



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Today,
if you will
hear
His voice:
Do not
harden
your hearts,
as in the
rebellion,
as in the
day of trial
in the
wilderness.

Psalm 95:8

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JAN 28

2024

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A MESSAGE FROM...

Today's Readings

First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into His mouth; He shall tell them all that I command Him."
(Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.
(1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.
(Mk 1:22)



"He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

- Mark 1:22

From the beginning of Mark's Gospel, Jesus reveals His divine authority to the people of Israel. Jesus rebukes the unclean spirit possessing a man in the synagogue and commands that the demon leave the man. The demon obeys. The people's reaction: "a new teaching with authority."

In 1973, the film *The Exorcist* was released and became a sensation. It was based on a 1971 novel by William Peter Blatty. Ironically, this hugely popular film about a girl possessed by Satan, (which received ten Oscar nominations, and grossed \$440 million) was seen by many as just another horror movie. It would seem that people today are even less convinced of the reality of spiritual battle in their own lives.

St. Ignatius of Loyola is recognized as the expert in the discernment of spirits, evil and good. He taught that each desire in our hearts comes from one of three sources – our own desires, the Holy Spirit, or the Evil One. Through his Rules of Discernment, he taught a method of

discerning whether these movements are from God or not. Looking around the world, one can see the real spiritual battles raging around us. The supernatural world is real, and intersects with the natural world.

Jesus is Lord! We address Him at every mass as "Kyrie," Greek for Lord. The power of the Name of Jesus is more powerful than anything the demons can attack us with. The grace of the sacraments, especially the sacrament of Reconciliation, is very powerful.

Avoiding the idolatry of the occult, of pornography and sexual immorality, of greed and our own pride, along with a life of prayer, offers God's protection.

Lent begins in less than three weeks. It's not too early to begin preparing to grow in our spiritual lives during the penitential season.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



FELLOWSHIP

FORMATION

ADORATION

2.6.24

DINNER AT 5PM
FORMATION & ADORATION
TO FOLLOW



STJAMESAH.ORG/ENCOUNTER/

Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who 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 "Together at the table." We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table



annualcatholicappeal.com

THIS SUNDAY!

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

January 28, 2024 | 12:30-2:00pm

OPEN HOUSE



NEW SENSORY SPACE!

LEARNING WHILE
playing



St. James students are constantly immersed in a culture of academic excellence! We remain a leader in Catholic Education and have grown 16% in the past 5 years. Come #FindAWay to St. James School.



Our newly defined space provides an opportunity for our youngest learners to creatively explore sensory and gross motor play through state-of-the-art equipment, activities, and structures. We invite you to come experience it for yourself!

Open House Sunday, January 28 @ 12:30-2pm



www.StJamesSchoolAH.org | Educating PreK-8th Grade | Follow us on   

Register Here
Open House



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School



June 10 - 13
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

June 14- Family Picnic
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Contact Bethany Larson for more info:
blarson@stjamesah.org

Registration for Vacation Bible School at St. James opens on April 1st!

There is much to do before we welcome our children to dive into friendship with God!

Consider joining the leadership team!

- Bible Adventures
 - lead the children in a daily Bible story and activity
- Imagination Station
 - lead the children in a craft or fun activity that connects to the message of the day
- Games
 - play fun games that connect to the daily Bible Point
- Tidal Treats
 - prepare and serve snacks that connect to the Bible Point



St. James

Children's Formation

Religious Education Summer Intensive

- We are planning to offer a NEW alternative program for religious education students entering grades 3-5 the following fall.
 - This will not be offered for our 1st and 2nd graders as these years are considered sacramental preparation.
- The summer intensive is a two week program taking place in June 2024.
 - Tentative dates, June 10-21
 - Monday - Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm.
 - Pricing consistent with Religious Education Fees.
- This program fulfills all requirements of the traditional weekly school year program.

Are you interested in this option?

In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, please complete the linked survey to indicate if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the Summer Intensive program! This program will only be adopted if enough families express interest in enrolling their children. For more information, please email or call Bethany Larson: blarson@stjamesah.org, 224-345-7152



UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year!
Purchase tickets by 2.5.24 to be entered
into Early Bird Raffle.



Enjoy a night of entertainment,
community and fun while
supporting FSA at SJS!

Buy Tickets Here



St. James' Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

C'mon, you got
important things to do...
*Your daughter wants
to dance with you!*

Join us
for a

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of Pink**

Friday, February 9th

7-9 PM

St. James Parish Center

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RENEW YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST

EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY
AS A SON OF GOD

JOIN YOUR BROTHERS
IN CHRIST

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REGISTER



SAINT JAMES PARISH
MEN OF SAINT JAMES



YOUNG ADULTS Age 21 - 39

Come together as a young adult community for Mass, and build community afterwards over drinks and dinner. The next event is this Wednesday, January 31 starting at 6:00 pm in the church.

Meditate Like the Mystics

With Fr. Paul

Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28 and March 6
In the church, 7:30-8:30 pm

Session 1

What is Meditation
From the East: The Jesus Prayer

Session 2

St. Benedict and Lectio Divina (Scripture)

Session 3

St. Ignatius and the Imaginative Method
(Scripture and Rosary)

*Learn
Bonafide
Catholic
Meditation
Techniques*



It is time once again to gather with the

Over 50 Group

for two upcoming events

White Elephant Bingo

Wednesday, January 31

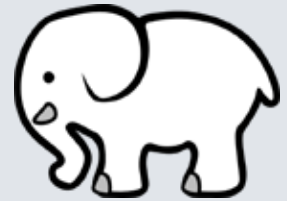
1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Laramie Room

Each attendee to bring a White Elephant Prize, and after each game, the lucky winner will get to pick one.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP

To Eva at 847-345-2305 or
stjamesclub@yahoo.com



Mardi Gras Lunch

Tuesday, February 13

12:30 pm

Giacomo's Ristorante

We encourage all to wear Mardi Gras masks!
There will be voting for the best mask, and a
Mardi Gras King and Queen will be chosen.

Menu (Served Family Style)

- Chicken Marsala
- Pasta with Meatballs
- Vegetables
- Salad
- Dessert
- Coffee - Tea - Soda
- Cash Bar

Cost: \$30

RSVP to Kathy at 847-506-9295 or
stjamesclub@yahoo.com

Deadline: February 11

Drop check payable to St James
at Parish Office with "Mardi Gras" in
Memo Section



SCHOOL NEWS

St. James School Broadway Bulldogs
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February 18 @2pm

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“The Klopp family is a proud supporter of St. James School and the Tuition Assistance Program. Although I did not attend St. James, my wife, Mary, graduated from St. James and our six children all graduated between 1987 and 1998. We now have two granddaughters who have joined them as alums of SJS and 4 more grandchildren who are current Bulldogs.

The education at St. James has given all of my family members the education to succeed in high school and college and in their adult lives. Personally, I have served as a coach and athletic board leader for over 40 years at St. James. We encourage you to join us as supporters of the Tuition Assistance Program in order to help make the benefits of a St. James education available to more students.

GO BULLDOGS! ”


Consider donating TODAY to the SJS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).
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FAITH IN ACTION

 SAINT JAMES PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

 FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

“FOR I WAS *hungry* AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO *eat*...”
—Matthew 25:35



	JOIN CODE
Friday, February 23 4:30pm–6:15pm	162MD2
Sat., February 24 11:30am–1:15pm	DD6V2K
2:00pm–3:45pm	8Y2EOP
4:30pm–6:15pm	98VEVV

St. James is going to Feed My Starving Children!

Open to all children and their families!
Sign up by February 14th. Spaces are limited. Any vacant spots will be released back to FMSC, 2/14

FMSC- 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL

<https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Takes place on Saturdays before the 5:00 pm Mass each week in January and February.

All are invited to sit in the presence of our Lord.



Scan for Survey



How Many Slaves Work for You?

Every day we purchase goods and services, from clothing and furnishings to home and lawn repair services. Have you ever stopped to think who is at the other end of the seemingly endless supply chain we enjoy?

As many as 28 million people are victims of modern slavery, trafficked by others to provide labor, services or commercial sex. Using coercion and intimidation, traders exert power and control over victims, luring them into involuntary servitude, child labor or the sex trade. **Are we contributing to this global multibillion dollar enterprise?** Are we concerned about the person(s) who sewed the clothes, harvested the produce, or worked the assembly line?

SlaveryFootprint.org offers facts about labor practices in various supply chains and information on FRDM – a movement working to promote ethical products. **Take the survey** at www.slaveryfootprint.org and see how many slaves may be working for you.

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



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Mary Ford
Ed Cahill

Please Pray for Our Sick

Dolores Hathaway
Norine Naselli

Rose for Life

In loving memory of Diana and William Arens

Recent Baptism

Jack William Edward Cahill, child of
Mark Cahill and Kathryn Young

Celebrant Schedule, February 3-4

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

Readings for the Week of January 28

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mass Intentions

Sat., January 27

5:00	Marcin Bukowski Shannon Schweiger Philip Krueger Bob Duffer
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Sun., Jan. 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catholic Schools Week

7:00	Margarita Rodriguez Tom Rothfus
8:30	For the people of the parish
10:00	Judith & Paul Mueller Clement Juris
11:30	Aria Ulahannan*
5:00	Tom Danaher

Monday, January 29

7:30	John Kordek
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Tuesday, January 30

7:30	Christine Socher
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Wednesday, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

7:30	Veronica McQueeney (2nd Anniv.) Thomas Swieca Tom Rothfus (15th Anniv.)
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Thursday, February 1

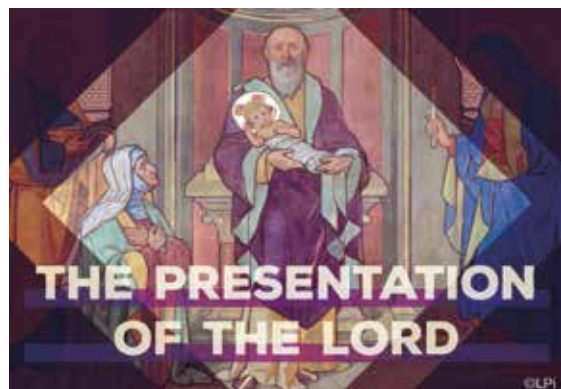
7:30	James Dever (1st Anniv.) Gaspere Locascio Susan Terry (3rd Anniv.)
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Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

7:30	Carl DeLio Bob Riefke, Jr.
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Sat., February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

* Indicates Living



PARISH UPDATES

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.
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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

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN...

Men's AA Retreat at Marytown Retreat Center, Feb. 2-4
Retreat at Marytown Retreat Center in Libertyville. This retreat marks the 44th year of an annual retreat. This year's theme is Step 2. If your sobriety consists of one day or 50 years, this retreat is for you. The weekend will consist of conferences, counseling, meditation, prayer, Mass and more. Please call Denney at 847-738-2336 if you have questions, or to register.

Trivia Night at St. Edna, February 3

Parish Center Doors open at 6:00pm — Game begins at 7:00pm
Join St. Edna for their annual Trivia Night! Bring your friends, form a team, and compete. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third Place teams. BYOB - (Liquor limited to beer, wine, and seltzers only.) Pizza will be available for pre-order, or you can bring your own food. Cost: \$20 per person, \$25 at the door. \$150 per table (tables of 8) Tickets also available at the St. Edna Parish Office. You must be 21 years or older to participate!

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 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

Thursday – 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday – 8:00 - 9:00 am following daily Mass

Holy Hour - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar in church occurs on select Saturday evenings prior to the 5:00 pm Mass.

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