



SAINT JAMES PARISH
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SEE THE FACE OF GOD AND ANSWER HIS CALL



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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today's Readings

First Reading:

This reading invites us to seek meaning beyond earthly labor; without purpose in God, work can feel meaningless.

(Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

Psalm:

God is eternal; human life is brief. Seek His mercy, wisdom, and lasting significance.

(Psalm 90)

Second Reading:

St. Paul invites us to set our hearts on Christ above; put off the old self and live renewed in God's image.

(Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Gospel:

Jesus warns against greed through a parable, teaching that true life and security come from spiritual, not material, wealth.

(Luke 12:13-21)

"Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!"

Ecclesiastes 1:2

Dear Friends,

In *The Religion of the Day*, authors Dr. Jonathan Reyes and Msgr.

James Shea describe a new secular form of contemporary religion which has come on the scene.

What struck me in particular in this secular worldview is the lack of a supernatural faith. All seems immanent and material. God seems largely absent, except in an abstract way.

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not denounce wealth itself, but he offers a serious caution: "Be on guard against all forms of greed; for though someone may be rich, life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

In my experience in parish life, I find it continually necessary and at times urgent to remind both myself and the community that the ultimate aim of the Christian life is communion with God through Jesus Christ.

Even now, we are given a foretaste of that eternal communion as a free and gracious gift. As the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, "For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come" (Hebrews 13:14). Every act of love,

every work for justice, and every service rendered to others must flow from our living relationship with Christ.

As you know, we have achieved our goal for the Vibrant Generations capital campaign. Through the magnanimous generosity of so many, \$4 million was pledged to support the particular needs of St. James as well as some of the needs of the archdiocese. One of the great graces that I received from the campaign was the realization that so many are very happy with the life of our parish and willing to sacrifice for the good of the parish. Thank you!

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

THIS WEEKEND

Marillac BACKPACK DRIVE

Saturday, August 2

1-3 p.m. St. James Church Parking Lot

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Backpacks (no wheels)
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- White Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue Sticks
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- Black Pens, Highlighters
- Wide-Ruled Loose Leaf



You can give a full backpack or some of the supplies listed above. Monetary Donations will also be accepted by making checks out to Marillac House.

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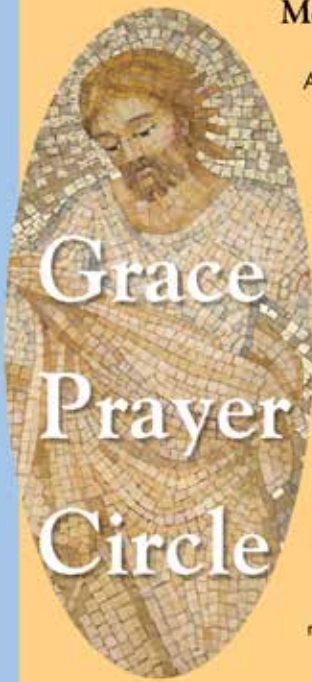


Location
St. James School
Parking Lot
rain location: Gym
Proceeds to Charity

stjamesah.org/concert-under-the-stars/

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COMING SOON



Meeting Mental Health With Grace

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

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: St. James School Chapel

This month's topic:
Where are you God?

Fr. Paul Barwikowski from
St. Edna will offer our
reflection

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living with mental health
concerns and their
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SEPT 30

**DINNER
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Friday, August 15

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Times

7:30 a.m.

Noon

7:00 p.m.



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- 4 Catechists needed for 4:30- 5:45 pm Tuesday evenings

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PATH TO SUNDAY

August 3, 2025 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us to strive to be rich in what truly matters: the things that matter to God. Money, possessions and status can easily consume our lives, but they do not satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart. As St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, many suffer from a deep spiritual poverty: "You... have millions of people who suffer such terrible loneliness and emptiness... What they are missing, really, is a living relationship with God."

Jesus addresses this reality in today's Gospel from Luke. A man asks Him to settle an inheritance dispute, and Jesus refuses, warning instead about greed. He tells a parable of a rich man who stores up earthly wealth but neglects his soul. When the man dies, all his riches are meaningless. Jesus concludes, "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

So what are real riches? We might include love of God, love of neighbor, and holiness. These riches grow from a life rooted in prayer, the sacraments, and service. As St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading, if we're not living in and for Jesus, we will never be truly rich.

Although God calls each of us to holiness, not everyone's call is the same. People like Pier Giorgio Frassati showed us how to live richly in Christ. He was not a priest or missionary, but a student who lived a simple life of service and prayer. Like St. Thérèse of Lisieux observed, holiness is found in little things done with great love.

To grow in real riches, you might ask yourself: do I love my spouse, my children, my neighbor as Christ does? Do I seek God daily in prayer and the sacraments?

Because in the end, the only riches that matter are the ones that lead us to heaven.

Reflection Questions:

- What areas of my life show that I am seeking earthly riches over the riches that matter to God?
- How am I actively growing in love for God and my neighbor?
- Do I believe that holiness and a deep relationship with Jesus are the real purpose and fulfillment of my life?

For More Reflections Visit:
stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/



COME AND SEE

Are you...

- Searching for something the world isn't offering you?
- Feeling a quiet longing you can't quite name?
- Open to discovering where God might be leading you?

Come and See is a gentle invitation to explore the Christian faith in a setting that's relational and real. Whether you were *raised in a church*, *left long ago*, or *have never practiced any faith*, **this space is for you.**

Together we'll explore the person of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Ask your questions. The first ten weeks are a time of inquiry. No pressure. No commitment.

WHEN?

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Then each Tuesday after at the same time

WHERE?

Laramie Room (Lower Level of the Church)

Contact Fr. Ed Pelrine to get started:
frpelrine@stjamesah.org 224-345-7222



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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Sunday, August 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the people of the parish
10:00 Louise Lindemann
5:00 Mark Anthony Baron
Roger Anthony Baron
Larry Theodore Baron
James Elden Baron

Monday, August 4 St. John Vianney

7:30 Elaine Mysza
Teresa Smith
Gertrude Pietrolonardo (10th Anniv.)
John F. Kordek
Walter Kragh
12:00 Sue Fosco*
Penny Wilburt*
Isabel Galan*
Elijah Edwards*
Maria Perez*
Joan Smith

Tuesday, August 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

7:30 Alois "Lou" Simeth
Maria Sottile (1st Anniv.)
Dolores Hathaway (1st Anniv.)
Tom Faciana

Wednesday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 Lolly McDonald (1st Anniv.)
Helena Jochaniewicz
12:00 Kimberly Huster*
Kameron Huster*
Gavin Huster*
Amber Huster*
Pat Wilson*
Jane Helen*

Thursday, August 7 St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan

Friday, August 8 St. Dominic

7:30 William Scheffler (9th Anniv.)
Richard Schermerhorn
Christine Socher
Fr. Michael Schershel
Bjorn Stefan Hallsson
Susan K. Heron

Saturday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

7:30 Bob Jarosz

**Indicates Living*

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Lucy Detlefsen
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Angela Ziccardi

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Wedding Banns

III. Alexander Morain & Sarah Levato
II. Joseph Gerardi & Allison Poole

Recent Baptisms

Juliette LaRocco Mijal, child of
John Mijal and Domenica (Giancola) Mijal

Francesca Gianna Battista, child of
Frank Battista and Lisa (Ommundson) Battista

Natalia Marie Tessar, child of
Dominik Tessar and Anna Pinas

Clay Robert Wieder, child of
Jason Wieder and Laura (Danielewicz) Wieder

Readings for the week of August 4, 2025

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:35-40

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. All requests kept confidential.

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*Blessed Carlo is scheduled to be canonized on 9/7/25. He was a teen who enjoyed soccer,
video games, building computer programs, and loved the Eucharist. He died of leukemia in
2006 at the age of 15. He serves as a great role model to all youth and adults of our time!*

*Saint Edna will be hosting the Blessed Carlo Acutis' Exhibit in
the Doherty Center on:*

Saturday, August 9th: 12 Noon - 7pm

Sunday, August 10th: 8am - 5pm



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m. | Mon. & Wed. 12:00 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Ensemble

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Cantor and Organ

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Traditional Choir & Organ*

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Choir*

Sunday 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Choir*

Sunday 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Ensemble

**The traditional & contemporary choirs are currently on summer hiatus.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM - Please contact the Parish Office with a preferred date one month in advance.

MARRIAGE - At least six months prior to your wedding, please contact the Parish Office to set a date.

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

FIRST FRIDAY - Devotion to the Sacred Heart after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of each month

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

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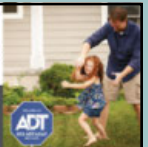


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