



# SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Lord,  
you will show us  
the path of life

PSALM 16

APRIL 19

2026

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Today's Readings

### First Reading

Peter proclaims Jesus, attested by God, was crucified by human hands according to God's plan and purpose.

*Acts 2:14, 22-33*

### Second Reading

St. Peter reminds us to live reverently; we were redeemed by Christ's sacrifice, foreknown by God before creation.

*1 Peter 1:17-21*

### Gospel

Without their perceiving him, Jesus joins two disciples on the road to Emmaus, explains Scripture, and is recognized when they share a meal. The Lord then vanishes.

*Luke 24:13-35*

In the first letter of Peter, we are encouraged by St. Peter to, "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ."

At several places in the Old Testament, (1 Chronicles 29:15 and Psalm 39:12, for example), people are described as temporary guests or travelers in this world as they live out their lives. But in this post-Resurrection reality in which we live, everything has changed. Now we have been freed from futility and have the hope of new and eternal life because of what God has done for us in Jesus.

Now that we have celebrated the glorious feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, "the rubber hits the road." Our lives as Christ's missionary disciples propel us into the world to act as his witnesses. The Apostles were not complacent after the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them. They were not content to remain in Jerusalem but went out and proclaimed the Good News of the Gospel. We are to do the same.

At the conclusion of each Mass, we are dismissed – not just to be sent home, but to be sent out.

Let's continue to pray for our newest Catholics, who were baptized and/or confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Let us also pray for our confirmandi, who received Confirmation over the last three days from Bishop Joseph Perry. May the Holy Spirit enlighten them and strengthen them through his sevenfold gifts.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



**THIS WEEK**

**April 19  
Join us for**

# **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

**in the Laramie Room  
AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES  
for coffee  
and donuts!**



Host: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Men of St. James



## **MASS AND BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 7:30 AM**

**RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# *Come Rest a While*

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## 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**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)



[stjamesah.org/marytown-pilgrimage/](http://stjamesah.org/marytown-pilgrimage/)

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Questions? Contact Kathy Smigiel at [smigiel41@msn.com](mailto:smigiel41@msn.com)



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# EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATE



# DONATE BLOOD

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**Sunday, June 14**

St. James School Gym

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## ST. JAMES VBS 2026

**JUNE 8-11**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**JUNE 12 - family picnic**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

Contact Kathryn Coughlin  
[stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org](mailto:stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org)



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Topic: The Power of the Rosary



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# ENCOUNTER

# PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

## REGISTRATION OPEN



THURSDAY 18 JUNE

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# VOLUNTEER!!

## ST. JAMES VBS 2026

Volunteers Needed:

- Crew Leader
- Crafts
- Bible
- Games



**JUNE 8-11**  
**8:30am-12:15pm**



Contact Kathryn Coughlin for more info  
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# MINISTRY EVENT

## Over 50 Group

### Mother's Day Luncheon

Palm Court Restaurant  
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Friday, May 8 at Noon

#### Menu Choices:

London Broil  
Lyonnaise Potatoes, Green Peas, Caramelized Onions

Chicken Marsala  
Marsala Wine Sauce, Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes

White Fish, broiled  
Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce, Mashed Potatoes

Also included:  
Soup & Salad  
Dessert  
Beverages  
(Cash Bar Available)

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP to Kathy 847-506-9295  
or  
stjamesclub@yahoo.com  
with number attending and menu selection.

Deadline for reservations is May 4

Payment by check made to St. James Church (with  
Over 50 Luncheon in memo section) can be dropped  
off at the Parish Office.



# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions & Observances

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### Saturday, April 18

5:00 Richard & Catherine Lyons  
James Small  
Kevin & Patrick Houlihan  
Patricia Buckley

### Sunday, April 19 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:00 For the people of the parish

8:30 Cornelius Vanderwiel  
Hy Lai  
Ryan Popp (9th Anniv.)  
Br. Raphael Ruffalo, OFM CONV

10:00 John Vincent  
Rose Gaughan  
Paul Rinaldi  
Steve Calzaretta

11:30 Richard McDonald  
James Small  
Maria Imelda Theresia Wibisono

5:00 Mark Anthony Baron  
Roger Anthony Baron  
Larry Theodore Baron  
James Elden Baron

### Monday, April 20

7:30 Lee Bayse  
Marilyn Kuper  
John F. Kordek  
Josefina O. Kho

12:00 Jay Burger

### Tuesday, April 21 St. Anselm

7:30 Anoinette Pietrolonardo (25th Anniv.)  
Paul Lyman, Sr.

### Wednesday, April 22 Earth Day

7:30 Marie Fichter  
Ed Cahill  
Dr. Ricardo Cruz

12:00 David Lindemann (19th Anniv.)

### Thursday, April 23 St. George; St. Adalbert

7:30 Noreen Nordin  
Albert Klein  
Leonides Rodriguez

### Friday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:30 Teresa Szott  
Arlene Swanson

### Saturday, April 25 St. Mark

7:30 Margaret Kett  
John Osicek

## In Loving Memory

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Jane Rossdeutcher  
Czeslaw Chrabol  
Alex Tsourmas  
Terry Corrigan

## Please pray for our sick

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Noreen Naselli  
Nicolas Leonardo  
Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
Evelyn Mutzabaugh  
Lucille Krajnik  
Marty Galis  
Edward Gerdes  
Barbara Reed  
Owen Patricoski

## Wedding Banns

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III. Steven Hill and Denise Connor

## Readings for the week of April 20

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**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3-21/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## Celebrant Schedule, April 25-26

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5:00 Fr. Ed

7:00 Fr. Paul

8:30 Fr. Paul

10:00 Fr. Michael

11:30 Fr. Michael

5:00 Fr. Ed

## Inspiration for the Week

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Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

**Reflect:** Jesus' interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples. Does reading the Bible bring you clarity?

### Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,

As this new season begins,  
bring new life to our hearts as well.

Prune what has grown despondent,  
brush back that which darkens and clouds.

As the flowers bud and bloom,  
bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy.  
Amen.

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# PARISH INFORMATION

Thank you, St. James Community, for your contributions during March, 2026

Sunday Collections →	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	\$ 168,260	\$ 179,575.12	\$ 11,315.12
		Envelopes: \$ 73,432.22	
		Online Giving: \$ 106,142.90	

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

**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](mailto: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](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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## MASS SCHEDULE

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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

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Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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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

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**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.  
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