



# SAINT JAMES PARISH

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**JUNE 28**  
**2026**

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Today's Readings

### First Reading

Elisha is welcomed by a faithful woman; God rewards her hospitality with the promised birth of a son.

*2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*

### Second Reading

Through baptism, believers share in Christ's death and resurrection, dying to sin and living a new life.

*Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

### Gospel

Jesus calls disciples to love Him above all, carry their cross, and serve others with generosity and faithfulness.

*Matthew 10:37-42*

Dear Friends,

Today's readings speak powerfully about the cost of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Perhaps one of the most challenging teachings of Jesus is, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:27)

The 2016 film *Hacksaw Ridge* tells the true story of Pfc. Desmond T. Doss, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor despite refusing to bear arms during WWII on religious (Christian) grounds. Doss was drafted and ostracized by fellow soldiers for his pacifist stance. He earned respect and admiration for his bravery, selflessness and compassion, however, after he risked his life -- without firing a shot -- to save 75 men in the Battle of Okinawa.

The depiction of his cruel treatment by his fellow soldiers and persecution by his superiors is heartbreakingly depicted. But Desmond remained strong and committed to his Christian faith. He paid a high price for his discipleship.

Last week Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, preached at the First Mass of Fr. John Rahimi at St. Theresa Church in Palatine. Fr. Chase, who gave up a career as a professional soccer player to become a priest, talked about the necessity of being broken if we want to grow in holiness. That brokenness can take various forms, but ultimately it means relying on and satisfying not my own needs and desires, but turning everything over to Jesus. This is true discipleship -- not a half-hearted commitment to Him, but a complete laying down of one's life in response to His grace and His call.

The call is demanding, but the reward is great. St. Paul wrote, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6:8)

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



# WEEKEND MASS TIMES

STARTING JULY 4 & 5

## Saturday Mass

5:00 PM

## Sunday Mass

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

5:00 PM

## Confession

Wednesday 6:00 PM | Saturday 8:00 AM

## Holy Hour

1st Wednesday of the Month, Starting July 8

**BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.**



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# PARISH & SCHOOL

## Thank You SUPPORTERS



It was a beautiful day at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic! Thanks to the generous support of many we raised \$30,000, the net proceeds of which will support the needs of St. James School.

Special thanks to our 50/50 Raffle Winner, Lucas Crosswell, who donated his portion of the proceeds back to the school.

**We hope you'll join us next year!**



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**Reception to follow!**



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[stjamesah.org/sacred-sounds/](http://stjamesah.org/sacred-sounds/)

# MINISTRY UPDATES

# WOST

Women of St. James

Open Enrollment for the 2026-27 year begins soon!

Enrollment starts July 15th and ends August 15th.  
Scan the QR Code to enroll!

Small group leads please review your membership.  
Forward updates to Laura Martinez as soon as possible.



[www.stjamesah.org/connect](http://www.stjamesah.org/connect)

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## Young Adults of St. James Parish

# YOUR YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY.

Are you a recent college graduate or young adult looking for a solid Catholic community?

Look no further! Scan the QR code to join the Young Adults of St. James.

Throughout the year, we gather for faith-filled events, BBQs, social outings, retreats, and opportunities to grow in friendship and faith. Come find your community with us!



[www.stjamesah.org/young-adult/](http://www.stjamesah.org/young-adult/)

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# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Prayer | Faith | Community

## Religious Education

### REGISTER BY 7/31

Don't miss out on Early Bird savings! Register your child by July 31 and pay only \$230. After July 31, tuition increases to \$250. The non-parishioner rate is \$300.

#### Program Details:

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- ✓ Tuesday afternoon sessions
- ✓ 4:30-5:45 -OR- 6:30-7:45
- ✓ Homeschool Option

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[stjames.org/religious-education](https://stjames.org/religious-education)

## sacred sounds *concert* series

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### 2026-27 Season

Saluting the Red, White, and Brass • July 1

A Night of Hope • Sept. 30

All Souls Requiem Mass • Nov. 2

Advent Carols & Songs • Dec. 12

A Cinematic Odyssey • Feb. 8

Mozart's Requiem • March 11



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MEETING  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WITH GRACE

# Grace Prayer Circle

mental health ministry through  
St. James, St. Edna & O.L.W.

Wednesday, July 1  
7:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: St. James School Chapel

This month's topic:  
Freedom Through Faith

Hope you can join us right after the Saluting  
the Red, White and Brass Concert.

Submit prayer requests to:  
[mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org](mailto:mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org)



[stjamesah.org/mentalhealthresources](https://stjamesah.org/mentalhealthresources)

# PARISH NEWS



ST. JAMES THEATRE  
PRESENTS

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## Please Welcome Our Newest Staff Member

### Monica Barc - Director of Family Faith Formation

Hi, my name is Monica, and I am a Chicagoland native, growing up in LaGrange but moving around the suburbs in adulthood. My large Polish family gave me a childhood full of cousin sleepovers, treasured Godmother breakfasts, and yardwork veiled as a fun game. After considering Holy Orders I discerned a path in teaching our littlest hearts. I taught multilingual elementary education and worked in curriculum development for 15 years. My pup Nelly, godchildren of my own, and baking side gig keep me busy and joyful!

We are called to live our faith and relationship with Christ as a community, as a family. The roles we each serve in our families are crucial to those we love. These roles, especially those of parents and godparents, are a huge ask! I am grateful to offer support and guidance in partnership with St. James families to ensure meaningful stewardship of Catholic family life.



# SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

A SYMBOL OF GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE FOR ALL

## First Friday Devotion

A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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.



Join Fr. Paul on Mondays  
beginning June 1 for a

Summer Bible Study:

## Acts of the Apostles

Mornings: 8:00 - 9:00 am

Evenings: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

in the Laramie Room  
(Church basement)

No registration  
required; just bring  
your Bible!



## WILL YOU SIT IN HIS PRESENCE?

St. James Perpetual Adoration  
Chapel needs your help to  
fill these open slots:

Monday @ 2 AM

Saturday @ 5 PM

Sunday @ 5 AM

SCAN HERE  
TO SIGN UP:



or email [adoration@stjamesch.org](mailto:adoration@stjamesch.org) for information



# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions & Observances

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### Saturday, June 27

5:00 Joseph Lang  
Kevin & Patrick Houlihan  
Alexander Jaffe

### Sunday, June 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 For the people of the parish

8:30 Marty Galis  
Bob Notter  
Bebing Navarro  
Graciela Juarez

10:00 John Vincent  
Alex Tsourmas  
Arlene Brescia  
Maribeth Kerr  
Frank Bauer

11:30 Lori Kelly-Murray  
Steve Kelly  
Judy Schmueser  
Charles & Mary Ponsot

5:00 Jonas Nalis

### Monday, June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul

7:30 Patricia Brennan  
Jean Molitor  
Frank & Gertrude Pietrolonardo  
John F. Kordek  
Bebing Navarro

12:00 Special Intention

### Tuesday, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:30 Raimundas Lapsys  
Mercedes Janschutz  
Arlene Brescia  
Barbara Mayer  
Bebing Navarro  
Steven Schmidt

### Wednesday, July 1 St. Junípero Serra

7:30 Tom Rothfus  
Bebing Navarro

12:00 Marty Galis  
Scotty Stuck

### Thursday, July 2

7:30 Raffaella Loizzo  
Bebing Navarro

### Friday, July 3 St. Thomas

7:30 Fr. Edward Pelrine\*  
Fr. Paul Stein\*  
Fr. Michael Grzesik\*  
Ann McCabe\*  
Alice Clifford

### Saturday, July 4 Independence Day

7:30 Della & Thomas McAndrew  
Aldona Underys  
Anne Howaniac  
Bebing Navarro

## In Loving Memory

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Craig Funk

## Please pray for our sick

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Norine Naselli  
Nicolas Leonardo  
Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
Lucille Krajnik  
Sr. Joanne Grib  
Constante Tagamolila  
Barbara Reed  
Owen Patricoski  
Ashley Abraham  
Greg McRoberts

## Wedding Banns

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II. Patrick Faley & Mariana Bednarek

## Recent Baptisms

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**Julia Anne Treacy**, child of Mark Treacy and Megan Glaser

**Aiden Luke Atwood**, child of Patrick Atwood and Monica (John) Atwood

## Readings for the week of June 29

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**Monday:** Acts 12:1-11 / Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19  
**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 / Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24 / Ps 50:7-17 / Mt 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 117:1bc, 2 / Jn 20:24-29  
**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15 / Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Mt 9:14-17  
**Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10 / Ps 145:1-14 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

## Celebrant Schedule July 4-5

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5:00 Fr. Paul  
8:00 Fr. Ed  
10:00 Fr. Paul  
12:00 Fr. Paul  
5:00 Fr. Ed

\*Indicates Living

# 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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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](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)

## YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

### Share Your Child's Creativity

#### Catholic Climate Covenant Announces Art Contest

In celebration of the Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi! Young people are invited to submit original artwork inspired by the theme *Creation Sings!* Children in Kindergarten through High School are eligible and will be judged by age group.

All forms of original art, including visual art, media, poetry, and other literary works, are welcome. AI-generated pieces of any kind will not be accepted. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each age category.

#### Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: September 25, 2026
- Winners Announced: October 19, 2026

#### Parents or guardians should:

- Go to [catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://catholicclimatecovenant.org) to complete the registration form
- Email a digital copy of the artwork (photo, video, or document) to: [kayla@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:kayla@catholicclimatecovenant.org)

### Eco-friendly Travel Ideas

While traveling this summer, consider these ideas for how you can be gentler on the earth:

- Try to pack reusable gear – aim to reduce single use plastics (for less waste in landfills and less microplastics in eco-systems, including our own bodies!) Bring reusable water bottles, dishes, food storage bowls and lids, utensils, cloth towels, cloth bags
- Bring eco-friendly toiletries (buy biodegradable products, fill reusable bottles)
- Bring a cooler to have fresh foods and leftovers
- Bring dish detergent, a basin for water and towels for doing dishes
- Pack separate bags to collect recyclables and garbage
- Eat at small, local businesses. These places often use locally sourced and seasonal products.
- Consider purchasing locally made souvenirs to support local artists instead of cheap things from foreign countries
- Look for family-friendly outdoor activities to connect with nature (hiking/ visiting forests, botanical gardens, National Parks) to improve your physical and mental health, and to teach your family to value our natural resources as gifts from God.



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### Mother Guerin School 50th Reunion

Were you a member of the class of 1976, Mother Theodore Guerin, River Grove, IL? Do you know someone from that class?

It's time for the 50th Reunion! Guerin alum from '76 will meet on a weekend in early October for Mass on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. A great time to relive a bit of the past and make a new connection or two. For more information, including dates, email [mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com](mailto:mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com)





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## MASS SCHEDULE

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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

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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.  
Or sign up for a time at [adorationpro.org/jamesil](http://adorationpro.org/jamesil)

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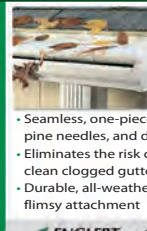
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