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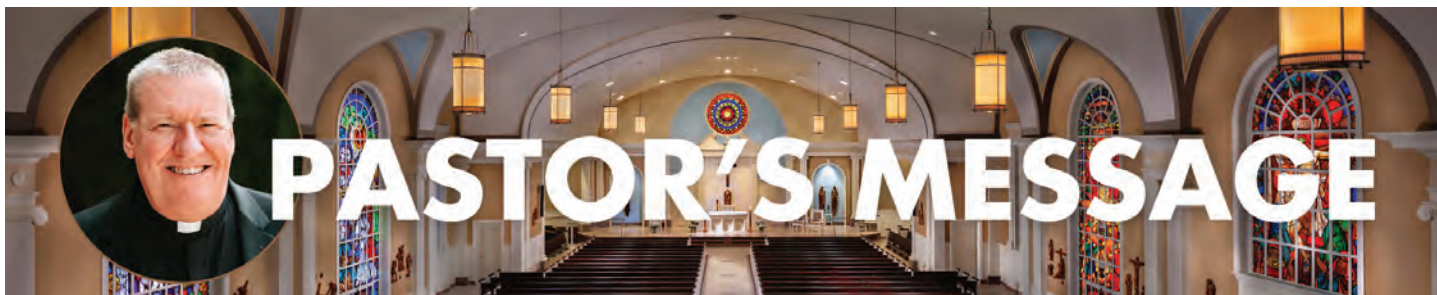
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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Readings

First Reading

God invites Solomon to ask for a gift; he chooses wisdom, and God grants him exceptional understanding to lead His people.

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading

God works all things for good, calling and shaping believers according to His purpose to share Christ's glory.

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel

Jesus teaches that God's kingdom is worth everything, revealing its priceless value and calling for wise, wholehearted commitment.

13:44-52

Dear Friends,

I am excited to share that the second phase of our HVAC improvements has been underway this past week. The first phase was completed in November 2025, and we anticipate finishing the remaining phases by the summer of 2027. You may have even noticed the cranes in our parking lot lifting the new rooftop units into place.

Several years ago, I purchased a new, state-of-the-art refrigerator for my home. As a homeowner, I was excited about my new purchase. Shortly afterward, I hosted a family gathering, and no one commented on it or even seemed to notice it. When I mentioned this to my aunt, she simply said, "That's the thing about refrigerators, people just expect you to have one."

I think the same is true of air conditioning. People simply expect it to be there.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has so generously contributed to our Capital Campaign. Your stewardship of our parish and your generosity have made this important project possible. I am deeply grateful for your commitment to St. James and for your investment in the future of our parish.

As Capital Campaign pledges continue to be fulfilled, we will also begin the reconfiguration of our parish school. Projects of this size can only move forward when sufficient funds are available, and your continued support is helping make that possible.

In the meantime, the next time you attend an event in the gym, visit the school, or stop by the parish offices, take a moment to enjoy the cool air—and know that it is there because of the generosity of this parish community.

Gratefully,
Fr. Ed



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DISCERNING Your Vocation

A Panel Discussion

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:00 PM



www.stjamesah.org/vocations-panel



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St. Clare Associate Pastor



Sr. Molly Spiering
Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth



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Husband & Marketing Director



Julia Jacks
Wife & Director for Juice Box



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PARISH NEWS



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Dave Chaplin (david.m.chaplin@gmail.com) who is a current student
with the Encounter School of Ministry.

FAMILY FIND IT!



The Lavabo

About half-way through mass, once the gifts are on the altar, a server or deacon brings a pitcher of water to the priest. The priest says a prayer as the water goes over his hands. He is asking God to make him clean on the inside by washing away sin. Now, he is ready for the bread and wine to become Jesus for us! We can say this prayer when we walk into church, dip into the holy water, and make the sign of the cross.

DO IT!

Examination of Conscience Prepare yourself to receive the Eucharist and ask God to make you clean on the inside! Check out these resources:



Questions
For Kids



About
Adoration



Video about
the lavabo

Calendar Check ENCOUNTER September 29
Come sit with Jesus!

READ IT!

Exodus 30:17-21
Psalm 26:6
Matthew 27:24



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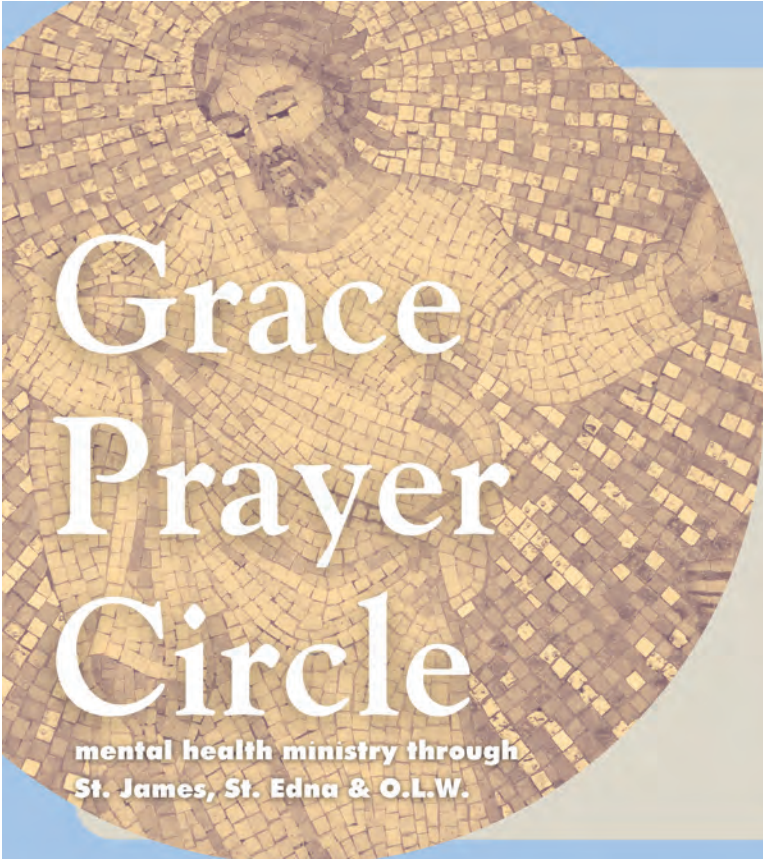


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Grace Prayer Circle

mental health ministry through
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Wednesday, August 5
7:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: St. James School Chapel

This month's topic: "You Are Not Alone"
Deacon Joe Yannotta, St. Edna

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Sunday, October 4 | Walk for Mental Health
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namiwalks.org/teams/85561

Submit prayer requests to:
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org

I Will Never

Forget You

(Isaiah 49:15)

Following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pope Leo will commemorate the sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday July 26, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis established the observance in 2021 to bring focus to a group of people often relegated to the margins of society and, instead, recognize them for their worth and contributions. The theme for this year's celebration is taken from Isaiah – "a reminder to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing in them a precious presence and blessing." (Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, 10 February 2026).

In his homily on the first World Day, Pope Francis stated that "grandparents and the elderly are not leftovers from life, scraps to be discarded." He urged his audience to "listen to them..." "cherish them and spend time with them." (25 July 2021 St. Peter's Basilica) As we, a people of faith, commemorate this day, let us recognize their worth and value in word and deed and give thanks for all they have contributed to our lives.

Everyone deserves to be in safe, healthy relationships.

If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a pathway to safety exists. Get help.

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PATH TO SUNDAY

July 26, 2026 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you were Aladdin and a genie granted you one wish, for what would you ask?

Of course, we don't believe in genies or magic lamps. But we do believe in God, and we do pray. So if God guaranteed one, and only one, request, for what would you ask?

Perhaps asking for the miraculous healing of a loved one, who is sick, would not be the best choice. That may sound harsh but consider Lazarus. Jesus raised him from the dead—a stunning miracle. Yet Lazarus eventually died again. Every earthly healing is temporary because death still comes for us all.

King Solomon faced a similar question when God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon did not ask for wealth, power, or a long life. He asked for wisdom to serve God well, and God praised his request.

Too often we treat God like a genie, asking Him to grant our wishes. But God's greatest desire is not simply to make this life more comfortable. His greatest desire is our salvation.

That is why, if we have one guaranteed request, we should ask for the salvation of those we love—as well as our own.

Jesus constantly points us toward eternity. He compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price, worth giving up everything else to obtain. Nothing is more valuable.

This doesn't mean we stop praying for healing or other needs. We should. God cares deeply about our suffering. But even suffering can become a path to holiness, as we see in Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. As St. Paul reminds us, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God."

There may be no magic lamps, but there is something far greater: a God who desires to be with us forever. The real question is not whether God wants to grant us eternal life. He does.

The question is: if you had only one wish, would that be yours?

Reflection Questions:

- If God guaranteed you one request, what would you ask for—and what does your answer reveal about what you value most?
- Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price. What are some things in your life that compete with God for first place in your heart?
- How often do your prayers focus on temporary needs—such as health, success, or comfort—compared to praying for your own salvation and the salvation of those you love?

*For more Gospel reflections visit
stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday*



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, July 25

5:00 Joseph Lang
Kevin & Patrick Houlihan
Oscar Novales Jr.
Sr. Joanne Grib*

Sunday, July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Catherine Lyons (19th Anniv.)
Marty Galis
Astra Antonini
10:00 Gretchen & Bill Cronin
John Vincent
Judy Schmueser
Alex Tsourmas
Arlene Brescia
12:00 For the people of the parish
5:00 Kelly O'Connor

Monday, July 27

7:30 Phyllis Annand
Mary Malone
Philip Krueger
John F. Kordek
12:00 Jozefa Bezruczko
Paul & Jane Nelson Family
Rebecca Halvorson Family
Timothy & Amy Nelcon Family
Lisa Nelson Family
Jenny & Matt Walls Family

Tuesday, July 28

7:30 Mary Ellen Stuermer

Wednesday, July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:30 Cynthia Swanson (1st Anniv.)
Dr. Ricardo Cruz
12:00 Linda Nelson Family
Teresa Nelson Family
George Shannon Family
George & Ruth Nelson Family
Charlotte & Billy Johnson Family

Thursday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

7:30 Frank Brennan
Martin Galis
Robert Biebel

Friday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:30 Tom Rothfus
Jack Ruane
Richard Wojtkowski

Saturday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:30 Special Intention

In Loving Memory

Kathy Lynn Andrews

*Indicates Living

Please pray for our sick

Norine Naselli
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Lucille Krajnik
Barbara Reed
Owen Patricoski
Sr. Joanne Grib
Carl Laub
Judy De Lio

Wedding Banns

III. Aric Faller & Nicole Judd
II. Joshua Que & Michelle McDonald
II. Antonio Gutierrez Martinez & Jennifer Brown

Recent Baptisms

Charlotte Elizabeth Cavida, child of
Dustin Cavida and Mary McCarthy

John Terrance Williams, child of
Ross Williams and Gabrielle (Silva) Williams

Margaret Alison Schneider, child of
William Schneider and Lauren (Kaminsky) Schneider

Readings for the week of July 27

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Celebrant Schedule August 1-2

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



PARISH INFORMATION

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

Sunday Collections ➡	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	\$183,200	\$218,922.11	\$35,722.11
		Envelopes: \$131,887.90	
		Online Giving: \$87,034.21	

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.
tsheva@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.

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

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AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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And if feeding the family sounds more your speed, consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Help nourish our parish family one Communion line at a time.

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So c'mon—you know you've thought about it. Join us, serve the Lord, support your parish community, and finally learn what all those mysterious drawers in the sacristy are actually for!

For more information, contact:
Gary Hammelmann – gah818@yahoo.com
Katie Sowa – ksowa@stjamesah.org



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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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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

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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.
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