



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Welcome Back

SEPT 6
2026

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Today's Readings

First Reading

God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman, responsible for warning people of danger; failing to warn makes him accountable for their consequences.

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading

Love fulfills God's law; loving others as yourself means doing no harm and fulfilling every commandment.

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel

Jesus teaches believers to address wrongdoing with love, seek reconciliation, and trust that his presence is among those gathered in his name.

Matthew 18:15-20

Dear Friends,

This Tuesday we begin the process of OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, by which people are received into the Church through Baptism and Confirmation, or through Confirmation if already baptized in another Christian denomination. Others may be completing their sacraments of initiation. Currently there are twenty individuals planning to take part.

Keep in mind that in the Church, an "adult" is one who has reached the age of discretion (age of reason), which is set at age 7. So those who are not legally adults can also take part in the process. (In the past, we have had whole families enroll).

You are welcome to join us, whatever your status is. Meetings are held at 7 pm in the Laramie Room (lower level of the church) and run until 8:30. This is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in depth, and to come to know the Lord Jesus on a deeper level. There is no charge, and no commitment to become Catholic at this early stage. If you have any questions, or if you would like to enter OCIA, please call me at 224-345-7222, or email me at frpelrine@stjamesah.org.

It is also the beginning of a new school year and all that goes with that. St. James School just completed its first full two weeks of class with an enrollment of 615 children.

Religious Education starts this week with the lower grade RE program as well as EDGE, our middle school program. LifeTeen, our high school youth ministry outreach, held its opening session last Sunday. It's not too late to enroll.

Many thanks to Josh Jones, Christine Nagle, Dora Mendoza and Monica Barc, who direct these important formation efforts, and to Dr. Greg Scalia, St. James School principal, as well as all of our catechists, teachers, staff, and core team members. We are looking forward to a very good year. We are very blessed with so many who generously give of their time and share their faith with our young people.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

NEWS & EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council #4483

Will collect for their annual

Intellectual Disability Drive

September 12-13 at St. James

The Knights will accept cash,
or you may donate using the QR code.



If you have any questions, please contact
Bob Gedmin at (847) 721-5635.

LABOR DAY SEPT. 07

One Mass will be held at
St. James at 7:30 a.m.

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There is no Noon Mass
on Labor Day.

The Parish Office
is closed.

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P.A.D.S.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter
EST. 1989



*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did for me. - Matthew 25:40*

During our last season, because of the generous support of our
parishioners and our incredible volunteers, PADS was able to:

- Provide 31 nights of shelter and meals
- Offer safe housing to a nightly average of 55 guests,
including families
- Serve over 5,000 meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Provide immediate emergency shelter to more than 30
individuals

Next Season Starts 10.01.2026

There are a multitude of ways you can get involved, from something
as simple as donating purchased food, to working a regular 4-hour
shift once a month.

Please use the QR code to view the schedule and sign up for the dates
and roles that work best for you.

We're looking for volunteers

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

st.james.pads@gmail.com

With gratitude,
St. James PADS
and Summer Dinners Outreach



Scan and sign up here

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FAMILY FIND IT!



Sign of Peace

St. Teresa of Calcutta gave us a beautiful example of growing in Jesus by serving others. The sign of peace is a chance to quickly and quietly share peace and love of God with the people in front, behind, and to the side of you as we prepare for Communion. We remember unity in our church. It's not a time for walking around or waving to our neighbor across the pews.

DO IT!

Intentionally plan for works of mercy this week to celebrate St. Teresa of Calcutta. Pray for the conversion of your own heart to be more like Jesus as you help others in the world.



Mother Teresa
Love in Action
Works of Mercy



Flying Novena
Pray with
Fr. Michael-Joseph Paris

READ IT!

Matthew 25:31-46
CCC 2443-2449



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Adoration *at His Feet*

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SEPT

Praise, Worship & More



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St. James FAMILY ROSARY PLEDGE

SET YOUR
SEPTEMBER GOAL

SIGN OUR BANNER

PRAY TOGETHER

Helpful Tools:

Walking Rosary: Use landmarks
around your block like beads to
pray as you move 

Try praying along with a recorded
rosary or chaplet! 

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PARISH EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS EARTH SHEPHERDS FEST

LOCATION:
CAMP REINBERG
1801 N. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE

9.27.26

Come together to praise God
for His beautiful creation!

SCHEDULE:

2pm - care-of-Earth exhibits
3:30pm - guided Nature Hike
5pm - Outdoor Prayer Service with
Fr. Ryan McMillin
6pm - Free, waste-free dinner
7pm - Campfire

learn more and RSVP here



stjamesah.org/saint-francis-fest/



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Questions?

jangedmin@gmail.com



Men of St. James



MASS AND BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 7:30 AM

RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND



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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Jubilation
ST. JAMES

SAVE — THE — DATE

FRI | NOV 6 | 2026
METROPOLIS BALLROOM

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Fall
SENIOR LUNCHEON
Wednesday, October 14
11:00 am - 1:00pm
in the Laramie Room
Speaker & Topic | To Be Announced Soon
RSVP by Friday October 9
Contact Carly White at
224.345.7213 or cwhite@stjamesah.org
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CHILDREN'S FORMATION MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 @ NOON

A SPECIAL TIME FOR CHILDREN TO PRAY AND GROW IN FAITH.

Once each month we have a special Sunday Mass where your family can serve in a unique way.

Families are invited to greet at Mass, present the gifts of bread, wine and water to the altar, distribute bulletins after Mass, serve on the altar and read the first and second Scripture readings.

The Parish Youth Choir performs at most Children's Formation Masses.

UPCOMING DATES: SEPT. 20, OCT. 18, NOV. 15



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become involved.

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and hope



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SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. Join in learning about the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, which offer wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of the modern world. One theme will be featured each month.

1 Life and Dignity of the Human Person



Artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Sacred Scripture "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."	Sacred Tradition "Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God." Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2319
Catholic Social Teaching in Action  The USCCB advocates for policies that protect vulnerable people through social programs.  Charitable organizations like local Catholic Charities and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul respond to needs such as housing, food, and healthcare today."	Prayer for Life and Dignity Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death. Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Learn more at usccb.org/sjp

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

WILL YOU SIT IN HIS PRESENCE?

You're invited to commit one hour per week to silent contemplation in the adoration chapel.

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SCAN HERE  
TO SIGN UP:



[adoration@stjamesah.org](mailto:adoration@stjamesah.org)

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Mondays
2:00 a.m.

Fridays
8:00 a.m.

Saturdays
5:00 p.m.

Sundays
12:00 a.m.

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Upcoming Event with our Faith Community Partner

It's time to get your tickets for The Taste of Viator House.

It's a fundraiser, but it's also a community gathering, a warm and friendly one with delicious food and inspirational speakers.

Both the speakers and the food reflect the culture of the Viator house participants and best tell the story about what makes the work essential.

St. James is a Faith Community Partner of this vital organization. Come be part of the Viator House family. You'll see their mission in action, up close. Hope to see you there!

Taste of Viator House
Saturday, September 12, 6pm
625 Seegers Rd
Des Plaines, IL
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4vF32fJ>

COMPETITIVE MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE AT ST. JAMES

SUNDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE
ST. JAMES GYM

- Games at 6:00, 7:00, & 8:00 PM
- Season starts Sept 27
- 9 game season + playoffs
- Open to men 21+
- \$75 entry fee
- Teams determined by draft



Email Bill Borst (hev51064@gmail.com) by Sept. 11 if interested

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, September 5

5:00 Ita Tangney
Kevin & Patrick Houlihan
Arlene Swanson

Sunday, September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Arlene Swanson
Helena Jochaniewicz
Denise Mihok
John Macioce
10:00 John Vincent
Christine Watson
William Gaske
Arlene Swanson
12:00 For the people of the parish
5:00 Conchita Lim

Monday, September 7 Labor Day

7:30 Tom Rothfus
John F. Kordek
Eva Schulman*
Nathan Oehler*
Alice Blomquist

Tuesday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Special Intention

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver

7:30 Alois (Lou) Simeth
Dr. Ricardo Cruz
Matthew Petrillo
12:00 Matthew Petrillo

Thursday, September 10

7:30 James L. McGrath
Candace Duggan
Eileen Clark

Friday, September 11

7:30 John McGrath (8th Anniv.)

Saturday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 Charles Lind (1st Anniv)

Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Sr. Joanne Grib
Eva Templin
Carl Laub
Mary Tomczik
Susan Stengren
Barbara Seaman
Owen Patricoski
Patrick McGushin
Doria Casanas

Wedding Banns

II. Joseph Rocco LaSalvia & Girolama Marilena Camastra
I. Erik Tiscareno & Yzabelle Tud

Recent Baptisms

Mia Rose Butler, child of
Jack Butler and Cara (Venegoni) Butler
Ezrah Yashua Navarrete, child of
Erik Navarrete and Anh (Pham) Navarrete
Henry John Lyons, child of John Lyons and Hannah (Leahy) Lyons
Michael Murray Jensen, child of
Cory Jensen and Caroline (Knorr) Jensen

Readings for the week of September 7

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Celebrant Schedule September 12-13

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

*Indicates Living

PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday be
Forgiven

Sacrament of
Confession:
Wednesdays 6pm
Saturdays 8am

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.

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

DON'T FALL BEHIND
STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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PARISH & COMMUNITY UPDATES

WE NEED USHER(S)!



Not this one, the **other usher**—friendly people who can welcome parishioners and visitors, assist with seating, help with the collection, and lend a hand when needed.

You don't have to be Usher to be an usher!
You just need a welcoming smile and a willingness to serve.

Yes, *this* Usher is welcome too... but we're really looking for the kind who help at Mass! 😊

No singing. No dancing. No Grammy required.
Just a friendly smile and a willingness to welcome and serve our parish community.

No "Yeah!"
No microphone.
No backup dancers.
No concert tour.

- 👍 Helping people find seats when needed
- 👍 Assisting with the collection
- 👍 Helping with special needs or emergencies
- 👍 Providing a welcoming and orderly presence before, during, and after Mass

If it's a "yeah" for you, please contact Ben Jaffe, bjaffe77@gmail.com.

Support Group For Those Divorced Or Separated

Offering Hope And Healing

Meetings with a video based support group through DivorceCare are held the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Location: St. Matthew's Ministry Center, 951 East Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Starting Date: Friday, September 11, 2026

Divorced or separated adults of any faith are welcome. You may join the group at anytime.

Questions: Contact Kathryn at 847-208-6033

Initial one time 13 session program fee of \$25 for video seminars and personal workbooks.

Sponsored by Holy Archangels Parish New Beginnings Outreach Ministry



Retired Men's Group

The Retired Men will start the new year with our first meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 AM in the Senior/Teen room. All are welcome! Hope to see you there. Remember your rosary.
Tom Adam 847-394-4731

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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

FIRST SATURDAY - Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday 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

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