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A GOOD MEASURE,
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INTO YOUR LAP.

LUKE 6:38

FEB 23

2025

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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PATH TO SUNDAY

Today's Readings

First Reading:

"Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed."
(1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.
(Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.
(1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."
(Lk 6:36)

Sometimes Jesus' commands seem crazy; for example, in today's Gospel, he tells us to "love our enemies, do good to those who hate you." Yet, if we understand it, it makes perfect sense. In the first place, the actual word in the original Greek text is *agapate*; it is the command form of the verb *agapaó*, "to love."

But this is different than the other Greek words for love such as *phileō* (brotherly love, the love of friends), *stérgō* (family feeling), *éramai* (physical love, romantic love, sexual love). *Agapaó* means to do good for the other person without expectation of repayment. It has nothing to do with how you feel, rather, it is about what you do. Jesus would ultimately say, "No one has greater love (*agape*) than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

We, as sinners, were in a sense God's enemies. St. Paul wrote, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). We see God's love for us in the Cross. We see God's love in what he did for us, not expecting repayment because it is impossible to buy or earn or compensate God's for our salvation. As God loves us, we are to love others, even our enemies.

There is a difference between authentically loving someone and liking someone. Liking someone means you enjoy being around that person, and or you agree with that person, and so on. You can truly love (*agapaó*) someone while not liking him. You can like someone without truly loving her.

We have probably all had friends who like us but didn't truly love us: they were not there when we truly needed them or they were not willing to do good for us without expecting some kind of payment or return. Jesus is not like that: he truly loves us, even when we are not being very likable; he truly loves us even though we are sinners.

Reflection Questions:

- Do I distinguish, in my own mind, loving someone from liking someone? Do I truly love God and my neighbor, or do I sometimes only "like" them?
- How can I love my enemies by doing good to them, even when I don't like them? How can I desire the greatest good for my enemies, even if it isn't to my advantage?
- How strong must Jesus' love for me be, if he became human, and then suffered and died on a cross to save me, sinner that I am?

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mar. 5, 2025

Prayer Service

6:30 a.m.

Mass Times

7:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



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Young Adults

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Single, Married, Engaged Adults & Babies Welcomed



February 23

Meet in the Laramie Room (Lower Level) after the 8:30 Mass and we'll share the details for a local breakfast spot. We'd love for you to join us!



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Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2025 is *Together we bring hope*. It echoes the theme that Pope Francis has given to the Holy Year *Pilgrims of hope*. It also resonates with our efforts of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring real hope into our world, especially to those in need. We come together as the Lord's Church, and we demonstrate our love of God and our neighbor through our support of the Appeal. We foster the Church's mission to teach, to serve, and to sanctify in the name of Jesus Christ. Our support is a blessing for many.

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4.26.25

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**THURSDAY,
MARCH 13**

ST. JAMES
SCHOOL CHAPEL
7:00 P.M.



Domestic, dating, and intimate partner
violence resources will be available

SteppingStones
A St. James Outreach

Spring Senior Luncheon

**Wednesday, March 12
11am-1pm - Laramie Room**

RSVP by Friday March 7th
To Carly White at
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cwhite@stjamesah.org



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PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS



LADIES NIGHT OUT COLLEGE · edition ·

EST. **St. James School** 1926

DATE: Friday, March 7, 2025

TIME: 6:00-10:00pm

PLACE: St. James School Gym

\$40 admission includes drink, games, fun and EXCLUSIVE in-person raffles!

Proceeds will fund staff appreciation, tech upgrades, cultural arts, and more!

Looking for some fun on the golf course?



We are looking for women golfers for the St. James Ladies Golf League.

We golf on Friday mornings starting April 25 with our breakfast meeting. Golf is every Friday with tee times starting at 8:20am.

Interested or want more info: please email Cindy Frenzer – cfrenz@aol.com

Men's Golf League



Gentlemen, if you're looking for a friendly, mid-week game of golf, then St. James Golf League is for you.

The league plays every Tuesday afternoon at Buffalo Grove Golf Club and runs from mid-April through August. We play nine holes of match play, using USGA handicaps. There are openings for both full or part time players. If you're interested in joining us this season, then contact either Chuck Frankiewicz at ctfrankiewicz@comcast.net or Chris Perkins at chrisperkins@arwayconfections.com

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MARCH 20

7:00 PM

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PRAYER AND SUPPORT



Grief Support Group

What are we all about:
Our grief support is a ministry at St. James for conversation and friendship with others who have also experienced a loss.
Our group meets twice a month.

For more information, please contact:
griefsupport@stjamesah.org

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CONNECT

"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? 'Here I am, send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8



Have you ever considered the call to be a

Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join the Office of the Diaconate at one of four Inquiry Evenings:

- March 26, 7 p.m. at All Saints Parish, Morton Grove
- April 23, 7 p.m. at the Diaconate Office, Forest Park
- May 13, 7 p.m. at St. Alexander Parish, Palos Heights
- June 11, 7 p.m. via Zoom

The sessions will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands to the meetings.

For more information and to register for one of the sessions, contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900.

Beyond Sunday

Worship with us
during the week

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday at 7:30am

Mondays & Wednesdays at Noon



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22

5:00 Marcin Bukowski
Richard & Catherine Lyons
Patrick & Kevin Houlihan

Sunday, February 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Deacon Pierce Sheehan
John F. Kordek
Macario Leyva
8:30 Cesar Mendez Munoz
Rosita Romero de Mendez
Carmen Mendez-Romero
10:00 Vittoria Nudo
Kathleen O'Donnell
Joan Hansen
11:30 For the people of the parish
5:00 Alvild Larson

Monday, February 24

7:30 Aldo Coda
Ann Dodgen (1st Anniv.)
Mickie Udell
Thomas Semerau (3rd Anniv.)

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 Kevin Muhr
Rosalie Constertina
James Mackey

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 Ed Cahill
Deacon Pierce Sheehan
Joseph Hertvik, Sr.
Gilmour Krogstad
Br. Camillus Delude
12:00 Deacon Pierce Sheehan
Joseph Hertvik, Sr.
Gilmour Krogstad
Len Campobasso

Thursday, February 27 St. Gregory of Narek

7:30 Philip Krueger
Harriet Susman
Andrew Haman

Friday, February 28

7:30 John LaMonica
Carl DeLio
Mary Jean Wendell
Raymond Spiekerman
Frank & Victoria Bosco

Saturday, March 1

7:30 Eugene O'Neill (1st Anniv.)
Margaret Coyle
Marilee Cripe

In Loving Memory

Deacon Thomas Corcoran

Please pray for our sick

David Loch
Steve Kelly
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Lucille Krajnik
Nina Baillio
Norine Naselli
Anthony Arboleda
Mary Ann Kiely

Recent Baptisms

Whitney Anne Stubstad, child of
Vincent Stubstad and Claire (Brady) Stubstad

Noah Anthony Imbrogno, child of
Steven Imbrogno and Canan (Yesilhoca) Imbrogno

Lillian Kathryn McAndrew, child of
Thomas McAndrew and Bridgette (Gross) McAndrew

Mateo Alexander Jarava, child of
Alexander Jarava and Kelly (facer) Jarava

Rose for Life

Donated by the Blomquist Family in loving memory of Eleanore Blomquist on her birthday

Celebrant Schedule, March 1-2

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

Readings for the week of February 23

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday be
Forgiven

Sacrament of
Confession:
Thursdays 6pm
Saturdays 8am

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 helping with 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

Jr. Ambassadors is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching. kcoughlin@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

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James. momsplus@stjamesah.org

Music Ministry We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community. tconseur@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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors. prayershawlministry@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.

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

Parish Office Hours Are Changing

Dear Parishioners,

For the safety of our parish staff, we are changing the hours that the Parish Office will be open. Beginning on Saturday March 1, 2025, the new hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Parish Office will no longer be open in the evenings, nor on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Deacon Matthew

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

First Friday Club of Chicago

MAR. 7



12:00 PM 1:15 PM

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The Knocking Door Retreat Ministry

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When: Saturday, April 12 from 9 am to 1 pm, lunch included

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Retreat Director: Mary LaMont (author of *Story Work/Story Play: The Four-Door Method of Narrative Spirituality*, Catholic Theological Union Master's Degree in Scripture and Spirituality, 25 years teaching theology at Loyola Academy, director of *The Knocking Door*)

Fee: \$35 each (\$25 each when three or more register from the same church or organization).

Registration will close at 40 participants, so register soon!

To register: visit **The Knocking Door** website at www.theknockingdoor.com or send an email to mary.lamont.knockingdoor@gmail.com. Questions? Call 847-903-3140.

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Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC)

VOICES OF WOMEN

The Relevance of the Church

Join the Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC) for one of three Zoom discussions on the relevance of the Church.

Our goal is to hear the voices of 200 or more women. Discussion will address the following:

- How relevant is the Church in the lives of women today?
- What are three essential things a parish must have in order to be relevant (or more relevant) in women's lives?
- How has the practice of your faith changed since the pandemic? In what ways has your parish continued to or failed to nurture you in your new practices?

Advance registration is necessary in order to receive the Zoom link for participation. To register, please scan the QR code or click on your desired session below.

Wednesday, February 19 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/AWCVOw0219

Tuesday, February 25 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/AWCVOw0225

Monday, March 3 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/AWCVOw0303



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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8 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.

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

CONFESSION - Thursdays at 6:00 pm & Saturdays at 8:00 am

THE ADORATION CHAPEL - open to the public,
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