



SAINT JAMES PARISH

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Readings

First Reading:

Live with humility, for it pleases God; wisdom flows from lowliness, while pride leads to downfall and ruin.
(Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29)

Psalm:

God reigns with power, defends the vulnerable, provides for His people, and leads them with care.
(Psalm 68)

Second Reading:

Believers come not to fearsome Sinai, but to heavenly Zion—God's presence, angels, and Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.
(Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a)

Gospel:

Jesus teaches humility: seek the lowest place and serve the poor, for true honor and reward come from God.
(Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Dear Friends,

Years ago at my sister's wedding reception, the groom's great-aunt picked up what she thought was her place card and went to the assigned table. (Her name was similar to the name of one of the guests who was on the groom's softball team). The woman sat at the table, and was very happy to find herself in the company of a group of men in their 20s, and right next to the bar! The groom's mother noticed her aunt sitting there and quickly rectified the situation, perhaps to the aunt's disappointment.

We can all relate to banquets and the art of seating people in the right place and with the right people. Jesus' use of that setting for a parable is accessible to everyone. Another reality for most of us is the experience of illness and weakness, either in ourselves or in loved ones. The loss of independence, mobility, memory, and control over daily functions and routines is a painful trial. Some handle it well, with resignation, humbly accepting help. Others struggle greatly with their diminishing ability.

Matt Maher wrote a song called "Every Little Prison," which is a contemporary prayer for humility. In it, he asks to be delivered:

"From wanting to be loved, from wanting to be praised by all, from needing to be first, from finding all my worth in this world, from wanting to be seen, from constant worrying about myself.

Deliver me, deliver me. Show me what it all looks like scribbled on the pages of a human life, riddled through the ages until we see the light, breaking all the cages wide open. Every little prison."

Maher's message (that pride puts us in a cage and that these cages can turn into prisons) is spot on. On the cross Jesus showed us true humility. St. Paul's Philippians Hymn describes the power of humility to the point of death, followed by Resurrection and exaltation.

The world, however, doesn't understand this dichotomy; it was true in first-century Palestine, and it is true today. Our hope is powerfully expressed in the Letter to the Hebrews: "You have approached the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant."

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



COMING SOON

A SYMBOL OF GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE FOR ALL

First Friday Devotion

A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

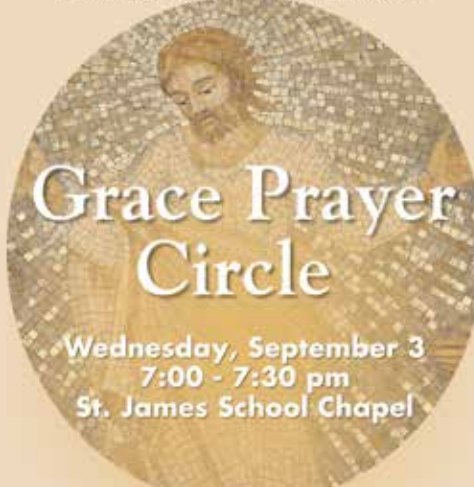
Attend 7:30 a.m. Mass and receive communion on the first Friday of each month to begin this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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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

Searching for something the world isn't offering you?

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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ENRICH YOUR FAITH

SEPT 30
DINNER
AT 5PM

EVENING SPEAKER:
FR. BOBBY BLOOD



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Stop by the Gathering Space after Masses Sept. 6 and 7
to learn about Hallow. Scan the QR Code to join our
community today!

FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

**big
news!**

CHILDREN'S FORMATION MASSES

SUNDAYS AT @ 11:30 A.M.

SEPT. 21 • OCT. 26 • NOV. 16 • DEC. 14 • JAN 18 • FEB. 22 • MAR. 15 • APR. 19

A SPECIAL TIME FOR CHILDREN TO PRAY AND GROW IN FAITH

GREET AT MASS • PRESENT THE GIFTS • DISTRIBUTE BULLETINS • SERVE AT THE ALTAR • PROCLAIM THE READINGS

- The Parish Children's Choir sings at all Children's Formation Masses.
- Gather for Donuts after all Children's Formation Masses.



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Scan the QR code to learn more and become involved.

PARISH YOUTH CHOIRS OPEN REHEARSALS TUES. SEPT. 2

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

YOUR SERVICE IS NEEDED

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

We're looking for volunteers

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

st.james.pads@gmail.com

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.



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Scan and sign up here

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

sacred sounds
concert series

A NIGHT OF HOPE

Free and open to the Community

SEPTEMBER 24

7:00PM | ST. JAMES CHURCH

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

A prayer service with
contemporary Christian
music to raise mental
health awareness and hope



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We are seeking singers for the
All Souls Mass

Sing *With Us!*

Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, November 1

Rehearsals begin September 18.

sacred sounds
concert series



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Scan the code to sign up
or contact Tamaron Conseur
tconseur@stjamesah.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARTH
SHEPHERDS

ST. FRANCIS FEST

10.05.25

Come together to praise God
for His beautiful creation!

SCHEDULE:

3pm - Nature Hike
5pm - Outdoor Prayer Service
6pm - Free Dinner
8pm - Bonfire

LOCATION:

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learn more and RSVP here



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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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UPCOMING EVENTS



LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION

ARE YOU A TEEN LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY OF FAITH?

Join us on September 14th at 6–8 PM
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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, August 30

5:00 Patrick & Kevin Houlihan
Bob Duffer
Lawrence Ely

Sunday, August 31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Daniel Kowalski
8:30 Michael Ryan
10:00 For the people of the parish
11:30 Carl Schulien
Dianna Werba

Monday, September 1 Labor Day (NO NOON MASS)

7:30 John F. Kordek
Robert & Jeanne Roelant (35th Wedding Anniv.)

Wednesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

7:30 Aleyamma Ulahannan, Sr. (9th Anniv.)
Patrick Kenny
12:00 James Santella

Thursday, September 4

7:30 Gary Sladek
Rose Mary Phol

Friday, September 5

7:30 Alois "Lou" Simeth
Carmela Sahagun (1st Anniv.)
Carolyn Grieve
Rose Mary Phol

Saturday, September 6

7:30 Joanne Morman
Helena Jochaniewicz

Please pray for our sick

Joe Maher
Norine Naselli
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Dettelsen
Richard Fung
Cody Casey
Angela Ziccardi
Melinda C.
Lucille Krajnik
Richard Klicki
Catherine Villinski

Rose for Life

Donated by Bernadette Velasco in loving memory of her parents, Lorraine and Stanley Wiczek, in honor of their birthdays and wedding anniversary

Wedding Banns

III. Brian Atchley and Adriana Geraci
III. Kevin Frank and Claire Scully
I. Michael Crigler, II and Enxhi Asani
I. Christopher D'Amato and Meghan McShea

Recent Baptisms

Ethan Archer Steiner, child of Erik Steiner and Maria Franzwa

Camila Avery Chakchay, child of Joseph Chakchay and Mayra (Ocampo) Chakchay

Leo Terrence Manjarrez, child of Brian Manjarrez and Colleen Bannon

Kellen Kody Schomig, child of Connor Schomig and Michaela (Dwyer) Schomig

Celebrant Schedule September 6-7

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 September 1

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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.
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

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- Canned Items: beef stew, corned beef hash, fruit, salmon, sardines, spam, tomatoes
- Packaged & Jarred Items: cookies, crackers, dry milk, granola bars, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, ramen

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7:45 AM**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m. | Wed. 12:00 p.m.
(No noon Mass on Labor Day, Sept. 1)

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1.

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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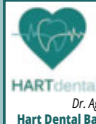
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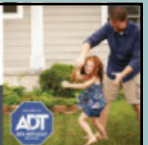


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