



# SAINT JAMES PARISH

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my  
mouth;

I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.

Psalm 138



JULY 27

2025

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# PATH TO SUNDAY

## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

*Abraham pleads with God to spare Sodom, revealing God's justice, mercy, and patience toward the righteous.*  
(Genesis 18:20-32)

### Psalms:

*The psalmist praises God's love, faithfulness, and saving help in every trouble.*  
(Psalm 138)

### Second Reading:

*Through Christ's death and resurrection, we're made alive, forgiven, and freed from sin's condemnation.*  
(Colossians 2:12-14)

### Gospel:

*Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer, urges persistent prayer, and assures that God graciously gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.*  
(Luke 11:1-13)

Many of us pray, and many of us are frustrated with prayer. Why? Because we treat it like a transaction: I ask, God gives. When He doesn't give us that for which we ask, we wonder what's wrong. Sometimes we become angry with God. But what if the problem isn't with God, but with our understanding of prayer?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from Luke chapter eleven, Jesus' disciples ask Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." These were good, devout Jews. They already knew how to say prayers and ask God for things. But they saw something deeper in how Jesus prayed. The prayer practice of their teacher was rooted not in asking, but in relationship. As Jesus begins to teach them The Lord's Prayer, one thing they notice immediately is that the Son of God begins His prayer with a declaration of love and reverence: "Father, hallowed be your name."

Remember that when Jesus prayed, He wasn't handing God a to-do list. He was seeking His Father's will. Even in the garden before His crucifixion, Jesus asked the Father to let the cup of suffering pass him by. Nevertheless, He added, "not my will, but yours be done."

That's the heart of real prayer: not asking for stuff or even miracles, but for God's will, God's kingdom, and to be in God's presence now and forever. When we pray like that, when we seek the Holy Spirit, we

start to understand prayer as Jesus did. And God, who is our loving Father, will always respond with what we truly need. So maybe the question is not just, "Am I praying?" but, "Am I praying like Jesus?"

### Reflection Questions:

- What does it mean to approach God as a loving Father, and how might that change the way I pray?
- In what ways can my prayer become more about my relationship with God rather than simply asking for things?
- How can I learn to trust God's will, even when the answer to my prayer is "no" or silence?

*Find more Path to Sunday reflections on our website:*  
[stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/](http://stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/)

ARE YOU SEEKING?



# 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](mailto:frpelrine@stjamesah.org) 224-345-7222



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HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN

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Deacon Johnny Burnett

# Concert

*Under the Stars*



[stjamesah.org/concert-under-the-stars/](http://stjamesah.org/concert-under-the-stars/)

Location  
St. James Parish

SAVE THE DATE  
Saturday, August 2

Proceeds to Charity

DON'T FORGET



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTER BY 7/31

After July 31, all students will be placed on a waitlist and accepted as space is available!

## Program Highlights :

- ✓ Kindergarten-5th Grade
- ✓ Tuesday afternoon sessions
- ✓ 4:30-5:45 -OR- 6:30-7:45
- ✓ Homeschool Option

**REGISTER TODAY**



Contact us  
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## MINISTRY UPDATES



# Marillac BACKPACK DRIVE

Saturday, August 2

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

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Backpacks (no wheels)
- Crayons, Markers, Pencils, Colored Pencils
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## PARISH & SCHOOL UPDATES

# WE DID IT... ...TOGETHER!

### Vibrant Generations Campaign Update

St. James Parish is thrilled to announce that we have reached our \$4 million goal for the Vibrant Generations Capital Campaign! This incredible milestone is a testament to the generosity, faith, and unity of our community. We are still in the process of tallying all contributions and will proudly share a full list of supporters in an upcoming bulletin.

**Thank you for being part of this historic achievement for St. James!**



QUESTIONS?



224-345-7212



[stjamesah.org/capital-campaign](http://stjamesah.org/capital-campaign)

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6TH  
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1995



SAVE THE DATES

# THE ASSUMPTION

*of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Friday, August 15

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Times

7:30 a.m.

Noon

7:00 p.m.



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**SEPT 30**

**DINNER  
AT 5PM**

**FORMATION  
TO FOLLOW**

**EVENING SPEAKER:  
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FROM OUR MINISTRIES

SAVE THE DATE

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# WOMEN'S MASS

MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

6 PM | 820 N Arlington Heights Rd.

*Ut Vitam Habeant*



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## Human Life ~ God's Plan

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you future and hope."*

*(Jer 29:11)*



*"How precious must man be in the eyes of the Creator, if he earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer" (Easter Exsultet),*

*and if God gave his only Son in order that man should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).*

# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions & Observances

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### Saturday, July 26

**5:00** Oscar Novales (1st Anniv.)  
Patrick & Kevin Houlihan  
Bob Duffer

### Sunday, July 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30** Antoinette Esposito  
**10:00** Margaret Wroblewska  
**11:30** Philip Krueger  
**5:00** For the people of the parish

### Monday, July 28

**7:30** Joseph Lang  
John F. Kordek  
Jim McLaughlin  
**12:00** Jozefa Bezruczko

### Tuesday, July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

**7:30** James Stipak

### Wednesday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

**7:30** Frank Brennan

### Thursday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

**7:30** Karen Lifka  
Tom Rothfus  
Jack Ruane  
Richard Bergstresser

### Friday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

**7:30** Fr. John Roller  
Br. Juniper Kriss, OFM CONV

### Saturday, August 2 St. Peter Julian Eymard

**7:30** William Scheffler (9th Anniv.)  
Fr Mark Beard

## Readings for the week of July 28, 2025

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**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-11/Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

## In Loving Memory

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Maureen P. Joyce

## Please Pray for Our Sick

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Norine Naselli  
Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
Richard Fung  
Cody Casey  
Leon Delano  
Sr. Joanne Grib  
Lucille Krajnik

## Rose for Life

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Donated by Joan Burger in loving memory of Kelly O'Connor on the 2nd anniversary of her death

## Wedding Banns

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III. Daniel Jones & Isabella Bucaro  
III. Matthew Dowdy & Mary Gerbatsch  
II. Alexander Morain & Sarah Levato  
I. Joseph Gerardi & Allison Poole

## Recent Baptisms

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**Holly Kiernan Hamilton**, child of  
Ina Hamilton and Natalie O'Sullivan

**Evelyn Denise Bell**, child of  
Darryl Bell and Eileen (McEnerney) Bell

**James Nicholas Baur**, child of  
Nicholas Baur and Meghan (Griffin) Baur

**Maria Rose Wall**, child of  
Bryson Wall and Monika (Nevarez) Wall

## Celebrant Schedule, August 2-3

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

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**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](mailto: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.  
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**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**PADS Outreach** provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.  
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**Parish Pastoral Council** serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit.  
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**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.  
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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.  
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**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](mailto: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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## YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

THIS FRIDAY MORNING AFTER MASS

# First Friday Devotion

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**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 8:30 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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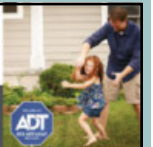
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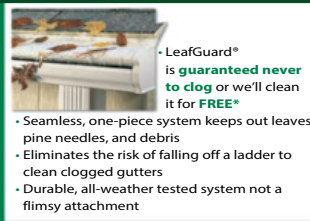
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