



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



"Francis' life points to the authentic source of peace."
(Pope Leo)



Did you know?

Pope Leo proclaimed 2026 as a special Jubilee Year to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, allowing for a plenary indulgence. Join a group from St. James to visit Marytown, the Shrine in Libertyville (which is under the care of the Conventual Franciscan Friars) for a special pilgrimage on April 25. See page 7 for more details and how to register!



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2026

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Today's Readings

First Reading

God promises to open graves, restore His people to life, and fill them with His Spirit.

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading

Those led by God's Spirit belong to Christ; His Spirit gives life now and will raise believers from the dead.

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, revealing His power over death and affirming Himself as the resurrection and the life, leading many witnesses to believe in Him.

John 11:1-45

Dear Friends,

The last couple of weeks at St. James have presented us with some extraordinary events.

On Thursday March 12, our Sacred Sounds Concert Series presented the Requiem by Verdi. This dramatic and beautiful work was presented to a standing-room-only audience. Music director Taron Conser, an array of musicians and the Sacred Sounds production team worked together to offer this spiritually stunning performance to our parishioners and visitors at no cost to the audience.

Last weekend our parish mission Building a Culture of Prayer was presented over three evenings by Sean Hussey, in partnership with Hallow, whose app we have made available to our parishioners. Sean offered three nights on why we pray and how we pray. The third evening culminated with Eucharistic Adoration and confessions. Many people received the sacrament in preparation for Easter. Thanks to Matt Marcheschi for coordinating the mission.

Our school students have been offered in-house day-long class retreats, coordinated by Marissa Pollastrini. Thanks to Marissa and to the Viatorians who generously offered their help with hearing confessions. They have also assisted us with making confession available to our R.E. students.

Looking ahead, our OCIA candidates and catechumens are going on retreat on Palm Sunday. They have been preparing for the Easter sacraments since September, and are eagerly anticipating their entrance into the Catholic Church. Please pray for them:

Catechumens: Gunnar Higdon and Nathan Stalter (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion)

Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church: Joshua Jennings, Eric Juul, Sabrina Kimball, Karalin McDonald, Richard Needham, Kerly Nivela, Ellen Slawny, and Preston Williams (Confirmation and First Communion)

Catholics completing initiation: James Bradford, Laura Cohen, Dana Homa, Maria Ortiz, and Eric Tiscareno (Confirmation)

The Lord is working powerfully in our parish. Each of us has a role in this holy work. Thank you for cooperating with his grace.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

THIS WEEK

This Lent Be

Forgiven

Extra Dates for Confession:

Monday, March 23 at 7 pm - Our Lady of the Wayside, A.H.

Tuesday, March 24 at 3 pm - St. Edna, A.H.

Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm - St. Mary, B.G.



not sure how to go to confession?

← scan here for a guide

bit.ly/confession-guidebook



...MAY GOD GIVE YOU
PARDON AND PEACE,
AND I ABSOLVE YOU
FROM YOUR SINS...

Over 50 Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Lenten Reflection & Fourth Annual Irish Soda Bread Competition

Noon Mass and a Lenten Reflection by Father Bill Zavaski!

Then it's onto the Laramie Room for the
"Irish Soda Bread Competition"

We look forward to those who wish to participate in the contest, and ask that you bring your soda bread to the Laramie Room PRIOR to celebrating Mass

For any non Irish Soda Bread Fans, a table will be set up if you would like to provide some tasty treats.

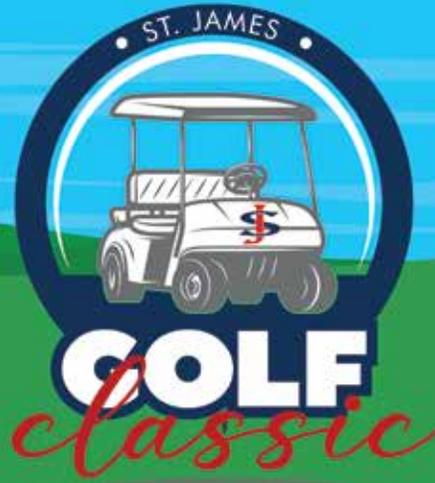
Beverages will be provided.

RSVP to Kathy 847-506-9295 or StJamesclub@yahoo.com

We need to know how many are going,
and if you will participate in the Soda Bread Competition

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE

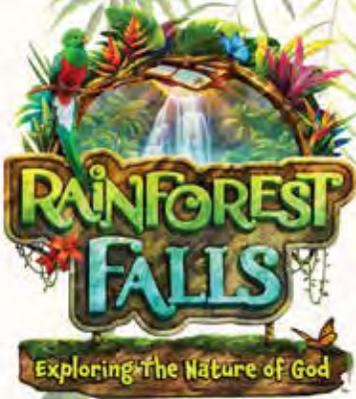


THURSDAY 18 JUNE

MAKRAY MEMORIAL GOLF CLUB

save the date

ST. JAMES VBS 2026



JUNE 8-11
9:00am-12:00pm

JUNE 12 - family picnic
5:30pm - 7:30pm

REGISTER
APRIL 1
Cost: \$75

Contact Kathryn Coughlin
for more info
stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org

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ST. JAMES THEATRE PRESENTS



July 16-26, 2026

Auditions: April 13 & 15

Scan to sign up for auditions!



EASTER

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday: April 2

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30PM (livestreamed)

Good Friday: April 3

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30AM

Traditional Stations, 12:00PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00PM (livestreamed)

Good Friday Taizé and Veneration of the Cross, 7:30PM

Holy Saturday: April 4

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30AM

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00PM

Easter Vigil, 7:30PM (livestreamed)

Easter Sunday Masses: April 5

In the Church:

8:00AM

10:00AM (livestreamed)

12:00PM

In the Parish Center:

8:15AM

10:15AM



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HOLY WEEK

04.03.26 | 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

TAIZÉ SERVICE

INVITE IGNITE PRAY

a night of song, prayer, candlelight and
veneration of the cross



STJAMESAH.ORG/HT

St. James Church & School Present the Annual
Blessing of Easter Baskets and

Easter EGG HUNT

For walkers-3rd grade

Register by
April 1



Bring a family Easter basket to be blessed and
share that basket as a family on Easter.

Please bring non-perishable
food items to be blessed
and donated to the
Wheeling Township Food Pantry.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

12:00 -12:15 p.m. Blessing of baskets in the church

12:15 -1:30 p.m. egg hunt & pictures with the bunny

Location: south grass adjacent to the church parking lot

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Come Rest a While

Parish Pilgrimage to Marytown

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." - Mark 6:31

Pilgrimage for Franciscan Year
NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

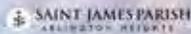
Saturday, April 25

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)



stjamesah.org/marytown-pilgrimage/

Questions? Contact Kathy Smigel at smigiel41@msn.com



Men of St. James

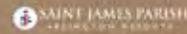


MASS AND BREAKFAST

APRIL 25 AT 7:30

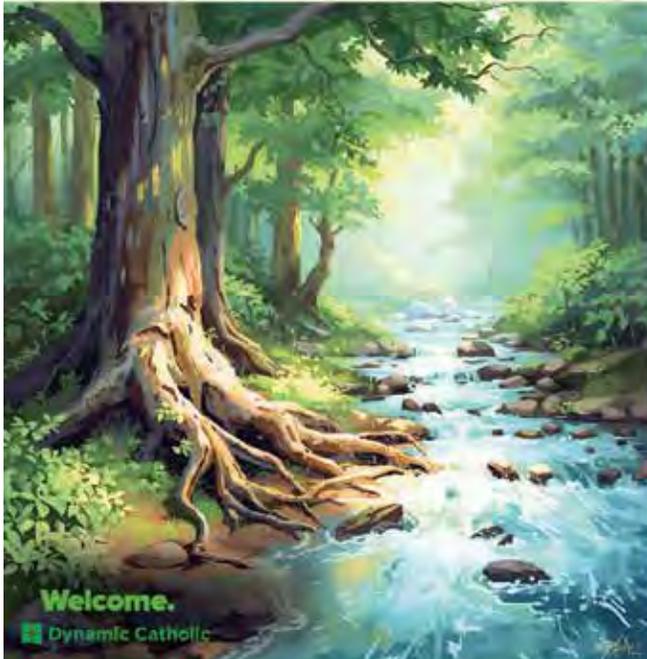
7:30 - Mass in honor of St. Mark
8:00 - Breakfast in the Laramie Room

Registration coming soon
RSVP by April 20



Women's Welcome Retreat

"Where Faith Grows and Roots Deepen."



Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:15 a.m. - 9 p.m.

www.stjamesah.org/womenswelcome/



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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Getting to Know

EARTH SHEPHERDS

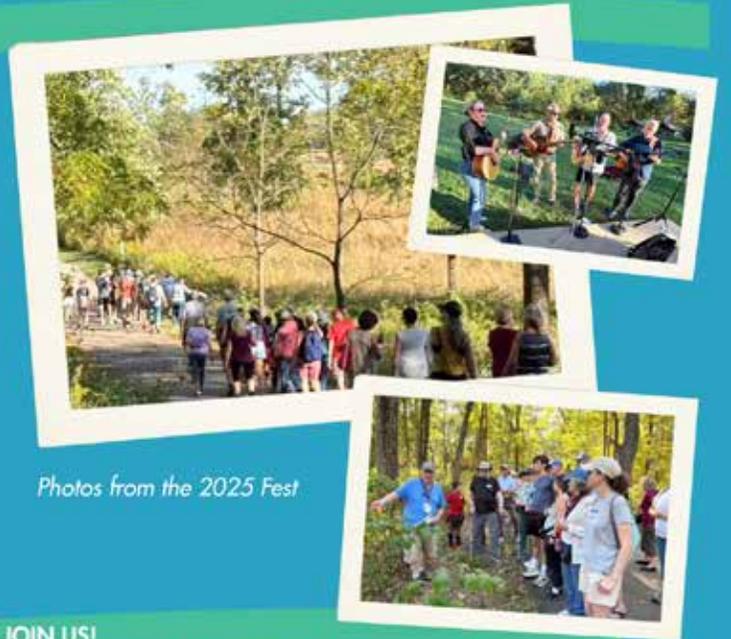
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ABOUT ST. FRANCIS FEST

Pope Leo proclaimed 2026 as a special Jubilee Year to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death St. Francis of Assisi, along with his blessed life.

2026 is also the 10th anniversary of our St. James Earth Shepherd's St. Francis Fest! Our ministry hosts a special day each fall to celebrate God's creations! We offer a guided nature hike at Deer Grove Forest Preserve, an outdoor prayer service, a free meatless, zero-waste dinner and educational exhibits and speakers.

Mark your calendars for our tenth anniversary Fest on Sunday, September 27 at Camp Reinberg in Deer Grove Forest Preserve.



Photos from the 2025 Fest

COME JOIN US!

Co-leaders - Cathy McQuillan - cathymcqu@icloud.com / Jan Gedmin - jangedmin@gmail.com



Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 12, 2026

1:00 PM

Confessions

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Holy Sacrifice of The Mass, Fr. Michael Grzesik
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions
and Benediction

The 1st day of Novena is on Good Friday, April 3, 2026.



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, March 21

5:00 Richard Roeh
Kevin & Patrick Houlihan

Sunday, March 22 5th Sunday of Lent

7:00 Hazel Cremer
8:30 Richard Lyons (34th Anniv.)
Ed Cahill (2nd Anniv.)
Pat Gasey (2nd Anniv.)
10:00 For the people of the parish
11:30 William Renner
Judy Schmueser
5:00 place holder

Monday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:30 Thomas R. Dussman
John F. Kordek
John Micheli
Myles Mulligan
12:00 James H. Jansen

Tuesday, March 24

7:30 Maurice Healy
Teresa Szott
12:00 Edward Haaker
Esther Clarke
Robert Brehm
George Archibald

Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 Dr. Ricardo Cruz
12:00 Dunsten Dsouza*

Thursday, March 26

7:30 Margaret Ruane Mulcahy
Pai Huu Lai
Louise Lindemann (4th Anniv)

Friday, March 27

7:30 Philip Krueger
James Roller



"This illness is not to end in death but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

In Loving Memory

Ronald Robacki

Please pray for our sick

Noreen Naselli
Nicolas Leonardo
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Evelyn Mutzabaugh
Owen Patricoski
Ebrahim Sojoodi
Sharon Sojoodi
Mary Ann O'Brien
Adam S.
Dunsten Dsouza
Mary Kirwan
Barbara Reed
Ashley Abraham
Marty Galis

Wedding Banns

III. Robert Meskan and Donna Meskan

Recent Baptisms

Catherine Therese Aberle, child of
Daniel Aberle and Monica (Remmes) Aberle

Rory Patrick O'Brien, child of
Patrick O'Brien and Lauren (Licata) O'Brien

Alice Eleanor Nader, child of
Samuel Nader and Julia (Wesley) Nader

Readings for the week of March 23

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ps 22:8-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 27:11-54

Celebrant Schedule March 28-29

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

PARISH INFORMATION

DON'T FALL BEHIND

STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

SCAN HERE TO
JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST



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, 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



Please Note:
EARLY DEADLINE
For the Easter Bulletin

HOLIDAY	DATE	DEADLINE
Easter	4/5 issue	Tuesday, 3/24

Please email all bulletin requests to Natalie Conseur.

PARISH & GROUP UPDATES

Lent Observances

Additional Daily Mass
Monday - Friday during Lent
12:00 pm
in the church

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
4:00 pm &
7:00 pm
in the church

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Looking for some fun on the golf course?



St. James Women's 9-hole Golf League

- Weekly Golfer or Sub.
- Fridays at Arlington Lakes Golf Course,
- May through September (8:00 am)
- Any level of golfer
- We offer A, B, C, and D divisions

Contact Mary Beth Pettenuzzo
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Ut Vitam Habeant

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

That They May Have Life

The Power of Prayer and the Rosary



March 4, 2026: A man approached.
We were praying and asked if he wanted to join.
Offered him a pink & blue rosary.
He was devastated - his twins were inside.
He would never see them grow up.
He tried to talk her out of it ...
He asked for another rosary.
"Sure, then you have one for both twins."
"No, it's for another man inside."
He went back in. Soon, out came
Another couple embracing, joyous
His hands on her womb. **THEY LEFT**
Thanks be to God



Pray for these couples & others facing unplanned pregnancies.

Come pray with us any Wednesday morning.
Contact RespectLife@StJamesAH.org for time & place.

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LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. & Noon | Sat. 7:30 a.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

PLEASE NOTE

APRIL 2-4

During Holy Week, usual confession times on
Thursday & Saturday are canceled.
No Holy Hour on Thursday.



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