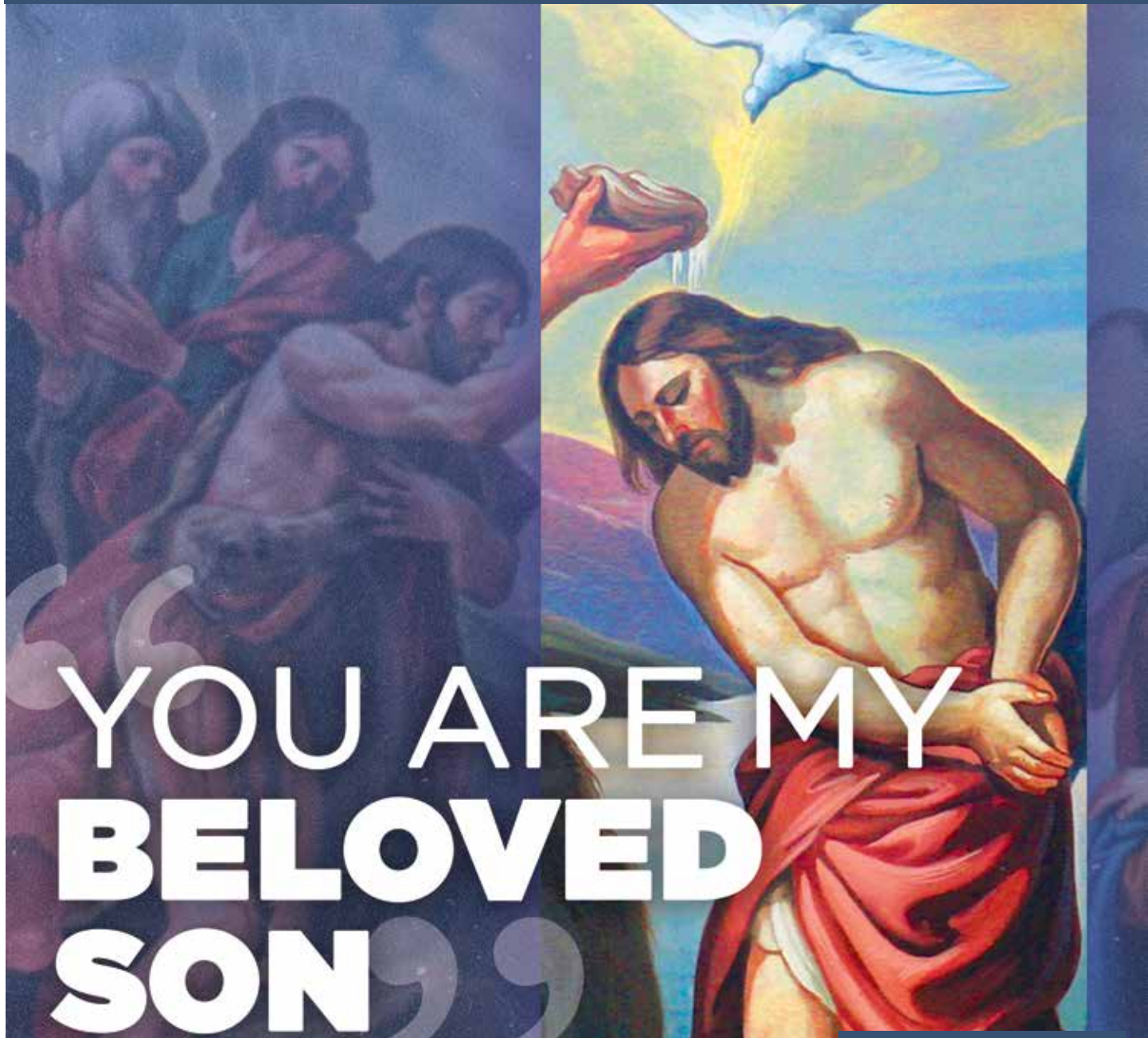




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# YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON

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## Today's Readings

### First Reading

God's chosen servant brings justice gently, a light to nations, freeing captives and restoring hope through faithful obedience.

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

### Second Reading

God shows no favoritism; Jesus, anointed by the Spirit, brought peace and healing, doing good and freeing the oppressed.

*Acts 10:34-38*

### Gospel

Jesus is baptized by John; the Spirit descends, and God declares Jesus His beloved Son, affirming His mission.

*Matthew 3:13-17*

*After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

**- Matthew 3:16-17**

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The baptism of Jesus was obviously not Christian Baptism, but a baptism of repentance. Jesus, the Son of God did not need to be baptized, but his baptism was a sign of his taking on the human condition entirely, becoming one of us, and taking all our sins and failings on himself.

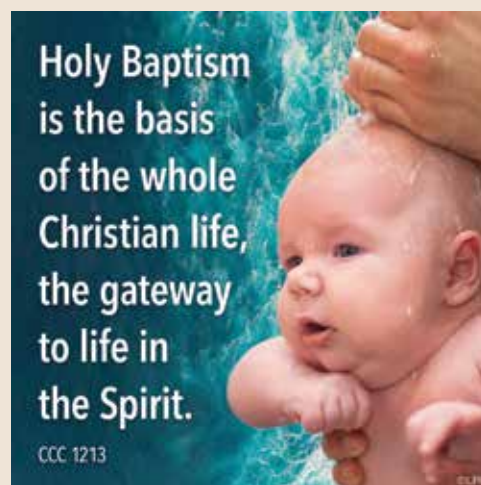
Our Christian Baptism is a corollary to this. By our baptism, we take on a new identity, that of son or daughter of God. The old self dies in the waters of baptism, and the new man arises from the water as beloved son or daughter. The Christian's identity is changed forever by the power of this sacrament. Sanctifying grace (the very love of the Trinity) is poured forth, original sin and any actual sin (in the case of adults) are forgiven (and any punishment for sin is wiped away). An indelible mark is imposed on the soul, which identifies the Christian as a son or daughter of God.

In fact, St. Augustine wrote that when God the Father sees the soul of one who is baptized, He recognizes him, because he looks like Jesus.

Through Baptism, we receive salvation and we are admitted to the other sacraments, those grace-filled, intimate encounters with the living God. This is why we believe that newborn babies should be brought to Baptism as soon as possible after birth. As the Catechism states, "Holy baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit." Our God desires that all his creatures receive the salvation won by His Son Jesus. The way to this is Baptism.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed





## PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

**TODAY - Join us at The Table!**

11:00 am in the Teen Room



WELCOME  
to The Table!

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**YOUTH CHOIRS**  
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for more information  
or scan the QR code.



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### Volunteer Opportunity



St. James Parish is seeking a parishioner(s) to lead our New Parishioner Welcome ministry. This ministry reflects our Catholic call to hospitality, helping new members feel at home in the celebration of the Mass, parish life, and the sacramental life of the Church. If you feel called to serve, please contact Katie Sowa, [ksowa@stjamesah.org](mailto:ksowa@stjamesah.org).

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### Congratulations!

The Village of Arlington Heights Arts Commission recently announced that the 2025 Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award will go to Tamaron Conseur. Tam has served as the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. James since 2015. He launched the Sacred Sounds Concert Series here in 2023 whose mission is to unite communities through music, truth and beauty. It is an honor to have one of our staff recognized for his dedication to the highest quality music. His talent and vision enriches the lives of so many at St. James and beyond.



*Bravo,  
Maestro!*



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



# CHILDREN'S FORMATION MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 @ 11:30 A.M.

A SPECIAL TIME FOR CHILDREN TO PRAY AND GROW IN FAITH.

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to learn more and  
become involved.

## St. James School OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25, 2026

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Jan. 12** - Baby Bulldogs  
**Jan. 14** - Kindergarten for a Day  
**Jan. 15** - PreK/K Info Night  
**Jan. 25** - Open House  
**Feb. 2** - Baby Bulldogs  
**Feb. 13-15** - Broadway Bulldogs



Open House  
Registration



Please visit our website to register or for info on any of these events

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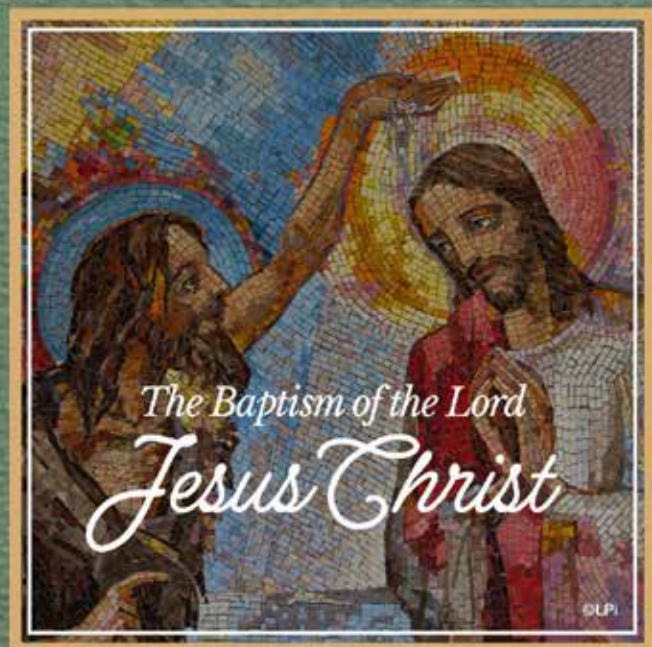
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## ENRICH YOUR FAITH



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YOU TO SUNDAY AND  
THROUGH THE WEEK

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## YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

*"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? 'Here I am, send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8*



Have you ever considered the call to be a

## Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join the Office of the Diaconate at an Inquiry Evening:

- January 19, Office of the Diaconate, 816 Marengo, Forest Park
- February 9, St. Francis de Sales, 135 Buesching Road, Lake Zurich

The sessions 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 to the meetings.

For more information and to register for one of the sessions, contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900.



## Membership Drive

**The Holy Rosary Council 4483  
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**FREE 2026 Membership Dues Using Code "BlessedMcGivney"**

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For additional information, please go to [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) or contact Michael McNicholas (847) 632-1903





## HEALING AND HOPE

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Thursdays 6pm  
Saturdays 8am



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FROM YOUR SINS



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St. James for conversation and  
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Our group meets twice a month.

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# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions & Observances

### Saturday, January 10

5:00 Marcin Bukowski  
Don & Joan Smith

### Sunday, January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 Louis Cella, Sr. (6th Anniv.)  
Antonia Mariano  
8:30 John Pelrine  
10:00 Eugene Tham  
Evelyn Macaluso  
Peter Collins  
11:30 For the people of the parish  
5:00 Don & Joan Smith

### Monday, January 12

7:30 James J. McGrath  
Evelyn Faber  
Mary Bannon  
Tom Rothfus  
John F. Kordek  
Richard Fuesz  
12:00 Lou Simpson  
Br. Charles Madden, OFM CONV.  
Jon Delleman\*  
Kristin Delleman Chavez\*

### Tuesday, January 13 St. Hilary

7:30 Duc Huu Lai

### Wednesday, January 14

12:00 Teresa Kasprzyk

### Thursday, January 15

7:30 John & Thelma Helmski\*  
Jose Grana Tojong  
Lorraine Caposieno (3rd Anniv.)

### Friday, January 16

7:30 Charlotte Dodrill (4th Anniv.)

### Saturday, January 17 St. Anthony

7:30 Marcin Bukowski  
Gustaf Nordin

\*Indicates living

## In Loving Memory

Judith Hayes  
John Andejas  
Patrick Stuber  
Julius Kopielski

## Please pray for our sick

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

## Recent Baptisms

**Jack Orest Kohout**, child of  
Matthew Kohout and Elizabeth (Krause) Kohout

## Celebrant Schedule January 17-18

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

## Readings for the week of January 12

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Beyond Sunday

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**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](mailto:kcoughlin@stjamesah.org)

**Loaves and Fishes** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.

[stjameslandf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ministryofcare@stjamesah.org)

**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James. [momsplus@stjamesah.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stecstan@sbcglobal.net)

**PADS Outreach** provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused. [st.james.pads@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wosjministryleads@gmail.com)

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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

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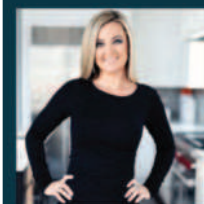


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