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PATH TO SUNDAY

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Human understanding is limited; only God's Spirit reveals His will, guiding people to wisdom, truth, and the path of salvation.

(Wisdom 9:13-18b)

Psalm:

God is eternal; human life is brief—seek His mercy.

(Psalm 90)

2nd Reading:

Paul appeals for Onesimus, urging Philemon to receive him as a beloved brother in Christ.

(Philemon 9-10, 12-17)

Gospel:

Jesus teaches true discipleship requires wholehearted commitment, even above family and possessions, urging followers to count the cost of carrying the cross.

(Luke 14:25-33)

Discipleship is more than simply following Jesus; it is walking in His footsteps and imitating Christ in every aspect of life. At baptism, we became sons and daughters of God, called to pattern our lives on His Son. A true disciple is not one who follows Jesus occasionally or merely to receive blessings, but one whose entire identity is rooted in being a child of God and a follower of Christ.

The Gospels show that large crowds often followed Jesus, many drawn by His reputation as a miracle worker. Yet Jesus made clear that not all who followed Him were true disciples. He began to set conditions: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." In other words, discipleship requires total commitment, putting Christ above everything else.

A disciple is someone under discipline, embracing the challenges of faith each day. Like an Olympic athlete who sacrifices daily for a crown that perishes, disciples accept the cost of following Christ for a reward that endures forever. Jesus teaches three conditions: to put Him above all relationships, to carry our cross, and to renounce possessions. These do not mean literal hatred or reckless poverty, but rather a reordering of life so that Christ always comes first.

Discipleship is demanding because it requires transformation. We must let go of sin, embrace suffering, and live with spiritual poverty, seeing all that we have as belonging to God. Yet the reward is beyond imagination—eternal life in heaven, where perfect love and peace reign. The price is heavy, but discipleship prepares us for that profound encounter with God's infinite love, the ultimate goal of our journey.

Reflection Questions

- In what areas of my life do I struggle to put Christ first, and how can I begin to reorder my priorities as a true disciple?
- What "crosses" or challenges in my life might God be asking me to embrace as part of my transformation in discipleship?
- How can I practice spiritual poverty rather than allowing possessions to control my life?

THIS WEEK

ANNOUNCING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH: **Hallow**



<https://hallow.com/communities/1693/>



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

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are seeking singers for the
All Souls Mass

Sing *With Us!*

Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, November 1
Rehearsals begin September 18.

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or contact Tamaron Conseur
tconseur@stjamesah.org

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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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stjamesah.org/night-hope/
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PARISH NEWS

**SEPT 30
DINNER
AT 5PM**

**EVENING SPEAKER:
FR. BOBBY BLOOD**



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MORE
HERE**



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

ENCOUNTER

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

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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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LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION

ARE YOU A TEEN LOOKING FOR
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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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enKindle speaking series

The Last Pew:

Bringing Families Back to Church
(Panel Discussion)

Date: October 20th | 7 PM | St. James Church

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MINISTRY MESSAGES & EVENTS

"...Everyone should be...slow to speak, slow to wrath..." (James 1:19)

Digital technology has taken bullying and dating violence to a whole new level. An abuser no longer need be in physical proximity to render harm.

Words, whether spoken or written, may convey love, respect, and encouragement. Yet, those meant to control or hurt another can cut as deeply as a knife, sharply as a slap, or bruise as easily as a punch. Messages conveyed online carry the same potential – good or evil.

God has blessed each of us with the wondrous ability to communicate. How we use that gift is a choice, one that we need to take seriously. Any form of bullying or "violence" against the other is contrary to God's law of love. It cheapens this unique ability that was intended to be used for good.

In *Jesus Calling*, Sarah Young writes, "Watch your words diligently. Words have such great power to bless or to wound. When you speak carelessly or negatively, you damage others as well as yourself. This... is an awesome privilege... Ask My Spirit to help you whenever you speak." (August 3)



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



stjamesah.org/saint-francis-fest/

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Grandparents' Day Prayer

We thank you for our grandparents who have played such an important role in our lives. We remember with joy all of the time spent together doing simple things like fishing, doing a puzzle, baking cookies, taking a walk, reading a story and learning about the wonder of nature. Thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspired us to work hard, be patient, courageously endure hard times and to dare to follow our dreams. We are forever grateful for the wisdom and stability they provided when we felt our world was falling apart.

What a great gift to us that they loved us just because we were their grandchild. Thank you that they counted it joy to spend time listening as we told them about the big and little things going on in our lives. May we continuously feel their hugs and feel the warmth of their smiles so that we can better comprehend Your constant and unchanging love for us. We ask Your kind forgiveness for the times we failed to appreciate our grandparents, for the times we were too wrapped up in ourselves and our own activities to spend more time with them.

Help us to become more like them as we age, learning how to accept with grace the limitations of aging bodies. Give us their strong and supernatural grace to face the loss of our own aging friends and family the same way our grandparents have. May we learn from them how to face the prospects of our own limited time on earth and our own deaths with the dignity, peace, and assurance of eternal life. And when our time comes to be grandparents ourselves, help us to follow in their loving footsteps. ~Author Unknown

Source: Jesuitresource.org (Prayers for Grandparents/ "Our Grandparents")

Everyone deserves to be in safe, healthy relationships. If you, or someone you know, may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE

Stepping Stones
A St. James Ministry

Retired Men Meeting

Welcome back to our new year!

Our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 10 at 10:00 am in the Senior/Teen Room. We will be viewing Bishop Barron's DVD "World Without End". Bring your rosary and invite a friend.

Tom Adam 847-394-4731



**Knights of
Columbus.**



Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council Annual ID (aka Tootsie Roll) DRIVE

The Knights and their friends will be collecting donations after all masses on **September 13 & 14**. 100% of the funds aid and contribute to organizations devoted to the care of individuals and particularly those inflicted with one or more forms of intellectual disability. Local organizations supported include:

- Gerry's Cafe
- MISERICORDIA
- Special Olympics of IL
- SPRED
- Ministry special Leisure Services (SLSF)

Use the QR code to donate
directly to the Knights ID
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Thank you for your generosity in helping the Knights help others.

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, September 6

5:00 Wanda Fedro

Sunday, September 7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Bernice & Fred Konopasek
Tom Rothfus

8:30 Fr. John Roller
Anthony & Brent Viola

10:00 Richard Roy Lewis
Bob & Andy Jarosz

11:30 For the people of the parish

5:00 Mark Anthony Baron
Roger Anthony Baron
Larry Theodore Baron
James Elden Baron

Monday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Christine Swinton
John F. Kordek

Tuesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver

7:30 Matthew Petrillo (7th Anniv.)

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 James McGrath
James Valvoda
Marie Valvoda
Candace Duggan
Patricia English
Jim Meyer

Thursday, September 11

7:30 Connie Reed (1st Anniv.)
Bill Roller

Friday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 Iris Notto

Saturday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom

7:30 Candida Serino (1st Anniv.)
Alice Matthews
Lolly & James McDonald
Patricia Rago

In Loving Memory

Rita Votzmeyer
Catherine Villinski
Mary Woods

Please pray for our sick

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

Rose for Life

Donated by the Blomquist Family in loving memory of Elizabeth Arens on the 19th anniversary of her death

Wedding Banns

II. Michael Crigler, II and Enxhi Asani
II. Christopher D'Amato and Meghan McShea
I. Matthew Drumheller and Christina Kim

Recent Baptisms

Malia Rose Bugno, child of Andrew Bugno and Sierra Bugno

Anthony Michael Maines, child of
Sean Maines and Ashley (Bucher) Maines

Hazel Bea Shaughnessy, child of
McDonough Shaughnessy and Elizabeth (Fernandez) Shaughnessy

Thomas John Berry, child of
Thomas Berry and Katie (Kovalcik) Berry

Readings for the week of September 8

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-11/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Celebrant Schedule, September 13-14

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

PARISH INFORMATION



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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

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

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.

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.

The Table meets the second Sunday of each month after the 10:00 am Mass in the Teen Room (LL of the church). For anyone who is curious about the Catholic faith. This is a time to ask questions and engage in conversation with others.

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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FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

St. Edna Parish

From 1-3 pm, please drop off:

- Non-food Items: paper towels & toilet paper
- 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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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Please respond by September 20, 2025 — 847.331.6994 or angela@wsfiradio.org

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Grzesik invites
St. James
parishioners to
this special
event being
held in Lake
Forest. RSVP
through
September
20th





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

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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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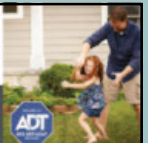
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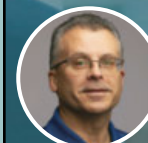
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