebrate Oktoberfest. So what better way to welcome the season than to enjoy a wonderful German feast complete with music and entertainment, sponsored by the Schwaben Center.

Location:

Grove Banquets
301 Weiland Road
Buffalo Grove

Date/Time:

Thursday, September 28 starting at 11:30 a.m.

Cost:

\$23 to be paid in advance
(Cash bar available at venue)

Reservations required: Mary Jo - 847-259-3560

or

Stjamesclub@yahoo.com

Drop checks off at Parish Center **by September 20**,
made out to St James Church, with
"Over 50 Oktoberfest" in the memo section.



Feast Day September 21

"The account of the Conversion of St. Matthew (Mt. 9:9) is a literary and theological masterpiece. It subtly yet powerfully tells the story of the conversion of Matthew from tax collector to disciple.

The call, the response, the rising up to a new form of existence, the radical re-creation of a human being, the primacy of grace, the introduction into a life of celebration: all of it is on display. Enter into this story, for it is yours."

- Bishop Robert Barron

MINISTRY UPDATES



SAINT JAMES PARISH
MUSIC MINISTRY

JOIN CELESTIAL VOICES

Grades 6-8

Celestial Voices Highlights, 2023-24

Sunday, October 8..... Sing at 8:30 am Mass
 Sunday, November 5..... Sing at 8:30 am Mass
 Saturday, December 2.....Sing at Advent Concert
 Sunday, December 3..... Sing at 8:30 am Mass
 Sunday, December 24..... Sing at 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
 Saturday, February 24..... Choral Festival, Holy Name Cathedral

Share your child's gift.

No experience necessary. All are welcome



stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration/



Questions? Contact Natalie Conseur
sjkidssing@stjamesah.org



September is... Suicide Awareness Month



SAINT JAMES PARISH
MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Know the signs & what to do

Is someone you love talking about not wanting to live? Have you noticed changes in their behavior that are causing you to worry they may be contemplating suicide?

There is help for them and for you.

Being there for them and telling them you care is the first step.

Don't be afraid to ask directly if they are thinking about suicide.

Check out afsp.org for ways to start the conversation.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT

There is help out there

Are you or a loved one in a crisis? Call or text 988 or text TALK to 741741

Call Ascension Behavior Health in Arlington Heights to speak to a professional to discuss next steps:
 847-952-7460

QPR - Question Persuade Refer Suicide Prevention Training: qprinstitute.com

Suicide Prevention
Apps for your phone:



Dealing with loss

Catholic Charities offers the LOSS program: (312) 655-7283

The Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers has a new video series, book & other spiritual supports on their website:

[catholicmhm.org/
whenalovedonediesbysuicide](http://catholicmhm.org/whenalovedonediesbysuicide)



SHARING OUR FAITH

Grandparents' Day Prayer

We thank you for our grandparents who have played such an important role in our lives. We remember with joy all of the time spent together doing simple things like fishing, doing a puzzle, baking cookies, taking a walk, reading a story and learning about the wonder of nature. Thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspired us to work hard, be patient, courageously endure hard times and to dare to follow our dreams. We are forever grateful for the wisdom and stability they provided when we felt our world was falling apart.

What a great gift to us that they loved us just because we were their grandchild. Thank you that they counted it joy to spend time listening as we told them about the big and little things going on in our lives. May we continuously feel their hugs and feel the warmth of their smiles so that we can better comprehend Your constant and unchanging love for us. We ask Your kind forgiveness for the times we failed to appreciate our grandparents, for the times we were too wrapped up in ourselves and our own activities to spend more time with them.

Help us to become more like them as we age, learning how to accept with grace the limitations of aging bodies. Give us their strong and supernatural grace to face the loss of our own aging friends and family the same way our grandparents have. May we learn from them how to face the prospects of our own limited time on earth and our own deaths with the dignity, peace, and assurance of eternal life. And when our time comes to be grandparents ourselves, help us to follow in their loving footsteps. ~Author Unknown

Source: Jesuitresource.org (Prayers for Grandparents/ "Our Grandparents")

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

Stepping Stones
A St. James Church

Cultivating a Contemplative Prayer Practice

LEARNING TO LISTEN
TO GOD AND OUR
DEEPEST SELVES

***Deepening our relationship with God,
being more present for those we love and expanding
our prayer life for the benefit of all.***

*Together, we will explore and practice prayers of emptying and
surrender. We will learn how to focus our attention, and unite
mind, body, and spirit in the service of God and others.*

Elizabeth Neubauer has more than 35 years of daily spiritual practice and understands the gifts of a contemplative journey. A graduate of The Institute for Spiritual Guidance in Racine, Wisconsin, she serves as a retreat leader, spiritual director and supervisor. Elizabeth offers attentive listening and compassion to those seeking a deeper understanding of their unique life journey, providing thought-provoking questions and content to support individuals on their path to spiritual growth. She has degrees in Art and Business and has completed coursework in Mindfulness and Self-Compassion.



Friday, September 22 | 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**
at St. James Parish, Arlington Heights, IL

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Gerald Ellsworth
Mary Cummings

Please pray for our sick

Norine Naselli
Nick Gallo
Mary Kay Arndt
Gloria White Bonomo

Rose for Life

In loving memory of Joe Bielat

Wedding Banns

- I. Kevin Kern and Rachel Suarez (Oct. 7)
- I. Bryan Byrne and Madeline Stratman (Oct. 7)
- II. Liam Michka and Ashley David (Sept. 29)
- III. Ruben Bergstresser and Anna Duban (Sept. 23)

Recent Baptisms

Emilia Julianna Cisowski, child of
Krzysztof Cisowski and Natalia (Medrecki) Cisowski

Ada Therese Gubbins, child of
Joseph Gubbins and Sara Franklin

Rosalie Suzanne Sutcliffe, child of
Vincent Sutcliffe and Julie (Semerau) Sutcliffe

Benjamin Escobar, child of
Luis Escobar and Patricia (Arroyo) Escobar

Celebrant Schedule, September 23-24

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

Readings for the Week of September 17

Sunday: Sir 27:30 - 28:7/Ps 103:1 - 12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept. 16

5:00 Wedding Anniv., Deacon Paul & Paulette Schmidt
Richard and Catherine Lyons
Richard Kowall

Sun., Sept. 17 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the people of the parish
10:00 Mary C. Chapman
Roland Ley
Judy Lippert
Sigita Tomkus
11:30 Adelaida Rodriguez
Holzen Family
Barbara Tracy

Mon., Sept. 18

7:30 Marcin Bukowski
Adelaida Rodriguez
Emigdio Tandoc, Jr.
12:00 Matthew Petrillo (5th Anniv.)
Donald Stellato, Jr. (1st Anniv.)

Tues., Sept. 19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 Genevieve Waller
Armand Ferrini, Sr.
Kenneth Anderson
Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.
Donald Stellato, Jr. (1st Anniv.)

Wed., Sept. 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön & Paul Chông Ha-sang, Martyrs

7:30 James Hahn
Margaritta Rodriguez

Thurs., Sept. 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 Meggan McDermott
Catherine Balek (1st Anniv.)
Deacon Paul Schmidt (1st Anniv.)
Stanley Blazej
Kathleen Camarena
John Rosen (4th Anniv.)
U.V. Ulahannan

Fri., Sept. 22

7:30 Matt Lombardi
Denise Norton (1st Anniv.)
Carol Murphy
Michael Callero

Sat., Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:30 Peggy Paige Cork

PARISH INFORMATION & UPDATES

DON'T FALL BEHIND

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

SCAN HERE TO
JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST



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

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fr. Hurley Memorial Golf Outing, September 22
Golfers are wanted for the Fr. Hurley Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, September 22, Noon at the Cary Country Club. Cost of \$125 per person includes eighteen holes of golf, prizes, awards & a banquet (banquet-only option available). To register contact St. Edna Parish Office 847-398-3362. The outing is hosted by St. Edna Men's Club. For sponsorship opportunities or any questions, email mensclub@stedna.org.

Parent Information Nights at St. Viator High School
Attend an Information Night to learn more about the Saint Viator experience. You'll hear about the Tuition Assistance Program and partake in a Q&A with administrators, student ambassadors and the admissions team. The available dates are Thursday, September 21, Wednesday, October 4 and Tuesday, October 17. All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. Location: Saint Viator High School Academic Commons. Register at saintviator.com/admissions/visit



Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble
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



The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open to all from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm daily, and 24 hours a day for committed adorers with access code. Contact adoration@stjamesah.org for the opportunity.

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