



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

TO THE BEST



Happy Mothers Day

MAY 12

2024

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

A MESSAGE FROM...

Today's Readings

First Reading:

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection."

(Acts 1:21-22)

Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

(Ps 103)

Second Reading:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

(1 Jn 4:16)

Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one."

(Jn 17:11)



"We share in the urgent mission that Jesus gave his Apostles: make disciples!"

Dear Friends,

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned."

~ Mark 16:15

After giving the Apostles these instructions, Jesus is taken up into heaven and sits at the Father's right hand. He has completed His mission of salvation and reconciliation and has left the Church to make this reconciliation present throughout the world.

Jesus has given His marching orders. The Apostles, empowered by the Holy Spirit, went to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Gospel. We, too, share in this urgent mission, and the Holy Spirit is fueling us as well. Jesus made this promise to His followers and He makes it to us today: "In my name they will drive out demons, they will

speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

We are not alone. The power of God is with us. This is the source of our parish mission statement, "Be disciples of Christ. Make disciples of Christ." Blessings to you on this Ascension Day.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

SERVE IN FAITH

SAINT JAMES PARISH
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PEACE &
JUSTICE

REFUGEE WELCOME PACK/DRIVE

Welcome newly arriving refugees



<https://signup.com/pa/kq1B1YA>

Collection of new household items through 5.24

COME AND SERVE THE KING OF KINGS

Altar Server Training

MAY 14
at 4:30pm

for new servers rising
grades 4 through 12

To sign up contact Deacon Hahn: mhahn@stjamesah.org

COMING SOON

JUNE 2

CORPUS

CHRISTI

PROCESSION

AFTER THE 11:30 MASS

Come walk with Christ in the longest procession in St. James' history as we make our way towards North Park and back for Benediction.



Procession
after 11:30 mass
towards North Park



Benediction
at St. James after
procession

See route and details here
stjamesah.org/corpus-christi/



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THEOLOGY ON TAP AT THE ARLINGTON ALE HOUSE



JUNE 12 • EVENING SPEAKER FR. DEREK HO
7-9PM | FIRST DRINK ON US! OPEN TO ALL AGES 21+

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. James
CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Join the Children and Youth Formation Team

Catechists- Religious Ed

Religious Ed at St. James serves Kindergarten - 5th grade. Our catechists are the heart of this ministry, as they teach our Catholic traditions and teaching. Each Tuesday night, our classes fill with students who learn about God's abundant love through the example and leadership of our catechists.

Contact Bethany Larson:
blarson@stjamesah.org

Core Team

Our Core Team is truly the heart of EDGE and Life Teen. These youth not only need catechesis, but they also need authentic, faithful adults who will listen and walk with them on their journey of faith to be disciples and make disciples!

Contact Christina Hudson:
chudson@stjamesah.org

Mentors- Gr. K-12

Saint James welcomes all learners and seeks to offer access to our faith to everyone. Open Doors provides faith formation for individuals and families with special needs including adaptive programming and inclusion to prepare children in need of accommodation for the Sacraments. Our mentors make this possible!

Contact Kathryn Coughlin:
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org

BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST...



...MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

Registration NOW Open!

What's happening in Religious Education 2024-2025?

- Now accepting students in Kindergarten-5th Grade!
- Tuesday Afternoon/Evening Sessions: 4:30-5:45 & 6:30-7:45
- Family Formation (homeschool) with at-home learning and community engagement
- Open Doors Ministry provides faith formation for individuals and families with special needs.
- Family Faith Nights, Joyful Noise Assemblies, Encounter Nights and Service Projects provide our families with opportunities for fellowship and for living out our faith as a community.
- REGISTER BY 6/30 for Early Bird Pricing- \$230/disciple in the making. (non-parishioner rate: \$300)

NEW! Summer Intensive Option!

- The summer intensive is a two week program taking place June 10-21, Monday - Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm.
 - cost: \$250/disciple in the making
- This program fulfills all requirements of the traditional weekly school year program.



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SUMMER AT ST. JAMES

Don't Miss Out!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10 - 13
9 am - 12 pm

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



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



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SUMMER MUSIC CAMP
June 5-7

MORE INFO HERE

stjamesah.org/childrens-choir-summer-music-camp



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Assists Neighbors-in-Need

“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.”

- St. Vincent de Paul



The St. James SVDP Volunteers

Founded at St. James in 2006, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference mission is to serve as a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. We join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors-in-need.

In 2023, our twenty eight volunteers spent approximately 3,280 combined hours and traveled 1,662 miles to fulfill their Vincentian duties of being the hands and feet of Jesus ministering to those in need in our local area. We are grateful for all of our volunteers, including the eight who recently joined us.

We heartfully thank all who have donated to St. Vincent de Paul through Jubilation and your private donations throughout the year. Your generous contributions, including those from Vincentian volunteers, totaled \$61,529 in 2023 and enabled our SVDP Conference to spend \$47,550 helping our neighbors-in-need by:

- Serving at least 100 neighbors-in-need within our parish boundaries.
- Providing requested assistance, i.e. grocery store gift cards, medicines, medical bills, car repairs, utilities (electricity, heat, phone), rent or mortgage, insurance, taxes, and gas. We also listened, advised, spoke with and prayed with our neighbors-in-need.
- Helping with partial payments for neighbors-in-need in other parishes to reciprocate their cost-sharing with people within our parish boundaries.
- Paying for four catered evening meals that we assisted in serving to large groups through Catholic Charities in Des Plaines.
- Donating money to assist two other needy parishes and paying our fair share to the Chicago Office of St. Vincent de Paul for operating expenses.

Again, thank you for your generosity and please keep our neighbors-in-need in your thoughts and prayers.

We welcome new volunteers! Please reach out to us if you are interested in joining our SVDP Conference; we provide training and require only one day of service and one meeting per month: 224-345-7200, ext. 8517.

WOSJ Year in Review

Celebrating a Year of Growth!

2023-2024 has been an exciting year for the Women of St. James (WOSJ). Our membership has grown to more than 380 women who are committed to growing and sharing their faith through sisterhood and service. We are so grateful to all of the women who lead this organization and have helped it become a vibrant part of life at St. James.

Enjoy a photo recap of our year.



Save the Date: Upcoming WOSJ Events

End of Year Corpus Christi Celebration – June 2nd

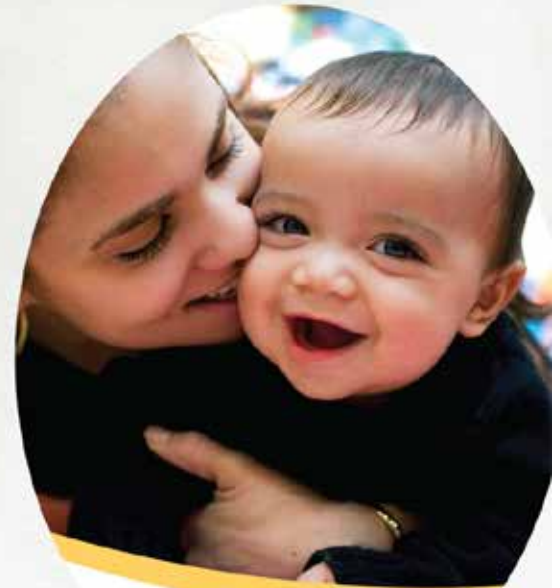
Membership Weekend – August 3rd and 4th

If you are interested in joining WOSJ for our next ministry year beginning in September, scan the QR code or email WOSJministryleads@gmail.com





Let's pray for
all mothers!



A warm hug. A lively laugh. A home-cooked meal. A kiss on a skinned knee. These touchpoints probably come to mind when we think of our moms. But what comes to a Catholic's mind when we think of *Mother*? Likely it's the Virgin Mother, shrouded in grace and purity, who comes to the forefront of our minds.


This month we honor and celebrate our Mother, the "Queen of Heaven," or "Queen of May." Mary truly created new growth when she agreed to be the mother of Our Savior, Jesus. Mary strengthens our faith, nourishes it, as a mother feeds a child, to help us grow and continue to praise her son.

It cannot be coincidence that we also celebrate Mother's Day in May, honoring not only the Mother, but our earthly mothers. We must pause, however, to recognize that many mothers struggle daily in abusive relationships. Whether they are experiencing physical, financial, emotional or sexual abuse, many of these mothers fear that leaving - or even attempting to leave - these horrific situations will result in danger for their children. Nothing is as fierce as a mother's need to protect her babies. If we are not living it, we may think it's not as big of a crisis as it is. But many mothers have mastered the art of hiding their pain, especially from their children.

So throughout this month of May, when we honor Mother Mary, when we place that crown of much-deserved flowers upon her head, in a month when we do a little extra to show our mothers we love them, let us say an extra prayer to Mary. Let us ask our Mother to intercede for all mothers who suffer. She, of course, knows all too well about suffering.

O Mary, Mother of God, as you are above all creatures in heaven and on earth, more glorious than the Cherubim, more noble than any here below, Christ has given you to His people, firm bulwark and protectress, to shield and save sinners who fly to you. Therefore, O Lady, all-embracing refuge, we solemnly recall your sweet protection and beg the Christ forever for His mercy. Amen

- Prayer to Our Lady, Holy Protection of the Theotokos,
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

 **Stepping Stones**
A St. James Ministry



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Rose for Life

Donated by Bernadette and Ron Colmone and Joe and Mary Jayne Smith in loving memory of Don and Joan Smith, on what would have been their 67th wedding anniversary

Wedding Banns

- I. Vincenzo DiFatta and Angela Lollino (May 29)
- II. Hugo Gonzalez and Marisa Ferrazzoulo (May 25)

Recent Baptisms

Gabriella Christina Romano, child of Jeffrey Romano and Rebecca (Benavides) Romano

Celebrant Schedule, May 18-19

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

Readings for the Week of May 12

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



RETIRED MEN'S GROUP MEETING, MAY 15

All are invited to join the Retired Men on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 am in the Senior/Teen Room (lower level of the church). We will journey with Bishop Barron to the mysterious and sacred sites of the Holy Land. Contact Tom Adam at 847-394-4731.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11

5:00 For the people of the parish

Sunday, May 12 The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day

- 7:00 Helen Healy
Patricia Maravola
Stephan Waller
Carla Mellace
Louise Gehrke
- 8:30 Kathie Camarena
Barb O'Brien
Ellie Dilenberg
Joan Imhoff
- 10:00 Carmela Krogstad
Helen Hertvik
Joan Smith
Sondra Yasger
- 11:30 Bob & Andy Jarosz
Meggan McDermott
Alice Mattans
Marion McDermott
- 5:00 Frances Warnken
Elaine Scheffler
Matthew Colson
Barbara Walczak

Monday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

- 7:30 Jeanette Graf
Antionietta Chee-Smith
Linda Mackey
John F. Kordek
- 12:00 Francois Pasquier

Tuesday, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle

7:30 Geraldine Westaby

Wednesday, May 15 St. Isidore ; St. Dymphna

12:00 Kathleen Wachowiak

Thursday, May 16

7:30 Kevin Houlihan
Vincent Neri
Anna T.

Friday, May 17

7:30 Meggan McDermott
Patrick Scullion

Saturday, May 18 St. John I, Pope and Martyr

7:30 Jack Ruane
Bob Minaglia

APRIL FINANCE UPDATE

Thank you, St. James Community, for your contributions during April, 2024.

	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Sunday Collections (April)	\$178,603	\$185,629.73	\$7,026.73
<i>Envelopes</i>		81,392.85	
<i>e-Giving</i>		97,279.38	
<i>Holy Day</i>		6,957.50	
Easter Collection (Final)	\$115,000	\$91,827.77	(\$23,172.23)
<i>Envelopes</i>		73,052.77	
<i>e-Giving</i>		18,775	

We apologize for the overstatement of our giving numbers on 4.14.24. The business office had duplicated a deposit in QuickBooks causing our Easter numbers to be overstated.

SELECT 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.

stearthshepherds@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.

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.

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

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

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

COMMUNITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

St. Edna Outreach Ministry & Knights of Columbus Food Drive

Donate to the food drive! When: Sunday, May 19 from 1-3 pm
Location: St. Edna Church in Arlington Heights. Drive under the canopy where the Knights of Columbus will unload your car. Requested items include: dry milk, pasta sauce, ramen, pasta, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, cookies, paper towels, toilet paper, canned salmon, spam, corned beef hash, canned fruit and vegetables.

Vicariate I Adult Confirmation Classes

Confirmation preparation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning June 3 from 7-9 pm at St. Edna Parish. The Confirmation Mass is on July 24 at 7:00 p.m. Registration closes on May 23. Contact Lorie Crepeau to register; lcrepeau@stedna.org, 847-398-3362, ext. 325.

SALUTE Honor & Remember Event, May 25

Join us this Memorial Day Weekend for the SALUTE Honor & Remember Walk/Run – 2Mi Walk, 4Mi Run. Date: Saturday, May 25. Location & Start Time: Lake Arlington at 8:00 am. Register at saluteinc.org/get-involved/

Catholic Writers Guild Conference, May 28-30

The Catholic Writers Guild will hold its annual live conference May 28 - May 30 at the Holiday Inn O'Hare, in Chicago. This event for beginning and published writers features keynote speakers, panelists, and opportunities for mentorship and critiques of your work in progress. For the full schedule and to sign up, visit CatholicWritersGuild.org/live-conference

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps

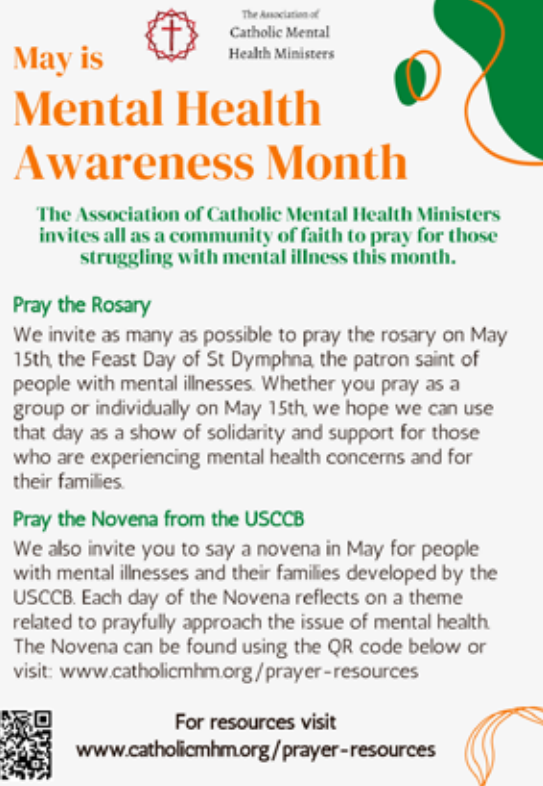
Want to Make a Difference? Want to Grow in Your Faith? The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to working with and assisting those most in need. IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in Ignatian spirituality.

Learn more by attending an upcoming information session.

May 23	St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Gurnee
May 29	Holy Family Parish	Inverness
June 4	St. Francis Xavier Parish	LaGrange
June 13	St. John XXIII Parish	Evanston
June 18	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish	Glenview
June 20	Old St. Mary Parish	Chicago
June 25	St. John of the Cross Parish	Western Springs
July 11	St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish	Oak Lawn
August 1	Holy Cross Parish	Deerfield

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Or call: 201.407.6052



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers invites all as a community of faith to pray for those struggling with mental illness this month.

Pray the Rosary
We invite as many as possible to pray the rosary on May 15th, the Feast Day of St Dymphna, the patron saint of people with mental illnesses. Whether you pray as a group or individually on May 15th, we hope we can use that day as a show of solidarity and support for those who are experiencing mental health concerns and for their families.

Pray the Novena from the USCCB
We also invite you to say a novena in May for people with mental illnesses and their families developed by the USCCB. Each day of the Novena reflects on a theme related to prayerfully approach the issue of mental health. The Novena can be found using the QR code below or visit: www.catholicmhm.org/prayer-resources

For resources visit www.catholicmhm.org/prayer-resources



Stories

– A SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION –

John Shea, a prolific theologian and storyteller, shares his collection of timeless short stories, each introduced by a Gospel quote that not only inspires or illuminates them but also, as John contends, “hints at the ultimate meaning of what follows.”

Monday, June 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Wayside
434 West Park Street | Arlington Heights, IL
in the South Mitchell Avenue Parking Lot

Register by June 8 to
Kathy Squared at kk_ek@msn.com

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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 and Wednesday at Noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 8:00 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 open to the public M-F 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sat & Sun 6:30 am - 6:30 pm or 24 hours a day for those with access code.

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