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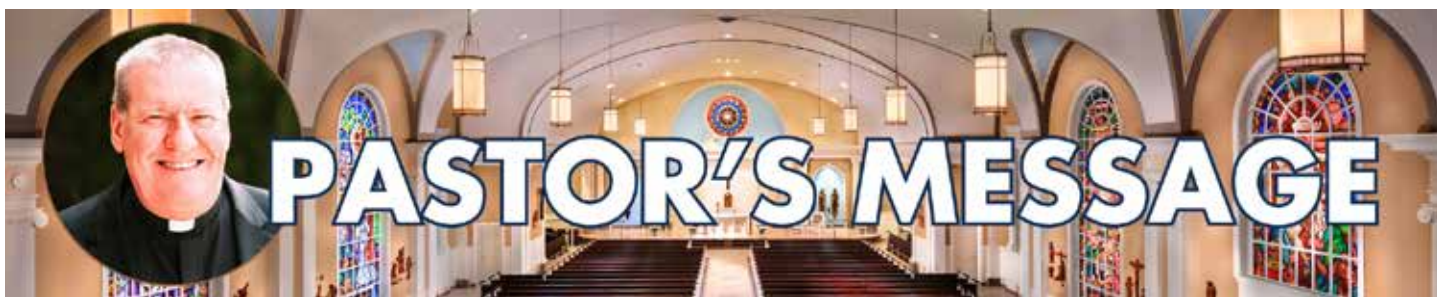
MATTHEW 2:2

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JAN. 4

2026



Today's Readings

First Reading

God's light rises on His people, drawing nations and kings, bringing restoration, wealth, and joyful praise to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading

God reveals the mystery that Gentiles share equally with Jews in Christ through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel

Wise men follow a star to worship the newborn King, offering gifts, while God warns them to avoid Herod and return home safely.

Matthew 2:1-12

Dear Friends,

The feast of the Epiphany, (also known as the Twelfth Day of Christmas, or Three Kings Day, or Little Christmas) is a much more important feast than many realize. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word for reveal. Throughout the world, it is celebrated on January 6. In the U.S and a few other places, it has been moved to the nearest Sunday.

The Israelites, the chosen people of God, were chosen for a specific mission and purpose: to present and reveal the Messiah, the Savior, to the world. The words of Psalm 72 celebrate this: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

The Prophet Isaiah foretells this vocation of the Jewish nation:

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you... Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you."

- Isaiah 60:1-6

The Magi from the East represent the nations of the world. Matthew tells us,

"On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- Matthew 2:12

Jesus is the unique savior of mankind. The Jewish people have offered him to the nations. As disciples of this Lord, Jesus Christ, not only are we offered salvation, but we are compelled to bring this Good News of salvation to all. A blessed Epiphany to all!

Fr. Ed

P.S. Heartfelt thanks to all who gave so generously their time and talent to prepare the celebrations of Christmas. It was a beautiful offering to the Lord!

Retired Men Meeting This Week

The Retired Men's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7 in the Senior/Teen Room at 10 AM. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Bring your rosary, Tom Adam (847-394-4731).

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JAMES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



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At St. James School, we're proud to foster lifetime friendships while providing a Blue Ribbon Catholic education. Our close-knit community supports students in their faith, academics, and personal growth, helping them build strong relationships and values that last a lifetime.

Come experience the St. James way!

UPCOMING EVENTS



KINDERGARTEN FOR A DAY

January 14, 2026 | 8:30-9:30am



PREK/K INFO NIGHT

January 15, 2026 | 7:00-8:30pm



OPEN HOUSE

January 25, 2026 | 12:30-2:00pm

MAKE MUSIC AT ST. JAMES

We are seeking singers for the
Verdi Requiem

Sing *With Us!*

Concert at 7 pm on Thursday March 12, 2026
Rehearsals begin January 8, 2026.

sacred sounds
concert series



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tconseur@stjamesah.org

2026 Winter/Spring Session

YOUTH CHOIR REGISTRATION

Open now for 2nd semester!

SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR:
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CELESTIAL VOICES - GRADE 5-8

Use the
link for
more
information



stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration/

PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS

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

FEB 17

DINNER AT 5PM

SPEAKER AT 6PM

ADORATION AT 6:30PM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

AGES 0-4

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Online Giving Update

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

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by Ministry Brands

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by Ministry Brands

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by Ministry Brands

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.

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

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

The Hands and Feet of Jesus

St. Vincent de Paul Society Assists Neighbors in Need

Our Vincentian mission is to be "a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

As we all believe, we were made by God with love and are meant to find meaning and hope in relationship with God, each other and with strangers. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world. So, we are called to help those in need.

We thank all who have donated to St. Vincent de Paul through Jubilation and private donations throughout the year. From Oct. 1, 2024 to Oct. 1, 2025 your generous contributions have totaled \$24,021. With these funds, our SVDP Conference was able to spend \$19,060 to assist our neighbors in need.

Here is our year-end review from Oct.2024 to Oct. 2025:

- Our 30 volunteers spent a total of 1527 hours in our ministry, including meetings, home visits and other related issues.
- We received 108 phone calls for help.
- We made a total of 61 home visits, assisting 42 people within our parish boundaries, some more than one time.
- Others who don't live within our parish boundaries were referred to other parishes and agencies for assistance. For example – we have recommended other nearby Catholic parishes, Journeys(serves the homeless), The Village of Arlington Heights, other villages, Wheeling Township, Salvation Army, Family Forward, Northwest Compass, Catholic Charities
- Examples of assistance: are rent, food cards, drug prescriptions, cable/internet, transportation, car repair, utilities, moving expenses.

Again, thank you for your generosity and please keep our neighbors in need and all of us in your prayers.



Our SVdD conference has 30 active members. However, we always welcome new volunteers and donations! Please reach out to us if you are interested in joining our SVDP Conference. We provide training and require only one day of service and one meeting per month: 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Donations are always accepted through the parish office.



SAVE THE DATES

sacred sounds
concert series

Rhapsody: 20th Century Classics

February 9, 2026
7 PM
In the church



Tamaron
Conseur



Leah Kang



Jay Shankar



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Celebrating Women Mass

Friday, January 9, 2026 @ 7 p.m.
St. James Church

Join us for our annual WOSJ Celebrating Women event, where we gather with other women in our community and give thanks to God. Fr. Michael will be celebrating Mass, followed by a reception in the Laramie Room (lower level of the church).

**This event is open to all adult women,
guests are welcome!**

WOST
Women of St. James


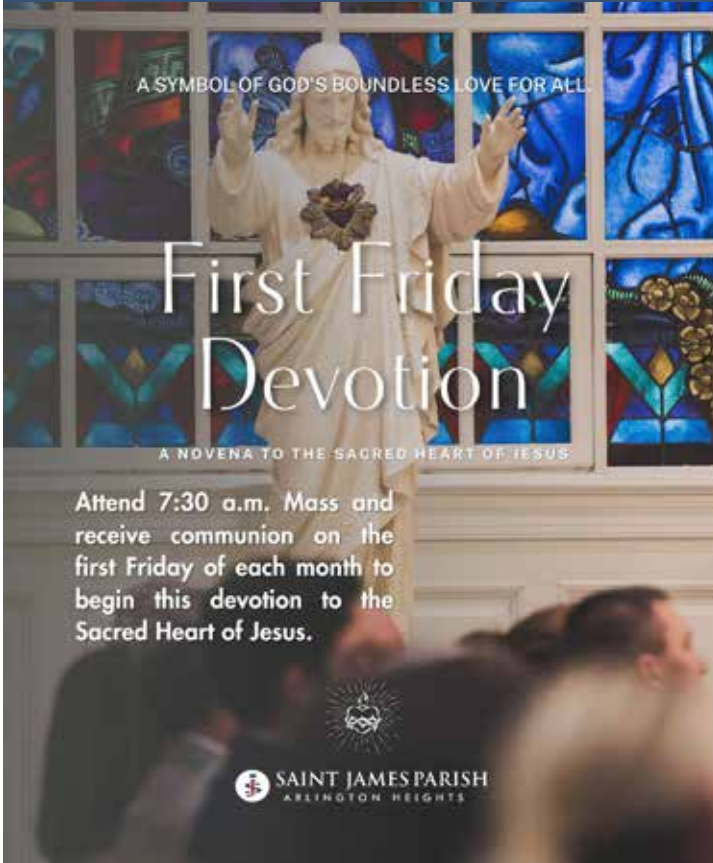
PARISH NEWS

A SYMBOL OF GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE FOR ALL

First Friday Devotion

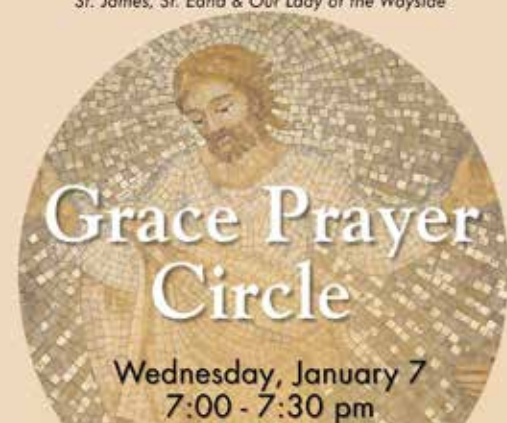
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Attend 7:30 a.m. Mass and receive communion on the first Friday of each month to begin this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Meeting Mental Health
With Grace

A mental health ministry through
St. James, St. Edna & Our Lady of the Wayside



Grace Prayer Circle

Wednesday, January 7
7:00 - 7:30 pm
St. James School Chapel

This month's topic: Finding Light in Darkness

Join us for scripture, songs, reflection and prayer for those living with mental health concerns and their loved ones.

Submit prayer requests at:
847-253-5390 or
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER PAYOUT RATES!

Charitable gift annuity payout rates have increased – allowing you the opportunity to benefit more from your giving and to help ensure that God's good work continues. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support St. James Parish or School as designated by you.

For more information, please contact:
Stewardship & Development Director, Julie Jacobson,
at 224-345-7212 or jjacobson@stjamesah.org
or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga

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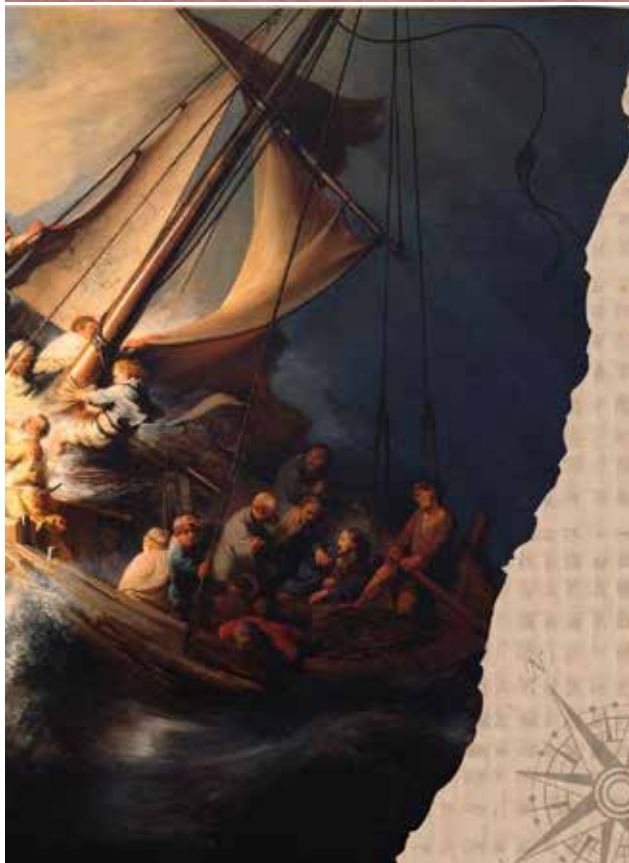
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REFLECTIONS TO CARRY
YOU TO SUNDAY AND
THROUGH THE WEEK

READ THE
REFLECTIONS
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encounters with Jesus ignite your spirit



stjamesah.org/mens-welcome/

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, January 3

5:00 Patrick & Kevin Houlihan
Marcin Bukowski

Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 Alice Kern
10:00 Bob Duffer
Marianne Giannini
Joe DiGiovanni
Dale Boeve
Angelo Anzalone
11:30 For the people of the parish
5:00 Dan Culpins
Mark Anthony Baron
Roger Anthony Baron
Larry Theodore Baron
James Elden Baron

Monday, January 5 St. John Neumann

7:30 Juliann McClure
Alois "Lou" Simeth
John F. Kordek
Virginia Fox (3rd Anniv.)
Patricia Flynn

Tuesday, January 6 St. André Bessette

Wednesday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:30 Charles Kett
Alice Kern

Thursday, January 8

7:30 Bob Duffer (2nd Anniv.)
Paul Litzinger
Joyce Kochan

Saturday, January 10

7:30 Adelaide Lehnis

In Loving Memory

Judith Hayes
John Andejas
Patrick Stuber

Please pray for our sick

Norine Naselli
Nicolas Leonardo
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Dettlesen
Melinda C.
Andrew Schnell
Barbara Reed
Barb Chidalek
Bruce Swanson
Lucille Krajnik

Recent Baptisms

Collins Roddick Olson, child of
Michael Olson and Samantha (Volk) Olson

Alexandra Nicole Zubrus, child of
Joseph Zubrus and Jessika (Klups) Zubrus

Emerson Elizabeth Zubrus, child of
Joseph Zubrus and Jessika (Klups) Zubrus

Charles Matthew Vavrik, child of
Robert Vavrik and Emily (Stone) Vavrik

Readings for the week of January 5

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



Beyond Sunday be
Forgiven

Sacrament of
Confession:

Thursdays 6pm

Saturdays 8am

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 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.
sjeearthshepherds@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

Mondays with Mary small group of men who pray the Rosary every Monday morning in the Teen Room at 7:00 a.m., then attend Mass together. New members are welcome. A remote option is available for those unable to attend in person.
mike_smigiel@msn.com

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, speakers, and parties 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

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The Vicar for Deacons

Have you ever considered the call to be a Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join us at 7 p.m. on January 19, 2026 at: Office of the Diaconate 816 Marengo Forest Park, IL 60130



We will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands. For more information and to register for this session, contact the Office of the Diaconate at 708.366.8900.

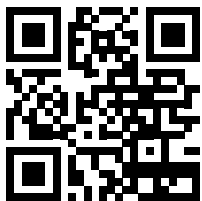
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Grief Support Group

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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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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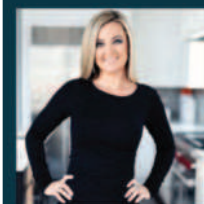


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