



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Welcome Back BULLDOGS



AUG 24

2025

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Today's Readings

First Reading:

God will gather all nations to see His glory, sending messengers and bringing people as offerings to His presence.

(Is 66:18-21)

Psalm:

All nations are called to praise the Lord for His greatness and steadfast love.

(Ps 117)

Second Reading:

Endure God's discipline as loving correction; it produces righteousness, strengthens faith, and guides believers toward steadfast, upright living.

(Heb 12:5-7, 11-13)

Gospel:

Jesus teaches that entering God's kingdom requires earnest effort; many will be surprised, as the last may be first and the first last.

(Lk 13:22-30)

Dear Friends,

September 11, 2001 is a date that most everyone remembers. I was a priest of almost four months, and I remember well the trauma of the day itself, but even more so, the aftermath at the parish where I was assigned. It happened that our parish had that week a statue of Mary called Our Lady of the New Millennium. It is a 33-foot-tall, stainless steel image of the Blessed Mother which, at the time, was touring the area. In the days following the 9/11 event thousands of people showed up to pray. In addition, Masses were packed with standing-room-only crowds. The people had received a wakeup call, and they responded...but only for a couple of weeks. Eventually the statue departed, and the crowds at Mass dwindled down to pre-9/11 numbers.

The readings for this Sunday are a wakeup call to the people of Israel. Don't presume salvation! Isaiah 66 foretells the missionary expansion of the Church. The Lord sends out "fugitives" to the nations. They will proclaim God's glory to the Gentiles, and return to Jerusalem with a mixed group (Gentiles and Israelites) to offer perfect worship to God. What a shock these words must have been to those who believed that being an Israelite was a guarantee of favor with God.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is asked if many will be saved. He ignores that question and answers instead, "strive to enter through the narrow gate." He then uses the analogy of the master who has locked the door of the house.

Those who presume that they belong in the house will hear the master say, "I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'"

The way to salvation involves struggle. There is no easy salvation. In a time when we hear so often that everyone goes to Heaven because Jesus never judges anyone, the message of today's readings comes as a shock. It is a wakeup call. Take seriously the opportunity Jesus is offering to repent and follow Him now. The question is not how many will be saved, but how we (and others) will be saved.

The deep desire in Jesus' heart is echoed in Paul's letter to Timothy when he explains, "God our Savior... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4)." He gives us all the grace we need to receive this salvation, won at a great price. Through the sacraments, repentance, and prayer, His grace can overcome the obstacles in our life of discipleship. In the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, "strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed (Hebrews 12:13)."

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

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WHEN?

Tuesday, September 9
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WHERE?

Laramie Room (LL of the Church)

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frpelrine@stjamesah.org
224-345-7222

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SEPT 30
DINNER
AT 5PM

EVENING SPEAKER:
FR. BOBBY BLOOD



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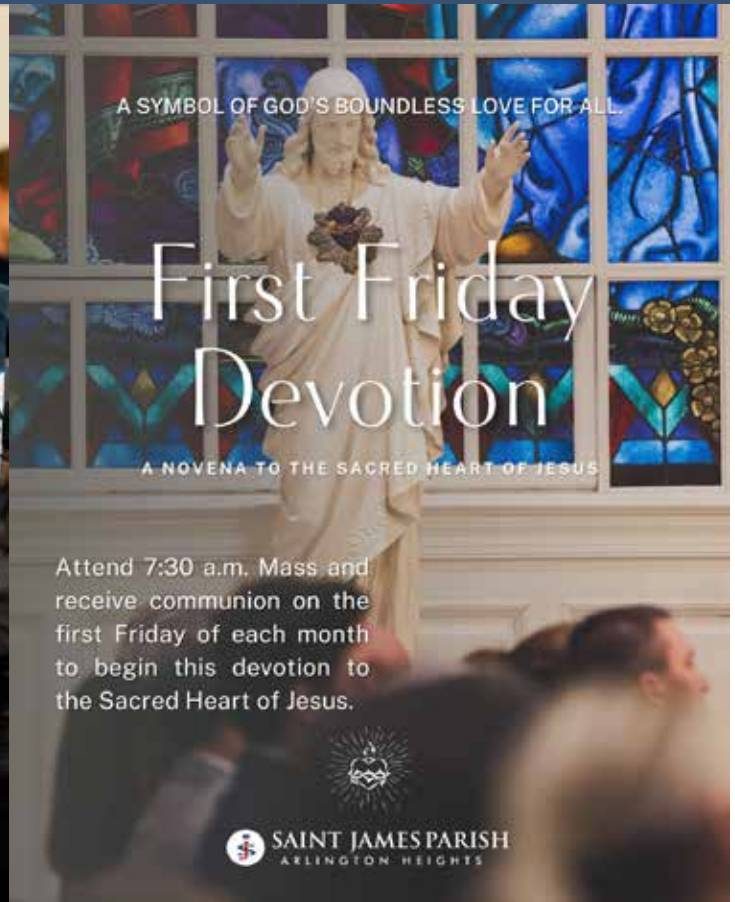
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to begin this devotion to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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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

Ut Vitam Habeant

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

That They Might Have Life

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.

MINISTRY & PARISH NEWS

P.A.D.S.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter
EST. 1989



Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. - Matthew 25:40

As we prepare to open the doors of the Saint James PADS Shelter once again, Saint James would like to thank each of you who gave your time, energy, and compassion last season. Through your service, we were able to offer warmth, dignity, and hope to our guests. Your kindness made a difference.

Now, as a new season approaches, we are once again in need of your help. We invite you to prayerfully consider signing up to serve this year. Whether you've been with us for many seasons or are thinking of volunteering for the first time, there is a place for you here.



Each role, from meal preparation to overnight hosting is vital to the mission of sheltering those in need with Christ-like love.

Please use the QR code to view the schedule and sign up for the dates and roles that work best for you.



We're looking for volunteers

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

With gratitude,
Saint James PADS
and Summer Dinners Outreach



Scan and sign up here

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 CHILDREN & FAMILIES

big
news!



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AFTER-SCHOOL CHOIRS

OPEN REHEARSALS

TUES. AUG. 26

No commitment necessary; come check us out!

GRADE 2-4 AT 5:45 PM

GRADE 5-8 AT 6:45 PM



stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration

MINISTRY MESSAGES



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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Ut Vitam Habeant



SAINT JAMES PARISH
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

That They Might Have Life

Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, to stop federal funding of the abortion industry



The **USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities** has announced a nationwide invitation to prayer, through the intercession of St. Joseph, from now until October 1, to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry.

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, August 23

5:00 Alexander Jaffe

Sunday, August 24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Cynthia Swanson

8:30 For the people of the parish

10:00 David H. Curtis
Mary Didier

Monday, August 25 St. Louis

7:30 Rosalie Constertina
Arlene Fuesz
John F. Kordek

Tuesday, August 26

7:30 John Bucher, Sr.
Jack Gavin
Rose Cargola (7th Anniv.)
Christopher Anastasia (2nd Anniv.)

Wednesday, August 27 St. Monica

7:30 Gregory Brown
Esther Nordin
Philip Krueger
Don Firnbach

Thursday, August 28 St. Augustine

7:30 Jeannie Schmit
Michael Jackson

Friday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30 Clem Juris
Florence Spires

Saturday, August 30

7:30 Tom Rothfus
Lillian & Raymond Wegner
Joseph K. (2nd Anniv.)

Readings for the week of August 25

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-5/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

In Loving Memory

Marilyn Petzold
Giovanni DiMarco
Joann Morris

Please Pray for Our Sick

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

Rose for Life

Donated by Elizabeth Anastasia in loving memory of her husband, Christopher, on the second anniversary of his death

Wedding Banns

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

Recent Baptisms

Audrey Josephine McDonald, child of
Dennis McDonald and Kristi (Clements) McDonald

Charles Russell Gallagher, child of
Charles Gallagher and Makenzie (Pick) Gallagher

Mary Jane Perenchio, child of
Cody Perenchio and Silvia Paier

Ava Grace Munson, child of
John Munson and Stephanie Weber

Porter Elixabeth Barlock, child of
Nicholas Barlock and Marissa (Pettenuzzo) Barlock

Graham Theodore Czarnik, child of
Scott Czarnik and Danielle (Kern) Czarnik

Celebrant Schedule, August 30-31

5:00 Fr. Ed

7:00 Fr. Ed

8:30 Fr. Ed

10:00 Fr. Paul

11:30 Fr. Paul

5:00 Fr. Paul

PARISH INFORMATION

DON'T FALL BEHIND

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

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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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- 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
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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.
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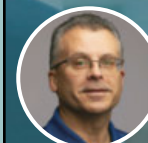
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