



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Young Adult

Summer BBQ Kickoff



JUNE 21
2026

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Today's Readings

First Reading

Despite opposition and fear, Jeremiah trusts God's protection, praises Him, and rejoices in His saving justice.

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading

Through one man's sin came death, but Christ's greater grace brings life and salvation to many.

Romans 5:12-15

Gospel

Jesus urges courage and trust in God, calling disciples to openly confess faith despite fear or opposition.

Matthew 10:26-33

Dear Friends,

Happy Summer! Today is the first day of "astronomical summer," the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. Two weeks ago, our school year came to a close, and three weeks ago, our 8th grade graduated. I hope these next two months are a time of refreshment and rest for all of us.

This time of year also holds some important symbolism in the calendar. On Wednesday, June 24, we mark the solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist. John, the greatest of all the prophets and the forerunner of the Messiah, had a tremendously important role in preparing the people of Israel for the imminent appearance of Jesus. His witness to Jesus the Messiah ultimately cost him his life.

In John Chapter 3, John speaks these words:

"I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him. He who has the bride is the bridegroom; the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice; therefore, this joy of mine is now full. He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:28-30).

Symbolically, John the Baptist is born on or near the time of greatest sunlight, and from that day until the winter solstice, December 21, the light decreases. With the birth of Jesus at the time of the winter solstice, the light begins to increase.

Jesus, our Light, has come into the world.

Thanks for your cooperation with the coming change in our Sunday mass schedule. I am very grateful for your willingness to cooperate with this change.

Finally, blessings and thanks to all of our fathers, living and deceased, on this Father's Day. Our fathers have a tremendous impact on all of us, not only in childhood, but throughout our lives. Hopefully, it is a positive influence. If not, thanks to all those who step up and act as fathers to those who are in need of a father's love.

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 & MINISTRY NEWS

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HOSPITALITY *Sunday!*

PLEASE JOIN US

LARAMIE ROOM AFTER SUNDAY A.M. MASSES
COFFEE & DONUTS
HOSTS: GREETERS



“Train a child up in the way he should go.” Proverbs 22:6

In his work with teenage boys in juvenile detention, Fr. Gabriel-Allan Boyd * noted how each wanted to be esteemed and regarded as being “manly.” Yet from their interactions, Boyd knew that many had “learned some pretty destructive things about what it meant to be a man,” and, that if fathers had been in their lives, “they had ones that were dreadful examples...”

Manhood, masculinity and, by extension, fatherhood are under attack. Dangerous internet content touts the use of intimidation & power in relationships & normalizes chauvinistic ideals.

** Recently, a political candidate questioned his opponent’s masculinity because of reported veganism and belief that God is genderless. If our boys and young men are influenced by social media and such reports, what kind of husbands and fathers will they become? Will the fathers and men in their lives be examples of love, self-sacrifice, Christ-like behaviors?

As we celebrate Father’s Day, let us pray to St. Joseph to guide and protect them. May all fathers be models of Christian values so that their sons and daughters will grow into mature, responsible adults and followers of Christ.

Everyone deserves to be in safe, healthy relationships. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists.
Get help.

National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE

* stbasil.com/news/2018/6/15/a-fathers-day-prayer

** nomore.org/tag/blog - The Know More Blog, From Traditional Masculinity to the “Manosphere”: How Digital Culture Is Redefining Abuse, April 28, 2026

SUMMER EVENTS



FREE CONCERT
IN THE CHURCH



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sacred sounds
concert series
Presented by Glueckert Funeral Home



In partnership with SALUTE, INC. dedicated to meeting the financial, physical and emotional needs of injured military service members, veterans and their families.


Wed. July 1 • 6:00 p.m.

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Reception to follow

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PARISH EVENTS

MEN OF SAINT JAMES

7PM | 06.25.26

SMOKES, SPIRITS, STEIN!

JOIN MSJ FOR AN EVENING OF BAGS (CARDS IF INDOORS)

MEETING IN THE RECTORY YARD

BYO CIGARS, BEVERAGES ALL MEN 21+

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED



YOUR HOST:
FR. PAUL

 SAINT JAMES PARISH
MEN OF SAINT JAMES

stjamesah.org/men-of-st-james-event/

SAVE THE DATES!

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concert series

Presented by Glueckert Funeral Home

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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What is EDGE? (Middle School Program)

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Contact: Dora Mendoza
dmendoza@stjamesah.org

REGISTER HERE



stjamesah.org/edge-registration/



SAINT JAMES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade



Tuesdays
4:30-5:45



Tuesdays
6:30-7:45



Homeschool
Program



Summer Intensive
Grades 3-5

Register
Now!



For more information contact:
stjamesre@stjamesah.org

stjamesah.org/religious-education-registration/

YOUTH CHOIR

REGISTER FOR FALL, 2026

IN 2025-26 WE SANG AT:
Holy Name Cathedral, Lutheran Home, Recreation Park, SJ Church and SJ Parish Center.



Register your child today!

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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!



SCAN HERE FOR INFORMATION.

www.stjamesah.org/young-adult/

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SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Mondays with Mary

Pray

with us

Open to all men at 7:00 am every Monday in the Teen Room.
Absolutely no rosary experience is needed, rosaries and 'crib sheets' will be available.

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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, June 20

5:00 For the people of the parish

Sunday, June 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 The Bosco Family
Mary Downes

8:30 Kathleen Tangney
Robert Lyons
Eugene Migely
Hy Lai

10:00 Gretchen & Bill Cronin
Matt Lombardi
Robert "Bob" Williams
John Vincent

11:30 Victor Grandinetti
Burton Heatherly
Paul Grabowski
Larry Coffey

5:00 Bob Firnbach

Monday, June 22 St. Paulinus of Nola

7:30 Ed Cahill
Mary Ellen Bannon
John F. Kordek
Sylvia Strzoda

12:00 Karen Lader
Steve Draska

Tuesday, June 23

7:30 Carl Lamonica
Jeri Hempen

Wednesday, June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:30 Teresa Szott
Dr. Ricardo Cruz

12:00 Jill Marconti

Thursday, June 25

7:30 John & Noreen Nordin
Patricia F. Golbeck
James Ryan

Friday, June 26

7:30 Christopher Tartik (15th Anniv.)
George Crane

Saturday, June 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria

7:30 John R. Nordin Sr.
Philip Krueger

In Loving Memory

Marcheta Anderlik

Frank Bianco, Jr

Please pray for our sick

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

Wedding Banns

I. Patrick Faley & Mariana Bednarek
II. Randy Kochanski & Stephanie Kneueppel

Recent Baptisms

Savannah Mary Murphy, child of
Michael Murphy & Danielle (Pallardy) Murphy

Alexander Lalo Jacoby, child of
Christopher Jacoby & Nereida (Garcia) Jacoby

Sydney Kathryn Terrano, child of Joseph Terrano & Emily (Karcz) Terrano

Olivia Sharon Jurez, child of Luis Jurez & Joanna (Mannini) Jurez

Camden Michael Cimino, child of John Cimino & Samantha Walter

Nolan Robert Cimino, child of John Cimino & Samantha Walter

Kevin George Brenner, child of Kenneth Brenner & Kimberly (Fisher) Brenner

Kelly Lynn Brenner, child of Kenneth Brenner & Kimberly (Fisher) Brenner

Readings for the week of June 22

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Celebrant Schedule June 27-28

5:00 Fr. Paul

7:00 Fr. Ed

8:30 Fr. Ed

10:00 Fr. Michael

11:30 Fr. Michael

5:00 Fr. Paul

*Indicates Living

PARISH INFORMATION

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

Sunday Collections	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
⇒	\$168,400.00	\$154,723.25	(\$13,676.75)
		Envelopes: \$101,410.96	
		Online Giving: \$53,312.29	

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

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.

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

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

Creation Care Corner



"The need for greater and more readily available supplies of energy ... cannot be met at the cost of polluting the air we breathe."

-Pope Francis

Renewable electricity for your home?

Electricity generation contributes significantly to earth warming greenhouse gas emissions. Consider shopping for green electricity sources for your home. Check with your utility to see if they have renewable energy plans (without putting solar panels on your roof) that allow you to power your home with clean sources like wind and solar. Many regulated utilities offer opt-in programs where you pay a slight premium per kWh to source your electricity from renewable resources. In some markets you can choose a competitive Retail Energy Provider that matches your electricity usage with Green-e® certified Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). These RECs offset your home energy usage with renewable energy, supporting industry growth. Verify the details by reading the plan's Electricity Facts Label.

You can also explore community solar (CS) as another alternative. With CS there are no panels on your roof and you "subscribe" to get the equivalent amount of power that your home uses generated from a remote solar farm.

With either alternative, select a provider with no sign-up or exit fees, where you can quit any time without penalty if you find a better deal, and where you can still be serviced (and preferably billed) by your current utility.

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Laramie Room

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Vicariate I | Fall 2026

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Preparation for Confirmation:

An 8-week preparation session for Vicariate I parishioners will meet on Mondays beginning **August 31, 2026, 7-9 p.m.**

St. Edna Parish, Arlington Heights

Confirmation Mass on November 4, 7 p.m.

Registration closes on Monday, August 10, 2026.

Cost: \$70/person.

Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration: lcrepeau@stedna.org or 847.398.3362, ext. 325.



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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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