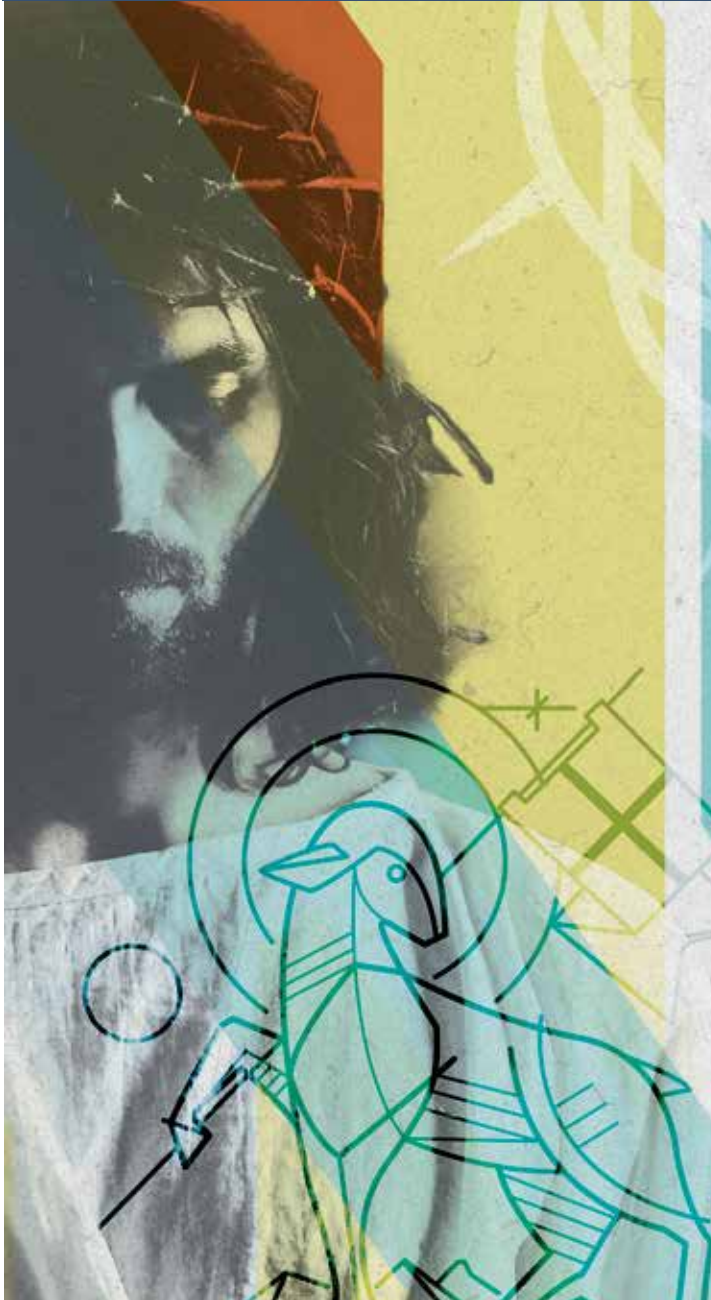




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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Readings

First Reading

God's servant is called to restore Israel and bring God's salvation to all nations.

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading

Paul greets God's sanctified church, calling them to holiness, unity, and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel

John proclaims Jesus as God's Lamb who takes away sin, testifying that the Spirit confirms Him as the Son of God.

John 1:29-34

Dear Friends,

Natural justice calls for the protection of the lives of unborn children, lives which have an intrinsic dignity. Our Catholic faith has taught from the very beginnings of the Church that, following natural justice and natural law, and aware that human life is created by God in his image and likeness, direct abortion is a grave moral evil.

January 22, 1973 marks a tragic anniversary in the United States. In *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down all state laws outlawing abortion. Since then, tens of millions of babies have lost their lives, often leaving mothers devastated, usually for many years. On June 24, 2022, the decision in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturned *Roe*, returning to the states the right to regulate or ban abortion. However, few state legislatures have shown the will to do so.

Over the years, I have encountered numerous women who were involved in an abortion and are filled with grief and regret. So many are seeking forgiveness and healing. They often believed there was no other option for them during what was a desperate time in their lives. There is healing and peace available in a number of ways:

The Sacrament of Confession/ Reconciliation

There is no sin too great for God's mercy. His grace is a powerful source of healing.

Schedule: Confessions are heard at St. James on Thursdays 6 pm and Saturdays 8 am.

Sisters of Life

These loving sisters offer a variety of services to women seeking post-abortive care.

Contact: 866-575-0075
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Project Rachel

This is a confidential Catholic Church ministry offering healing, hope, and forgiveness for those affected by abortion, providing counseling, support groups, retreats, and referrals to mental health professionals for individuals and families experiencing post-abortion trauma.

Website: Hopeafterabortion.com

Aid for Women

With seven locations in the Chicago area, Aid for Women offers support services, education, and counseling to women who are currently facing a difficult pregnancy.

Website: aidforwomen.org

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

This organization offers assistance to women in challenging pregnancies through material help, counseling, ultrasounds, pregnancy testing, adoption help, and post abortion support.

Website: gotwc.org

Finally, thanks to our St. James Respect Life Group for their tireless advocacy, witness, education and prayer on behalf of women and their unborn children. Let's pray for an appreciation and love for the gift of life, and those women who are seeking to do the right thing.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

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Special Mass

Celebrating Women

The recent Women's Mass at St. James Parish on Friday, January 9, was a grace-filled gathering. Planned by women and attended by more than 140 participants, the liturgy brought faith and fellowship to the forefront.

Fr. Michael invited each woman to entrust her family to the loving care of the Blessed Mother and place flowers at the altar in Mary's honor. The Mass was a powerful reminder of the strength of women in faith and the peace that flows from placing our lives and loved ones in God's hands through Mary's intercession.

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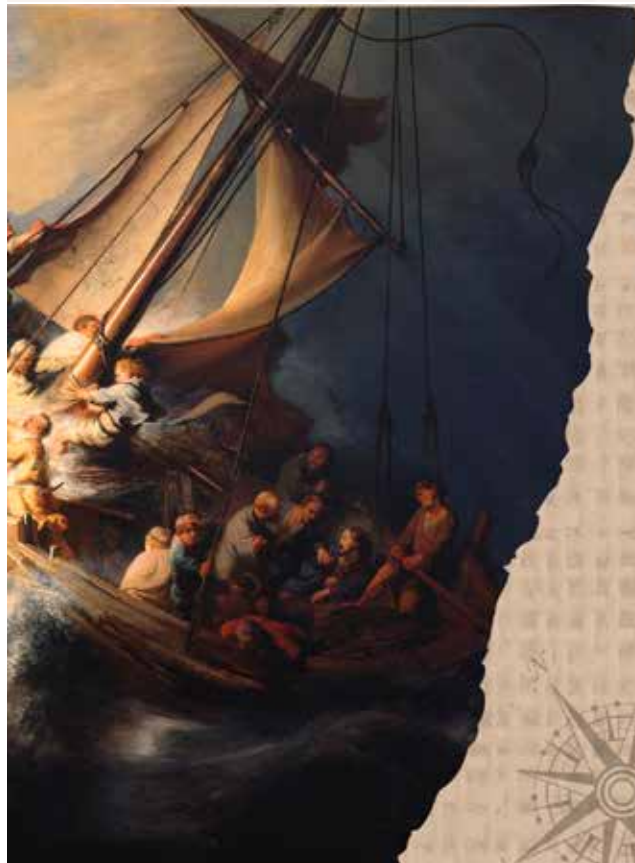
Deacon of the Catholic Church?

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.



From Rough Waters to Steady Ground

MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1

Join the following parishioners as they share life stories:

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Tom Hajduch
Tom Stengren



stjamesah.org/mens-welcome/

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

Congratulations!

The Village of Arlington Heights Arts Commission recently announced that the 2025 Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award will go to our very own Tamaron Conseur.

Tam has served as the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. James since 2015. He leads the Praise and Worship Ensemble at 5:00 pm on Saturdays, the Gallery Choir at the 8:30 am Mass as well as the 10:00 am Mass choir.

Tam has musically prepared and conducted several community theater shows at St. James Theatre (*Crazy for You*, *Ragtime*, *Big Fish*, *Cinderella* and more) and was nominated multiple times by Broadway World for Best Music Direction. He launched the Sacred Sounds Concert Series here in 2023 whose mission is to unite communities through music, truth and beauty by presenting free concerts of timeless works.

In the wider community, Tam taught voice lessons in District 214 schools for more than a decade. He recently collaborated with Kevin Long, Professor of Theater at Harper College, on the classic show *She Loves Me* performed by the Harper Ensemble Theatre Company.

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, in Arlington Heights, and beyond.



*Bravo,
Maestro!*

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.

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, Jan. 17

5:00 For the people of the parish

Sunday, Jan. 18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Christine Kowalski

8:30 Suzanne French
Richard & Catherine Lyons

10:00 John Vincent
Daniel P. Shannon

11:30 Thomas Stanton
John Micheli

5:00 Lorraine Caposieno
Nancy Broglin
Carly Oftedahl

Monday, Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Day

7:30 Cornelius Vanderwiel
John F. Kordek

Gregory B. Galvez
12:00 Kelly O'Connor

Tuesday, Jan. 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Wednesday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes

7:30 Margaret Kett
Terry Coyle
Driscoll Drew

12:00 Jane Klein
Marian Trippi
Gilmour Krogstad

Thurs., Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30 Dorothy Firnbach
Ed Cahill (2nd Anniv)

Friday, Jan. 23 St. Marianne Cope

7:30 Rosemary Karlovits

Saturday, Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales

7:30 Teresa Szott

In Loving Memory

Marilyn Vick
Julius Kopielski
Larry Coffey
Paul Simon
Victor Krueger

Please pray for our sick

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

Recent Baptisms

Miles Lawrence Galloway, child of
Matthew Galloway and Maria (Giovinco) Galloway

Ryan Richard Landuyt, child of
Michael Landuyt and Jaclyn (Sima) Landuyt

Vivian Grace Hurd, child of
Kevin Hurd and Tara Counts

Readings for the week of January 19

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Celebrant Schedule, January 24-25

5:00 Fr. Paul
7:00 Fr. Paul
8:30 Fr. Michael
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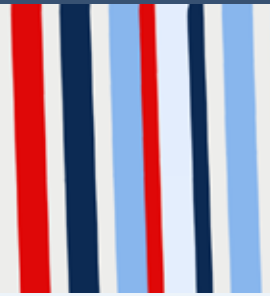
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Jr. Ambassadors is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching. kcoughlin@stjamesah.org

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.

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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Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

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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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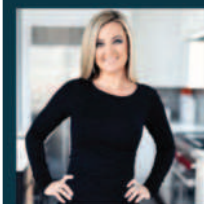


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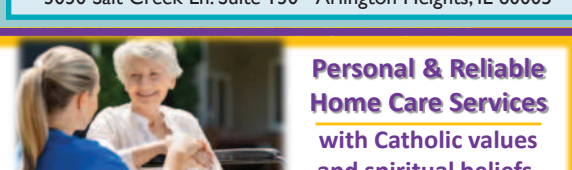
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