

2025

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Today's Readings

First Reading

Israel anoints David king, acknowledging God's choice and his past leadership over them as shepherd and ruler. 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm

Rejoice in going to God's house; pray for Jerusalem's peace and unity. Psalm 122

Second Reading

Give thanks to God for redemption through Christ, the image of God, Creator, and reconciler of all things through His death and resurrection.

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel

As Jesus is crucified, one criminal mocks Him, another believes; Jesus promises the repentant thief eternal life in paradise with Him. Luke 23:35-43

Welcome to our Catechumens and Candidates in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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Dear Friends,

Today on this solemnity of Christ the King at the 10:00 am Mass we officially welcome our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens in what is called the Rite of Acceptance. These men and women have been meeting weekly since mid-September for formation and catechetical sessions as they discern and prepare for entrance into full communion with the Catholic Church. During Lent our group will attend a Mass for the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral downtown. During the Rite of Election, those listed above will declare their intention to join the Church, their sponsors will testify to their commitment, and the bishop will "elect" them for the final stage of initiation. At Easter, they will receive the sacraments of Baptism (if they are not already baptized Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

I ask you to pray for these individuals by name as they continue this sacred journey. I also want to recognize and thank those who are accompanying them, as well as parishioner George Jurkowich, who is assisting me in coordinating the whole process, as well as teaching some sessions, and Father Paul and Father Michael, who are instructing our group on further topics.

Welcoming new members into the Church through the OCIA is a great joy and a powerful grace given to St. James. Thanks for supporting these candidates.

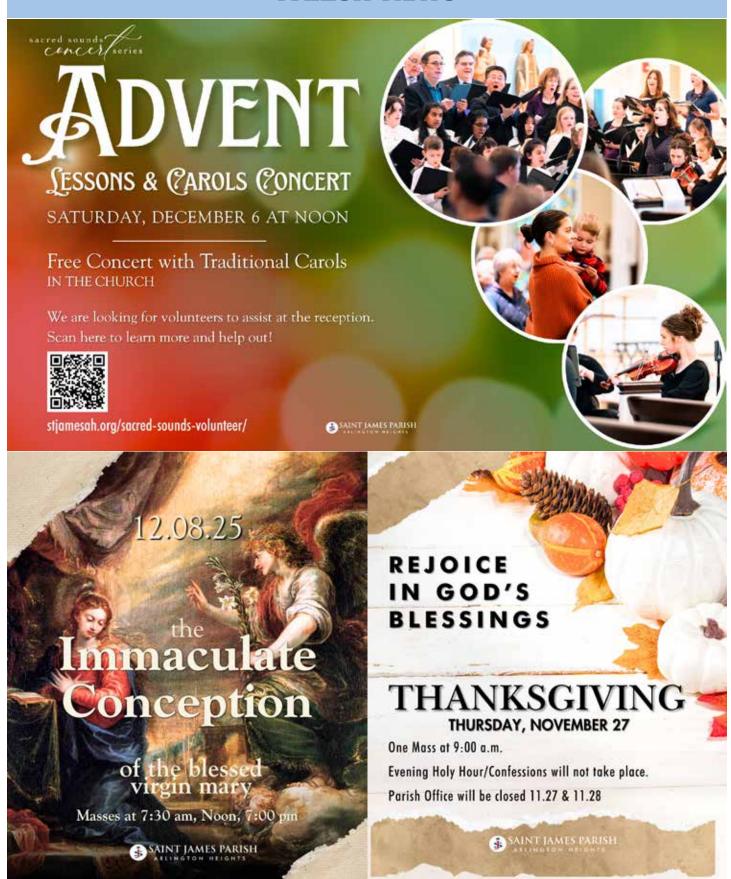
Vivat Christus Rex!

Fr. Ed

Save the Date for the Men's Welcome Weekend.

All men are invited to join in the 2026 WELCOME weekend on February 28 - March 1, 2026. Watch the bulletin for more details.

PARISH NEWS



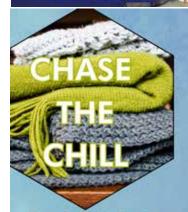
UPGOMING EVENTS

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

> 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.



A Friendly Reminder

If you haven't already created a scarf, it's not too late. All warm knit or crocheted scarves are welcome and appreciated by the unhoused PADS guests who will receive them.

Dont forget to bring your warm winter scarves to the designated trees and clothesline outside the church entrance on November 22 and 23.

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

SAINT JAMES PARISH

ANOINTING OF THE SIGK: HOW

This is the final 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.

When you or your loved one needs the Anointing of the Sick, there are several ways to arrange for the sacrament, depending on the situation.

If the person is in a hospital or nursing facility, or the individual is at home (whether in a house, apartment, or assisted-living residence) priests are available to visit and administer the sacrament in person.

If the situation is less dire, the sacrament may be given at church. Read on to discover how to arrange for the sacrament depending on the circumstance.

Emergency:

When the person is in danger of death due to an accident, a heart attack or something similar

Call the Parish Office at 224-345-7200. If it is during business hours, someone will pick up and answer the phone directly. If it is during off hours, or the receptionist has stepped away from the desk, you will hear the automated voice response. Please press "2" when prompted for a "medical emergency."

Speaking slowly and clearly, leave your full name, cell phone number, and basic information (who needs to be anointed, where is that person in terms of hospital or the home address).

Non-emergency:

When there is not a danger of death, and the anointing can wait for a little bit of time, such as later in the day, the next day or later in the week

Call the Parish Office during business hours to schedule. This is true whether the

person is in the hospital or at a home.

Anticipated surgery

or an elderly person who is not in danger of death:

You may call the Parish Office during business hours or speak to a priest directly. Additionally, if a priest is not preoccupied immediately after Mass, he can often do so on a Sunday or weekday. Please feel free to ask, and the anointing can be done in church.

Hospice:

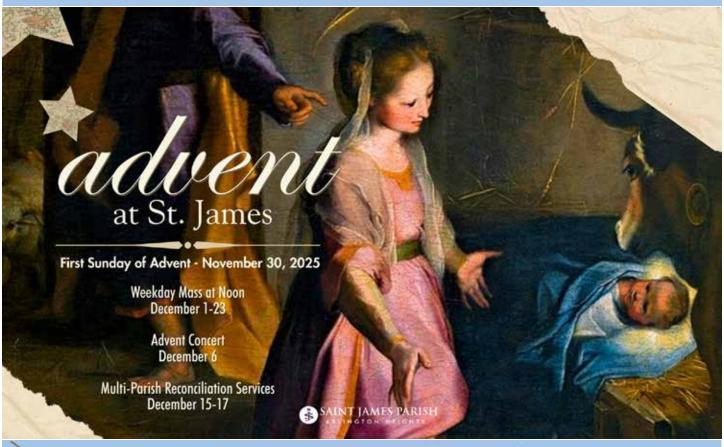
if your loved one is being placed in hospice

Please call the Parish Office number during business hours. It is best not to wait until right before the moment of death, in case a priest is not available at that time.

An anointing can be arranged at the beginning of hospice care so that there is time for a confession, as well as communion. If the person continues in hospice for a number of weeks, the sacraments can be given again at a later date if necessary.



SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES





S 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.

Please scan the QR code or visit the Parish Soft Website at: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-859

- **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.
- 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

UPGOMING EVENTS

Combining Forces

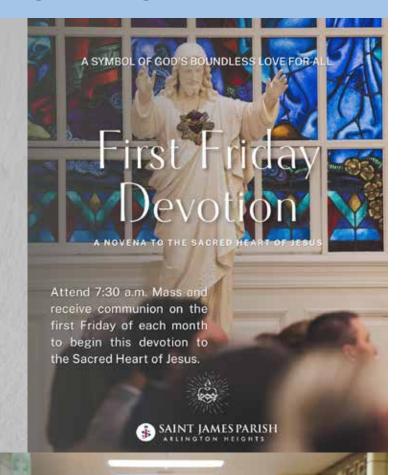
Cause

You are invited to join the Domestic Violence Ministries of St. Edna, St. James, & Our Lady of the Wayside for beverages and dessert as we explore the future of working together to end relational abuse in our community.

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Kellen Home North Arlington Heights

RSVP to Pat by Nov. 30 at 847-226-9842 or steppingstones@stjamesah.org



SAVE THE DATE

December 2, 2025

This Giving Tuesday, help us continue to grow at St. James School! Your gift, whether toward curriculum, STEM, Fine Arts, Athletics, tuition assistance, security, or our general fund, directly supports our students and strengthens our community.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Ut Vitam Habeant



That They May Hove Life



Kiss of Mercy Prayer

TO BE RECITED AFTER KISSING AN IMAGE OF JESUS

Jesus I trust in You.

May my kiss,

and your grace,

convert, heal, and

reconcile to the Father

one soul wounded by abortion.

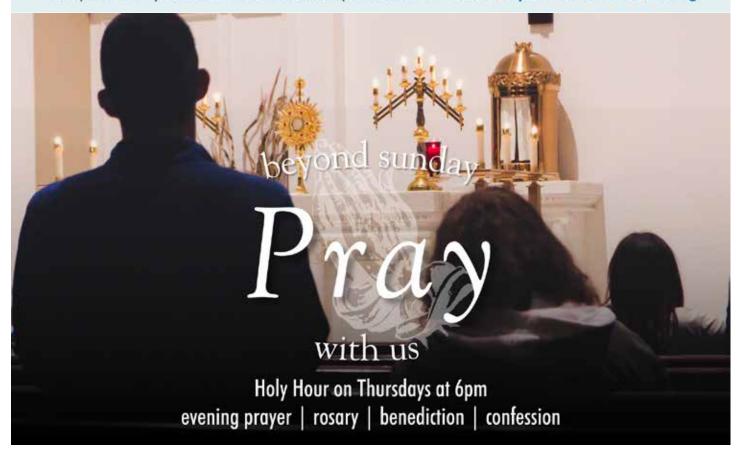
Amen.

Recite one Hail Mary



www.kissofmercy.org

To request a Prayer Card or to contact Respect Life, email us at RespectLife@StJamesAH.org.



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, November 22

5:00 **Bob Firnbach** Martin P Wendell Sr.

Marcin Bukowski Paul Litzsinger

Sunday, November 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00 For the people of the parish

8:30 Lolly McDonald

Daniel Lyons (10th Anniv.)

Rosemarie LaVeau

10:00 Robert Nial Tidball

Joe Maher

Patricia Grzebieniak

Mark Krause

11:30 Nelly and Jose Luna

Rudolf and Marie Werba

Martin Mulkerrin (2nd Anniv.)

James Constertina Shirley Marshall

Monday, November 24 St. Andrew Düng-Loc and Companions

7:30 Al Underys

5:00

12:00

Margaret Coyle John F. Kordek

Viola Roth (20th Anniv.) Raimundas Lapsys Raimundas Lapsys

Tuesday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:30 Terry Coyle

Rosalie Constertina Lawrence Olsen

Wednesday, November 26

7:30 Edgar Nolan (4th Anniv.)

George Mazurek

Iftner-Perenchio Family 12:00

Joyce Kochan

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 Philip Krueger

Meggan McDermott

Frank Pietrolonardo (17th Anniv.)

Rudolph Ripple Patricia Murray James L. McGrath

Elaine & Mike Lenz (living)

Joe DiGiovanni

Friday, November 28

7:30 Frank & Victoria Bosco

Steven Brown

Lawrence Alden Bodary

Saturday, November 29

7:30 Michael Beckman (1st Anniv.)

Ed Cahill

Roland Ley (3rd Anniv.)

Antonietta Chee Smith (4th Anniv.)

Please pray for our sick

Ashley Abraham Kim Crowdus Norine Naselli Bunny Velasco Nicolas Leonardo Andy Kaplan Lucy Detlefsen Melinda C. Andrew Schnell **Bruce Swanson** Barbara Reed

Wedding Banns

I. Vincent OBrill and Elizabeth Crutchfield

Recent Baptisms

Ava Marie O'Donnell and Olivia Joy O'Donnell, children of

Anthony O'Donnell and Victoria (Jobski) O'Donnell

Claire Ann Pranevicius, child of

Michael Pranevicius and Kristen (Oliszewicz) Pranevicius

Vivian Clara Springer, child of Julie Springer

Carmine Luigi Scarpelli, child of

Luigi Scarpelli and Alicia (Baadsgaard) Scarpelli

Readings for the week of November 24

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 Next Sunday:

Celebrant Schedule November 29-30

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

PARISH INFORMATION



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. respectlife@stjamesah.org

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



YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Knights of Columbus

Vocations Support Raffle

Raffle Tickets on Sale Today

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)

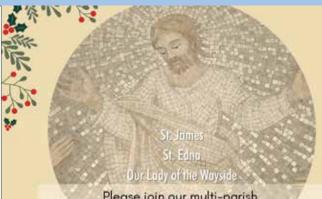
Monies collected will directly be used to support our Seminarians and to promote the much needed vocations to the priesthood here in Illinois. We thank you for your support of these men as they pursue their vocation to serve the Catholic Church.

Prizes:

1st - \$10,000 / 2nd - \$2,500 / 3rd through 6th - \$1,0007th through 10th - \$500 / 11th through 15th - \$200 16th through 20th - \$100

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Holy Rosary Council #4483. Include your Name, Address & Phone Number.

Mail to: Vocations P.O. Box 1107 Arlington Heights, IL 60006. Entries must be received by no later than 11/28.



Please join our multi-parish Mental Health Ministry for

A Mass for Comfort and Joy

For those struggling during the holidays due to grief, loss, anxiety, depression or loneliness.

Friday, December 5th at 6pm Our Lady of the Wayside Church A simple supper to follow in the Gathering Place

If you would like to join us for dinner, please RSVP by Friday, November 28th to our multi-parish ministry email: mentalhealthministryestjamesah.org or 847-253-5390



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Invites you to join them for a

fundraiser by ordering a meal from Lazy Dog.

Print this flyer, give it to your server and 15% of your total bill will be donated back to the organization. Ordering takeout? Just visit lazydogrestaurants.com, select the participating location noted below, and enter the coupon code at the bottom.

Here's when, how and where to order from so the organization gets credit for your order:



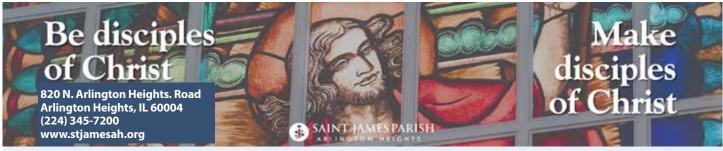
Wednesday December 10th

51 McHenry Rd

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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.



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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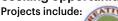
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