



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



What an incredible **SOLD-OUT** evening celebrating our St. James community at Jubilation! Your energy, generosity, and spirit made it a night to remember. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported. Your impact truly makes a difference!

\$125,000 Raised and Counting!

Couldn't make it to Jubilation but still want to be part of the impact? Scan the QR code below to make a donation and support St. James. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our community!



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Today's Readings

First Reading

The wicked will burn in judgment, but the righteous will rise healed under God's saving sun.

Malachi 3:19-20a

Second Reading

St. Paul advises the people to work diligently, avoid idleness, and earn your own living to honor God and help the community.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Psalms

All creation rejoices and praises God, who comes to judge the world with righteousness and fairness.

Psalms 98

Gospel

Jesus warns of persecution, chaos, and temple destruction, yet promises His followers endurance, wisdom, and ultimate salvation if they remain steadfast.

Luke 21:5-19

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, there is a clear shift in the focus of our Scripture readings. As an example, look at today's first reading and Gospel passage.

From the Book of Malachi and Luke

Chapter 21, there are warnings of coming troubles – famines, plagues, earthquakes as well as persecution and death at the hands of enemies. The End Times are coming at some point, says the Lord, but only the Father knows when this event will occur.

In the Gospel, Jesus first gives clear instructions to the disciples:

"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Yet, in his mercy and wisdom, the Lord next makes these promises to his followers:

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. Not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Looking forward to the completion of the church year (on the Feast of Christ the King next weekend) we can turn our hearts and minds to these truths of our faith: that as believers our perseverance will ultimately gain us eternal life.

On another note, thank you to all who attended and supported Jubilation, our annual parish gala last weekend. Through your generosity, we raised much-needed funds for school tuition assistance, helping make Catholic education possible for all who desire it. The PADS Shelter which provides emergency housing also benefits from this event. Finally, our St. Vincent de Paul chapter, serving those in dire financial situations, receives a generous portion of the proceeds.

I am especially grateful to Ryan and Kristina Galis and Jacob and Betsy Staar, our chair couples. Last but not least, we thank Director of Development Julie Jacobson and all her volunteers for their amazing planning and execution of the event.

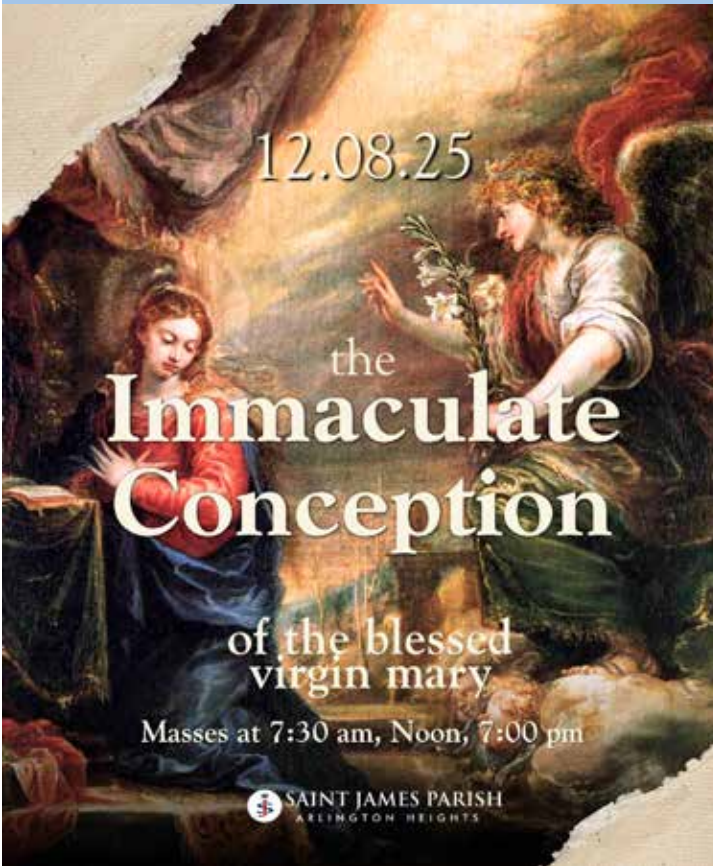
God bless you,

Fr. Ed

Anointing of the Sick after Mass next Saturday

On November 22 after the 5:00 pm Mass in the church Father Michael will be available to anoint anyone facing major surgery or serious illness. No appointment is necessary.

PARISH NEWS




12.08.25

the
**Immaculate
Conception**

of the blessed
virgin mary

Masses at 7:30 am, Noon, 7:00 pm

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**REJOICE
IN GOD'S
BLESSINGS**

THANKSGIVING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

One Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Evening Holy Hour/Confessions will not take place.
Parish Office will be closed 11.27 & 11.28

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November 16
Join us for
HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY
in the Laramie Room
AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES
for coffee
and donuts!

Host: The Women of St. James

UPCOMING EVENTS

sacred sounds *concert series*

ADVENT

LESSONS & CAROLS CONCERT



SATURDAY

12.6

NOON

Free Concert with Traditional Carols

IN THE CHURCH

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stjamesah.org/sacred-sounds

2025 Rotary Club
of Arlington Heights
presents

Santa Run



December 6



Join the "St. James Striders" team!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: WHAT?

This is the third in a series of four articles exploring the source, meaning, presence and practical implications of the Anointing of the Sick, a Sacrament of the Church that brings us closer to God's mercy. We hope you will find them informative. Let our priests know if you have any questions.

Do Not Wait to Call

If you remember one thing from reading this article, please remember this: do not wait until the last minute to call for a priest to anoint your loved one who is dying. In the previous two articles, it was explained that while the Church still administers the Last Rites for the dying, the Church has restored a broader practice of the Anointing of the Sick in general. While a priest will do everything possible to arrive in time to anoint someone facing imminent death, it is prudent to call for a priest sooner if a loved one has a serious condition or is entering hospice.

The Ritual Book for the Anointing itself specifically notes:

"Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. A prudent or reasonably sure judgment, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness; if necessary a doctor may be consulted."

Beneficial in Many Situations

The anointing is not for trivial illnesses such as a cold, or for routine outpatient procedures. Yet, "a sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery." A person facing serious surgery, cancer, multiple sclerosis and the like, should be anointed. If the sick person recovers, but falls ill again, he may be anointed again. The same applies if the sick person's condition worsens; he or she may be anointed again.

Additionally, the elderly may be anointed because they have grown weak with the burden of years, even if they are not seriously ill.

The one case in which a priest cannot anoint is when the person has already died. Sacraments are specifically for the living. When there is doubt if the person is deceased, the priest may confer the sacrament conditionally. When death has occurred, the Church does provide rituals and prayers for the deceased, even right there at home or at the hospital, including a blessing of the body.

Give Your Loved One Time to Prepare

Again, as stated at the beginning of this article, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible when your loved one is dying, or has just begun hospice. Sometimes family members are concerned that the sight of the priest celebrating the Anointing of the Sick will frighten the dying person. That is understandable, yet, the person often realizes that he or she is dying; the struggle is often, at least in part, the family's acceptance of it. A person who is dying should be given the time to prepare to meet Christ face to face, including a sacramental confession with the Apostolic Pardon, as well as Viaticum.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen & Adult Volunteers Needed for our Parish Advent Event:

Contact Bethany Larson for more information
blarson@stjamesah.org

Tuesday, December 16th

5:00pm-7:00pm

St. James Parish Center

Follow the Star



Volunteers are needed at each station to tell the story of Jesus birth. Available Roles: storyteller, shepherd, angel, magi, roman guard, innkeeper, Elizabeth, Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph.



Calling All Knitters and Crocheters

Help us keep our unhoused PADS guests and others warmer this winter by creating a winter scarf. Any pattern of about 6 inches wide by 60 inches long will be greatly appreciated.

On the weekend of November 22-23 you are invited to tie your scarf around designated trees or clothesline at the church entrance. PADS guests will select their scarf on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

For more information, contact Gail at gailmadden@msn.com or at (847) 312-6322

Over 50 Group

Thanksgiving

Mass & Potluck Luncheon

Monday, November 24 at Noon

Mass of Thanksgiving | Fr. Bill Zavaski, Celebrant

Please bring a dish to share.

- Last Name Ending A-N: Vegetable or Dessert
- Last Name Ending O-Z: Main Course or Salad

Bring food to the Laramie Room prior to the Mass.

RSVP to Frank 847-398-2233

and let us know what you'll bring to share.

Deadline for Reservations is November 23

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LITURGY AND WORSHIP



Help Bring Beauty to Our Worship Space!

We're looking for a caring, creative person (or team!) to help keep our church environment and floral arrangements beautiful throughout the liturgical year. This ministry plays a special role in making our worship space reflect the beauty and reverence of each season through flowers, plants, and other decorative touches.

What's involved:

- Coordinating floral and seasonal décor that matches the liturgical colors and celebrations
- Working with parish staff to plan for major feasts and holy days
- Organizing volunteers to help with setup and upkeep when needed
- Bringing a spirit of prayer, creativity, and love for the liturgy to everything you do

If you have an eye for beauty, enjoy working with others, and want to serve our parish in a meaningful way, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Katie Sowa ksowa@stjamesah.org for more information or to let us know you're interested.

advent
at St. James

First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

Weekday Mass at Noon
December 1-23

Advent Concert
December 6

Multi-Parish Reconciliation Services
December 15-17

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Online Giving Update

St. James has migrated to an updated online giving platform:



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Important things to know:

1. **Manage Your Account:** You should no longer use Faith Direct to make or change your donation preferences.

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2. **This upgrade happened automatically and securely.** No action is required from you. Your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

3. **Weekly Giving:** If you had previously selected weekly giving within Faith Direct, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch. If you prefer to give monthly, you can make that update in Parish Soft.

4. **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you, not just the 4th or 15th.

5. **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

For questions, please reach out to JJacobson@StJamesAH.org

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



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Jan 1–5, 2026
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Christmas Remembrances

Honor your loved one's memory and help fund the Christmas season décor in the church by making a contribution this season. A donation of \$25 *per remembrance* would be appreciated. The names of donors and loved ones will be published in the December 21 bulletin. To participate, please do one of the following:

- Online: Scan the QR code or visit www.stjamesah.org/christmas-remembrances to request and donate.
- Drop Off: fill out the form below and drop with your donation in the Sunday Collection using an envelope.
- Mail: fill out the form below and mail it with your check to the parish office.

Christmas, 2025 Remembrance (return by Wednesday, December 3)

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Send to attn. Natalie Conseur



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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Sat., November 15

5:00 Marcin Bukowski

Sun., November 16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Bill & Mary Pietrolonardo Family
Cynthia Swanson

8:30 Joe DiGiovanni

10:00 Angelo Anzalone
Bob & Andy Jarosz
Joe Maher
Mark Krause

11:30 Leonides Rodriguez
Magdalene and Clarence Dale
Kevin Houlihan
Patrick Houlihan

5:00 For the people of the parish

Mon., November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:30 Celia Keats (1st Anniv.)
Catherine Sabay
John F. Kordek
Patrick Craddock
12:00 Mary T. Womeldorf
Frank Joziak
Francesco Barbaro

Tues., November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30 Alphonso Pietrolonardo
Ed McNamara

Wed., November 19

7:30 Anna Pietrolonardo (53rd Anniv.)
Aleyamma Ulahannan (34th Anniv.)
Cornelius Vanderwiel
James E Layman
12:00 Joyce Kochan
Lorraine & Joseph Manata
Marie Conrad
John & Betty Sykes
Jeri Hempen
Ester Cotell
Jill Marconti

Thu., November 20

7:30 Anne Frankiewicz (1st Anniv.)
Houlihan & Moran Families
Mary Aileen Pelrine (4th Anniv.)
Patrick Houlihan

Fri., November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Robert Staed
Christie Monroe

Sat., November 22 St. Cecilia

7:30 James L. McGrath
Richard Preiss
Ed Cahill
Roland Ley (3rd Anniv.)

In Loving Memory

Dolores J. Ozimek
Jerome Senesac

Please pray for our sick

Ashley Abraham
Kim Crowdus
Norine Naselli
Bunny Velasco
Nicolas Leonardo
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Melinda C.
Andrew Schnell

Recent Baptisms

Kaelyn Grace Nathe, child of Erich Nathe and Courtney (Ryan) Nathe

Marcella Irene Wilson, child of
Michael Wilson and Elizabeth (Hauser) Wilson

Owen Patrick Zeunik, child of Patrick Zeunik and Lauren (Alpert) Zeunik

Graham Elliott Hayes, child of Sean Hayes and Kelly (Conroy) Hayes

Emma Jane Luecke, Lucas Luecke and Rebecca (Zajler) Lueske

Emily Tomkiewicz, child of
Peter Tomkiewicz and Danuta (Miskiewicz) Tomkiewicz

Ivanna Faith Macius, child of
Leonides Macius and Tirhene (Batongmlaki) Macius

Readings for the week of November 17

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53-158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10-12/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Celebrant Schedule November 22-23

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

PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday be
Forgiven

Sacrament of
Confession:
Thursdays 6pm
Saturdays 8am

PARISH GROUPS AND APOSTOLATES

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 Group 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 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 Group 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 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 Group 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 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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AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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Knights of Columbus Vocations Support Raffle

Raffle Tickets on Sale Next Weekend

Holy Rosary Council #4483 will be selling tickets for our annual Vocations Raffle after Sunday Masses at St. James on November 23 on the Ground Floor, Parking Lot Entrance

Drawing: December 6th, 2025

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Tickets: \$20 per Book (5 entries)

The Knights of Columbus have always been there to support families and the Catholic Church. Today, the Knights are here to support the seminarians for the priesthood with a Vocational Raffle for Seminarians. Monies collected will directly be used to support our Seminarians and to promote the much needed vocations to the priesthood here in Illinois. We thank you for your support of these men as they pursue their vocation to serve the Catholic Church.

Prizes:

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Mail to: Vocations P.O. Box 1107 Arlington Heights, IL 60006. Entries must be received by no later than November 28.



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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office (224) 345-7200 as soon as possible when your loved one is dying or has just begun hospice. Please use extension 2 after hours. The Anointing of the Sick may be administered to those dying as well as those who are not dying but are dealing with serious illness, major surgery, or advanced age. (The Last Rites includes Anointing, as well as Confession and Communion.) A person may be anointed more than once if needed.

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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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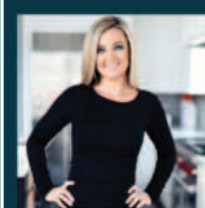


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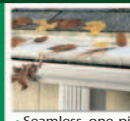
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