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JUNE 1

2025

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Today's Readings

First Reading:

Jesus ascended to heaven, promising the Holy Spirit and commissioning his followers to be his witnesses to the world.

(Acts 1:1-11)

Psalm:

God reigns over all nations with power and majesty; all people are called to rejoice and worship him as King of the earth.

(Ps 47)

Second Reading:

Christ entered heaven to offer himself once for all, removing sin. With full assurance, we confidently draw near to God through him.

(Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23)

Gospel:

Christ suffered, rose, and ascended - fulfilling prophecy and commissioning his followers to proclaim repentance and forgiveness to all.

(Lk 24:46-53)

Since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have "a great priest over the house of God," let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22

Dear Friends,

The Ascension of Jesus could be called the completion of the Paschal Mystery – the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. He has completed the mission he was sent to carry out – the reconciliation of the human race to God.

The passage from Hebrews Chapter 10 in today's second reading describes it very powerfully. We have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary of Heaven through the sacrifice of Jesus.

We are urged to approach in sincerity and trust. Jesus has freely offered this gift to us. We need simply to accept it through Baptism and faith. Jesus established the Church to make his saving act present in all times, until the end of time. At the same time, he has brought to Heaven something which was never there before: human nature.

We look forward now to the celebration of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with his sevenfold gifts, to animate and empower the Church to carry out the mission entrusted to us – to make disciples of all nations.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

P.S. Congratulations to the Class of 2025, who received their diplomas and graduated from eighth grade. God bless you as you move on to high school and the challenges and joys you will encounter.

JUNE 22

CORPUS

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PROCESSION

AFTER THE 11:30 MASS

Come walk with Christ 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



WHY SHOULD I PLEDGE?

Thank you to our parish families who have already participated in the *Vibrant Generations* campaign. Our parish has raised \$2.5 million, reaching 64% of our goal. We still need to raise \$1.5 million to support the needs of St. James Parish. We need you!

It is only through the generosity of **all of us** that we can truly be successful. You can make a difference by giving what is right for your household. Just as we have been blessed by those who came before us, let us seize this opportunity to pass on the blessings we have received to strengthen the next generation of St. James' parishioners.

Please prayerfully consider what gift is right for you and your family:

1. Make your best five-year pledge to the campaign
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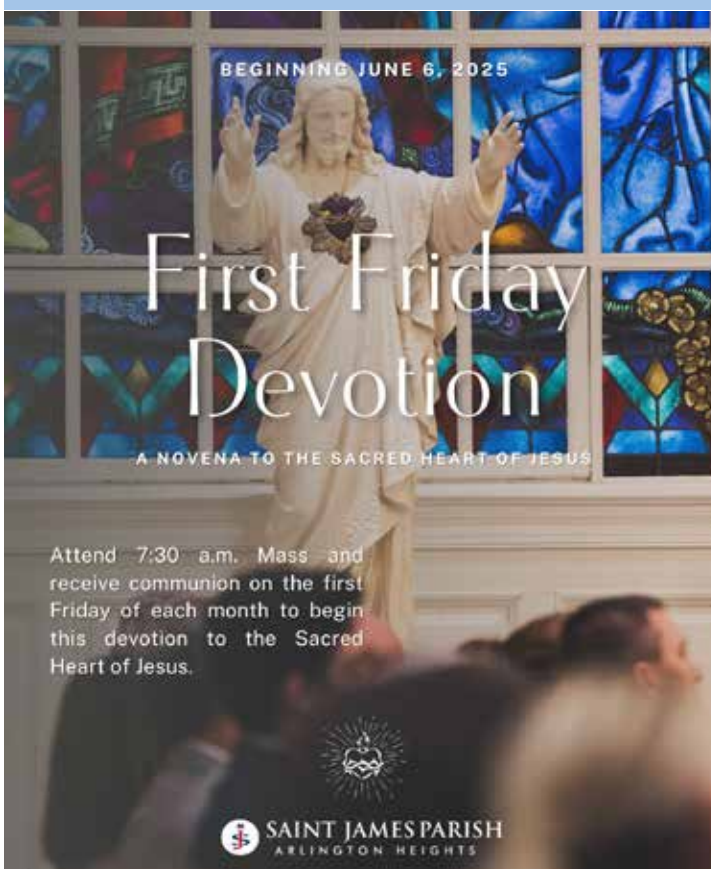
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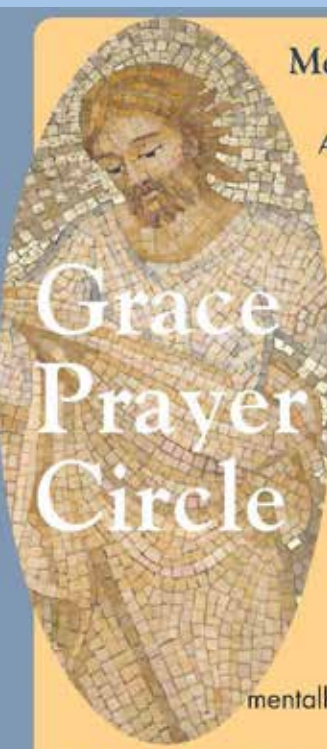
BEGINNING JUNE 6, 2025

First Friday Devotion

A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Attend 7:30 a.m. Mass and receive communion on the first Friday of each month to begin this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.


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Meeting Mental Health With Grace

A mental health ministry through St. James, St. Edna & Our Lady of the Wayside


Wednesday, June 4th
7:00 - 7:30 pm
Location: St. James School Chapel

This month's topic:
The Power of the Holy Spirit

Join us to pray for those living with mental health concerns and their loved ones.

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Wednesday, June 11

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
in the Laramie Room

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- scenic painters and set builders



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- Ushers & Concessions: Katie Sowa - ksowa@stjamesah.org
- Painters & Set Builders: Lauren Orf - producer@stjamestheatre.org

Tickets are now available for "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical!"



PATH TO SUNDAY

“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players,” wrote Shakespeare. While he may have meant it metaphorically, there is something profoundly true in that statement—especially when we speak of the drama of salvation.

This divine drama isn’t make-believe; it is the true story of history—our relationship with God unfolding across time. God built the stage—our universe—and placed us, real people, into His story. From the beginning, He desired a relationship with us. But the devil sought to disrupt this divine play by tempting humanity into sin.

Yet the most remarkable twist in this drama came when God Himself took the stage. In Jesus Christ, God entered history. By His death and resurrection, He restored what was broken. The drama could now continue. But surprisingly, Jesus didn’t stay on stage. His Ascension wasn’t an exit, but an invitation—for us to step into His role. The Church, His body, now carries on His mission.

Had Jesus remained visibly among us, we might have only sat at His feet. Instead, He ascended so we might rise, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be “little Christs”—active in the world, continuing His work.

But the drama isn’t over. As the angels told the apostles, Jesus will return. The story ends when the Church, transformed and united in love, gathers

around Him once more. Until then, the curtain remains open—and we each have a role to play.

So, remember: the drama of salvation is still unfolding—and you are part of it.

Reflection Questions:

- What role do you see yourself playing in the drama of salvation, and how might God be inviting you to step more fully into that role?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to ascend and leave the stage rather than remain physically present, and how does that change your understanding of the Church’s mission today?
- In what ways can you respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in your daily life to grow closer to God and others?

For more scripture reflections visit
stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31

5:00 Patrick Houlihan
Diane Oltendorf

Sunday, June 1 The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 For the people of the parish

8:30 James Burke

10:00 William Cronin
Gretchen Cronin
Steven Brown

11:30 For the people of the parish

5:00 For the people of the parish

Monday, June 2 Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

7:30 Evelyn Malocha (1st Anniv.)
James E. Lyman

12:00 Josephine Gillespie

Tuesday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Wednesday, June 4

7:30 Robert Sauer
Mary Whelan (1st Anniv.)

12:00 Gretchen Cronin

Thursday, June 5 St. Boniface

7:30 Alois "Lou" Simeth (1st Anniv.)
Sean Danaher
Jeanine C. Nitke

Friday, June 6 St. Norbert

7:30 Helena Jochaniewicz
Alice Matthews
Candace Duggan
John Osicek
Lydia Riske (7th Anniv.)
John Finnerty

Readings for the week of June 1

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

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

In Loving Memory

Jeff Williams
Teresa Szott

Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Mike Lenz
Richard Fung

Rose for Life

In loving memory of Jane Klein

Wedding Banns

III. Ben Bucher & Katrina Mira

Recent Baptisms

Emeline Elizabeth Arterburn, child of
Jeffrey Arterburn and Mary Witte

Aurora Rose Mauleon, child of
Gerardo Mauleon and Jessica (Vargas) Mauleon

Kennedy Grace Marino, child of
Kristopher Marino and Emmily (Hamby) Marino

Logan Carter Tatara, child of
Paul Tatara and Jennifer (Stein) Tatara

Luca Mateo Pacheco, child of
Jesse Pacheco and Zyanya (Montes) Pacheco

Hugo Rudolfo Gonzalez IV, child of
Hugo Gonzalez III and Marisa (Ferrazzuolo) Gonzalez

Celebrant Schedule, May 31-June 1

5:00 Fr. Paul

7:00 Fr. Ed

8:30 Fr. Ed

10:00 Fr. Michael

11:30 Fr. Michael

5:00 Fr. Paul

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sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

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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. 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.
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Statement from Cardinal Cupich on the Murder of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim

On Wednesday May 21, two young Israeli Embassy staffers, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, were shot and killed as they were leaving an event at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, DC. Sarah was 26. Yaron was 30. The alleged gunman, who is from Chicago, is in custody. Antisemitism appears to have been a factor in their murder. What a senseless, inconceivable tragedy for these two young people who were about to be engaged, just starting the next chapter of their lives. Please join me in praying for them, their families and loved ones. May their memories be for a blessing.

I am heartbroken by the continuing and escalating hatred and violence directed toward Jews. The need to reject antisemitism is urgent. Pope Francis reminded us that we cannot be a good Catholic and an antisemite. As I have stated many times before, Catholic Christians must denounce this bigotry. We hold no place for hatred of the Jewish people and must speak out and reject such prejudice in word and deed. We must also reach out in friendship to our Jewish community, breaking the cycle of violence by seeing the inherent dignity of each person, made in God's image and beloved by our Creator.

As Catholic Christians we are committed to the path of peace, genuine encounter, and respect for one another. May the Lord bring comfort to the afflicted, love to those whose hearts have been scarred by fear and hate, and peace to all his children.

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St. Paul the Apostle Parish (Gurnee) - May 28, 2:00 pm

Holy Family Parish (Inverness) - May 29, 1:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish (LaGrange) - June 10, 2:00 pm

St. John XXIII Parish (Evanston) - June 12, 11:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Glenview) - June 17, 2:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish (Western Springs) - June 24, 2:00 pm

Old St. Mary Parish (Chicago) - June 26, 2:00 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish (Oak Lawn) - July 8, 11:00 am

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicago

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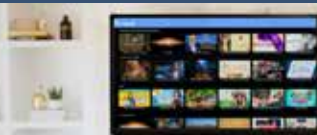


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Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ

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 - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 5/26

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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or 24 hours a day for committed adorers.

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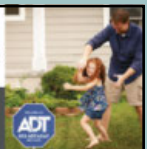
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