



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

COME TO MY AID,
Lord!

PSALM 40

AUG 17
2025

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Readings

First Reading:

Jeremiah is accused and thrown into a cistern, but the king orders his rescue after hearing Ebed-melech's plea.

(Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

Psalm:

God rescues the faithful, inspires praise, and desires obedience over sacrifice.

(Psalm 40)

Second Reading:

St. Paul reminds us to persevere in faith, looking to Jesus as our perfect example.

(Hebrews 12:1-4)

Gospel:

Jesus makes clear that following him may cause division, reminding us that true peace means being in right relationship with God and others.

(Luke 12:49-53)

Dear Friends,

In the center of the Creighton University campus in Omaha, Nebraska, there is a 20-foot-tall stainless steel sculpture of a flame with the inscription, "*Ite, inflamate omnia.*" The inscription is attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, and means, "Go, set the world on fire."

Jesus famously says in the Gospel today, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" He links this to a baptism with which he must be baptized; that is, the baptism of the Cross. This is followed by his linking of this mission with division within families. "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

The fire that Jesus says he has come to bring is not a fire of division or resentment, but rather the fire of the saving message of the Gospel. This fire is the Holy Spirit within us. In the story found in Luke 24 (the road to Emmaus) Cleopas says to his companion after their encounter with the risen Jesus, "Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Luke 24:32).

Describing this burning, this fire, St. Ambrose wrote, "Love has wings of burning fire that flies through

the saints' breasts and consumes whatever is material and earthly, but tests whatever is pure."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor in Germany, wrote *The Cost of Discipleship* during the Nazi era. He wrote of "costly grace," with commitment and sacrifice to God and his word in mind. He explained, "Discipleship means adherence to Christ, and, because Christ is the object of that adherence, it must take the form of discipleship."

"Cheap grace," Bonhoeffer wrote, "is the grace we bestow on ourselves ... grace without discipleship ... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock ... It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

"This is the end – for me, the beginning of life," were Bonhoeffer's last words, as he was led to his execution in Flossenbürg concentration camp on April 9, 1945. He had publicly renounced the Nazi regime at the cost of his life. This martyr and disciple truly lived in adherence to Christ. He remained faithful to the end, and received the crown of eternal life.

God bless you,
Fr. Ed

WELCOME BACK

ST. JAMES SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I'm so excited to begin my first school year as a Bulldog! It's an honor to join this vibrant community and to see the joy, energy, and enthusiasm our students bring through the doors each day.

I look forward to learning, growing, and celebrating many successes together this year. Let's make it an incredible one. Go Bulldogs!

~ Principal Scalia



SAINT JAMES PARISH
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HOSPITALITY *Sunday!*

PLEASE JOIN US

LARAMIE ROOM AFTER SUNDAY A.M. MASSES
COFFEE & DONUTS
HOST: SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - A Mission of Love

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a group of dedicated men and women who come together in prayer and service to support those in our community experiencing financial hardship.

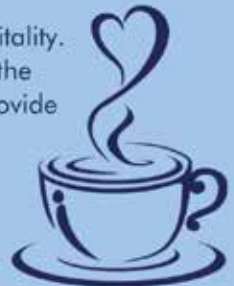
Through our 24/7 hotline—listed in the St. James bulletin—individuals in need can reach out to us directly. We respond to calls the same day and arrange home visits to better understand each situation. These visits allow us to offer not only material support such as help with rent, utilities, food, and guidance, but also spiritual support through prayer. We are blessed to work with many local organizations that help us meet needs that may exceed our own resources. Our goal is to assist with immediate concerns while encouraging hope, dignity, and self-sufficiency for the future. Most importantly, we see the face of Christ in each person we serve.



Learn about volunteer opportunities:

If you feel called to this mission, we warmly invite you to consider joining us. Members of our ministry are available this weekend after 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday to answer questions.

This Sunday, August 17 SVdP will host Hospitality. Come have coffee and donuts with us after the morning Masses, and our volunteers can provide more information.



YOUTH FORMATION

JOIN THE YOUTH FORMATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

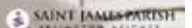


Core Team Edge (Middle School)

- Prepare students for Confirmation
- Build Community. Grow in Faith. Serve Together.
- We're Looking for 4 Male and 2 Female Volunteers!
- We meet from 3:00 to 4:30 every Sunday!

Contact: Dora Mendoza
dmendoza@stjamesah.org

APPLY HERE



EXPLORE THE FAITH

**SEPT 30
DINNER
AT 5PM**

**EVENING SPEAKER:
FR. BOBBY BLOOD**



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A TIME TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP, FORMATION AND PRAYER

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Feeling a quiet longing you can't quite name?

Open to discovering where God might be leading you?

COME AND SEE

Come and See is a gentle invitation to explore the Christian faith in a setting that's relational and real. No pressure. No commitment.

WHEN?

Tuesday, September 9
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE?

Laramie Room (LL of the Church)

Contact Fr. Ed Pelrine with any questions
frpelrine@stjamesah.org
224-345-7222



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MUSIC MINISTRY

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TUES. AUG. 26

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GRADE 2-4 AT 5:45 PM

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stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration

Sing *With Us!*

All Souls Mass of Remembrance • November 1

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sacred sounds
concert series



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If you love to sing, please consider joining us this season! Scan the code to learn more or contact:

Tamaron Conseur
tconseur@stjamesah.org



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**LIFE TEEN
REGISTRATION**

ARE YOU A TEEN LOOKING FOR
A COMMUNITY OF FAITH?

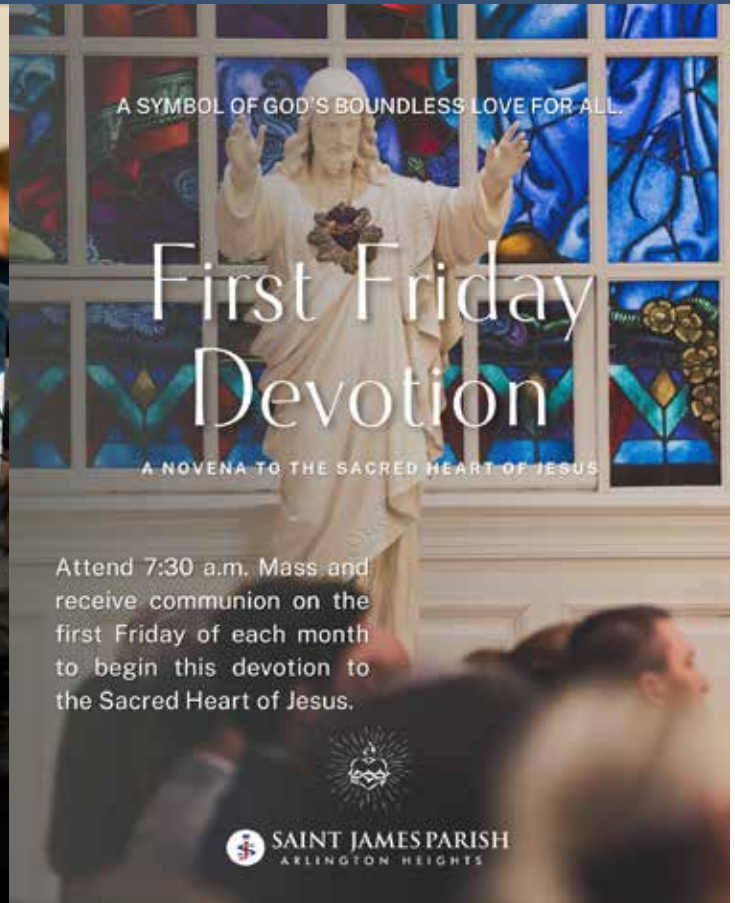
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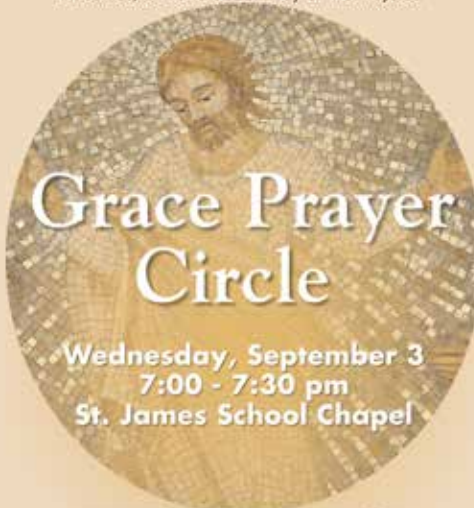
First Friday Devotion

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*




Grace Prayer Circle

Wednesday, September 3
7:00 - 7:30 pm
St. James School Chapel

Speaker: Fr. Ryan McMillin
Topic: He Cares for You; You Matter

Join us to pray for those living with mental health concerns and
their loved ones. Submit prayer requests at:
847-253-5390 or mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org

<i>Ut Vitam Habeant</i>	 SAINT JAMES PARISH RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY	<i>That They Might Have Life</i>
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Many, Many, Belated Thanks to St. James Parishioners

The Respect Life Ministry has recently
been informed of donations that we
have received over some time ...

We are extremely grateful for your
generosity and want you to know that
we will use them in our mission to
serve our parish. Much good can be
accomplished.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



ST. FRANCIS

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FEST

LOCATION:
CAMP REINBERG AT THE
DEER GROVE FOREST PRESERVE, PALATINE

10.05.25

Come together to praise God
for His beautiful creation!

SCHEDULE:
3pm - Nature Hike
5pm - Outdoor Prayer Service
6pm - Free Dinner
This is a waste-free event.

learn more and RSVP here



stjamesah.org/saint-francis-fest/



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Questions?

sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 17

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

Speaker: Mike Corrado | Topic: Long Term Care

**RSVP by Friday September 12
Contact Carly White at
224.345.7213 or cwhite@stjamesah.org**



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For more information, please contact:
Stewardship & Development Director, Julie Jacobson,
at 224-345-7212 or jjacobson@stjamesah.org
or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga



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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, August 16

5:00 For the people of the parish

Sunday, August 17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Catherine Sabay
Thomas Paluch
8:30 Arlene Brescia
Maureen Joyce
10:00 Jerry Hanlon
Bob & Andy Jarosz
Juliane Culver
11:30 Edward A. Dillon
Lori Kelly

Monday, August 18

7:30 Michelle Dompro*
Kameron Huster*
John F. Kordek
Molly Kurt
12:00 John Velasco
Richard Warmowski

Tuesday, August 19 St. John Eudes

7:30 Frank Pietrolonardo
Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.
Cara Cathleen Dougherty
Gina Pellegrini-Hammond (2nd Anniv.)

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard

7:30 Houlihan & Moran Families
Tom Faciana

Thursday, August 21 St. Pius X

7:30 Gerald Kreie (1st Anniv.)
James Valvoda
Marie Valvoda

Friday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Lynne Davison
Frank & Victoria Bosco
Ed Cahill
Sharon Scanlan

Saturday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima

7:30 Lolly McDonald

**Indicates Living*

In Loving Memory

Josephine Stellato

Please Pray for Our Sick

Norine Naselli
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Richard Fung
Cody Casey
Angela Ziccardi
Melinda C.

Rose for Life

Donated by Bernadette Velasco in loving memory of her son, John, in honor of his birthday

Wedding Banns

II. Geoffrey Palasz and Erica Haas
I. Brian Atchley and Adriana Geraci
I. Kevin Frank and Claire Scully

Recent Baptisms

Kennedy Kay Frances Nykiel, child of
Brad Nykiel and Cassidy Kuhlman

Cooper Joseph Kozak, child of
Joseph Kozak and Abigail (Owens) Kozak

Celebrant Schedule, August 23-24

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

Readings for the week of August 18

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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.

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

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STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

SPRED Ministry at St. Edna • Info Meeting 8.28

SPRED(Special Religious Development) is a parish-based ministry that provides faith formation and spiritual growth to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages. The **St. Edna SPRED** group supports children **ages 6 – 10**. Other age groups are supported by other parishes.

- The SPRED ministry's new season will be starting Saturday, September 20 at **St. Edna**.
- An information night for families will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at **St. Edna in Arlington Heights**.
- If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact the **St. Edna Parish Office** at (847)398-3362.

Mission and Purpose of SPRED

- Foster a sense of belonging in the Church for people of all abilities
- Help participants recognize their own spiritual identity and relationship with God
- Create a welcoming space for prayer, catechesis and community
- Faith Formation approach uses sensory-based learning to awaken spiritual awareness
- Lessons are adapted to each person's cognitive and emotional rhythm
- Encourages sacramental participation at a pace that respects individual needs
- Builds friendships between participants and catechists
- Promotes inclusion in parish life- not just in faith formation, but in liturgy and social events



**LACE 'EM UP &
JOIN THE FUN!**

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the St. Vincent DePaul Tri-Parish 5K Run/1-Mile Walk for the Poor.

The event will take place **Saturday, September 13**, at OLW, beginning with the Kids Dash at **7:45 AM**.

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**SATURDAY, SEPT 13
7:45 AM**

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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

THE ADORATION CHAPEL - Open to the public, M-F from 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Sat & Sun 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Or sign up for a time at adorationpro.org/jamesil

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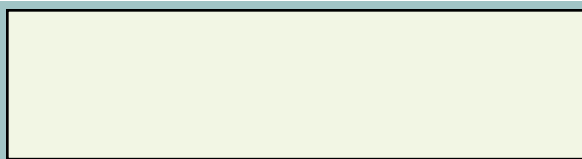
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