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• 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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**JULY 5**

**2026**

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## Today's Readings

### First Reading

Rejoice! Your humble King comes in peace, bringing justice and salvation to all nations.

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

### Second Reading

Those led by the Spirit belong to Christ; God gives life, empowering believers to reject sin and live for Him.

*Romans 8:9, 11-13*

### Gospel

Jesus praises the humble, reveals the Father, and invites the weary to find rest by following Him.

*Matthew 11:25-30*

## *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* *(Psalm 33:12)*

This weekend marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's declaration of independence from Great Britain. Thomas Paine wrote these words in December, 1776:

"These are the times that try men's souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

—Thomas Paine, *The American Crisis*

Two hundred fifty years later, we, the recipients of the sacrifice offered by the founders of our nation, celebrate their glorious triumph. As Americans, we have great challenges today, as in every age. The meaning of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are examined and explored in every era of the nation's history.

I believe the starting point for us today is

suggested by Psalm 33: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." To whom do we belong and under whose law do we ultimately live? Is God the source of our basic civil rights or is government the source? As we face the many challenges of our day, this is a crucial question.

The prophet Joel speaks for the Lord, calling Israel back to faithfulness to God's covenant: "Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." That call to faithfulness is a call to us as well. It is essential that we, as citizen of this great nation, discern well as we fulfill our responsibility to vote for candidates and parties who are faithful to God's law and the laws of nature. May God help us in this grave privilege and responsibility.

God bless our nation as we celebrate this momentous anniversary.

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 NEWS

Prayer | Faith | Community

## Religious Education



### REGISTER BY 7/31

After July 31, all students will be placed on a waitlist and accepted as space is available!



#### Program Details:

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

**REGISTER TODAY**

Contact us  
**224-345-7152**

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



## Grief Support Group

What are we all about:

Our grief support is a ministry at St. James for conversation and friendship with others who have also experienced a loss. Our group meets twice a month.

For more information, please contact:  
[griefsupport@stjamesah.org](mailto:griefsupport@stjamesah.org)

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After-school activity for all children of the parish

# YOUTH CHOIR REGISTRATION

Open now for Fall, 2026

**SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR:  
BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADE 2-8**

Use the  
link for  
more  
information



[stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration/](https://stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration/)

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# Seussical™

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# THEOLOGY ON TAP

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Upcoming Summer Dates

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# MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

# 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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enKindle speaker series

# Basilica Tour:

Explore Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica

A day of Faith, Fellowship, and Prayer



[stjamesah.org/basilica-tour](http://stjamesah.org/basilica-tour)

Date: Saturday | August 15th | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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# 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



# MUSIC MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATES!

sacred sounds  
*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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## EIGHT REASONS TO JOIN A CHOIR AT ST. JAMES!

- 1. Builds community and friendships:** Choirs bring people together and create a strong sense of belonging and teamwork.
- 2. Reduces stress:** Singing can lower stress levels and help people feel calmer and more relaxed.
- 3. Improves mental health:** Being part of a choir can boost mood, increase confidence, and reduce feelings of loneliness.
- 4. Boosts memory and concentration:** Learning music, lyrics, and harmonies keeps the brain active and improves focus.
- 5. Encourages teamwork:** Choir members learn to listen to one another and work together toward a shared goal.
- 6. Provides a creative outlet:** Singing allows people to express emotions and creativity in a positive way.
- 7. Creates joy and accomplishment:** Performing music and improving over time gives singers a sense of pride and achievement.
- 8. Draws you closer to God:** Singing sacred music in the context of the Liturgy may strengthen your faith and helps everyone worship the Lord.

### Ready to start singing?

Contact Director of Music Tam Conseur at [tconseur@stjamesah.org](mailto:tconseur@stjamesah.org) for more information.

# thanks

TO ALL WHO ATTENDED  
CONCERT UNDER THE STARS



Thank you to all who attended the Concert Under the Stars on June 13. We raised over \$2,400 for St. James School.

Thanks to the members of the Johnny Burnett Band who gave their time and talent, and to the Koclanis and Zebron Families, Al Madden, Mike Smigiel, Tom Stengren, and Dan Lapinski for your assistance.

May God bless all of you for your charitable hearts.

- Deacon Johnny

# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions & Observances

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### Saturday, July 4

5:00 Kevin & Patrick Houlihan  
Arlene Swanson

### Sunday, July 5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Helena Jochaniewicz  
Oscar Novales, Jr.  
Alois (Lou) Simeth  
Arlene Swanson

10:00 John Vincent  
Denise Mihok  
John Macioce

12:00 Marty Galis  
Sandi Stancy  
Christine Watson  
Conchita Lim

5:00 Bebing Navarro

### Monday, July 6 St. Maria Goretti

7:30 Aloysius Faber  
Marge McGrath  
Marci McGrath  
Maureen Malone Singime  
Julianne O'Grady  
John F. Kordek  
Helena Jochaniewicz  
Oscar Novales, Jr.

12:00 Jill Marconti  
Geri Hempen  
Steve Draska  
Lorrain & Josphe Manata  
John & Betty Sykes  
Bebing Navarro

### Tuesday, July 7

7:30 Joyce Pons  
Bebing Navarro  
People of the Parish

### Wednesday, July 8

7:30 Jim McDermott, Sr.  
Dr. Ricardo Cruz  
Noreen Latto  
Lee Charland  
Christopher Anastasia  
Bebing Navarro

12:00 Chris Watson

### Thursday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

7:30 Patrick Reilly  
Bebing Navarro

### Friday, July 10

7:30 Bill Pietrolonardo  
Bebing Navarro

### Saturday, July 11 St. Benedict

7:30 Bebing Navarro

## In Loving Memory

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Michael Marciniak

## Please pray for our sick

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Norine Naselli  
Nicolas Leonardo  
Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
Lucille Krajnik  
Barbara Reed  
Owen Patricoski

## Wedding Banns

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III. Patrick Faley & Mariana Bednarek  
I. Paul Jacks & Marisa Pollastrini

## Recent Baptisms

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**Elijah Mark Rowe**, child of  
Salim Rowe & Christina (Chmielewski) Rowe

**Jameson William Crawford**, child of  
Matthew Crawford and Erin Murray

**Lennon Annie Rose** Crawford, child of  
Matthew Crawford and Erin Murray

**Elowyn Satya Saini**, child of  
Eshang Saini and Emily Carroll

**Hazel Chinell Horgan**, child of  
Sean Horgan and Theresa (Moran) Horgan

**Felicity Rose Lucas**, child of  
Joshua Lucas and Rachel (Cott) Lucas

**Ayva Noelle Wilson**, child of  
Jaylen Wilson and Ashley (Reichl) Wilson

## Readings for the week of July 6

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**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-5/Mt 10:24-33

**Next Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

## Celebrant Schedule, July 11-12

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

\*Indicates Living

# 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](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)

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# QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30, 2026  
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL



Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood.



For information and registration, visit:  
[chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days](http://chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days).

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## SUMMER Intensive

AUG. 6 - 8, 2026  
Thursday & Friday  
6 PM - 9 PM  
Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM

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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](mailto: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 8:00 a.m. Traditional Choir & Organ  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 12:00 p.m. Contemporary Music  
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** - First Wednesday of the month 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** - Wednesdays 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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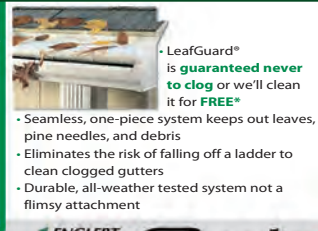
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