



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

USHERS NEEDED



At weekend Masses: No experience required. Just a friendly smile and a willingness to welcome and serve our parish community. If you are interested, please contact Ben Jaffe, brjaffe77@gmail.com.

SEPT 20
2026

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Today's Readings

First Reading

Seek the Lord while He is near; turn from sinful ways, trusting His higher thoughts and ways, which surpass human understanding.

Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading

Paul desires to glorify Christ in life or death, yet recognizes that remaining alive allows him to continue serving others.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel

Jesus teaches through the vineyard workers that God's generosity is not earned by time or status; His grace is freely given to all.

Matthew 20:1-16a

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Matthew 20:15-16

Dear Friends,

Jesus tells the parable of the workers – we would call them day laborers – who toiled for varied numbers of hours in a vineyard. In this parable, all were paid the whole day's wage regardless of how long they had served. Jesus' story illustrates that God wills salvation for all people – from the faithful Jews who had kept the law for their whole lives, to those who had recently come to faith in Him.

Many of us received the grace of Baptism as babies and have practiced the faith all our lives, while others come to the Faith much later in life. Some are even baptized on their deathbeds. It is the Lord's will that all come to receive salvation. St. Paul wrote to Timothy, his co-worker, "God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," (1 Timothy 2:4).

One of the great joys of parish life is bringing new people into the Faith. In the last couple of decades, a powerful vehicle for this has been the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). This year we have a large group of candidates and catechumens (unbaptized individuals) preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation

at Easter. Thirty people have begun the process. This is the largest class ever at St. James, and the largest group I have ever worked with. It is a great joy, and shows us that the Gospel is always compelling.

Each baptized Catholic has a responsibility to preach the Good News of Jesus to those around him or her. A political candidate in another state recently claimed that every religion is a path to the same God. This is not true! If it were, there would be no point to Jesus' commission to go into all the world, preach the Good News and baptize in His name. Jesus is the only way to salvation. Recall the words in John's Gospel, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The Lord is blessing us abundantly with these new seekers. Please pray for them.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

Please Note:

Regularly scheduled Confessions will not take place on Wednesday, September 30 due to another parish event taking place in the church. Thank you for your understanding.

NEWS & EVENTS

September 20
Join us for

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

in the Laramie Room

SUNDAY 9 AM - 12:30 PM

for coffee
and donuts!

Host: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



sacred sounds
concert series

A NIGHT OF HOPE

Free and open to the Community

SEPTEMBER 30

7:00PM | ST. JAMES CHURCH

An uplifting worship concert
with contemporary Christian
music to raise mental
health awareness and hope



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stjamesah.org/night-hope/
SCAN TO LEARN MORE

UPCOMING EVENTS

A re-imagined faith experience



29
SEPT

Praise, Worship & More

Adoration *at His Feet*

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Let us know you're coming!

EXODUS
world service

Courage and Connection Gallery: **Stories of Refugee Neighbors**

Educational Presentation
Sunday, October 4 | 1:15-2:30 pm

St. James Parish (Laramie Room)
820 N Arlington Heights Rd
Lunch provided!

Join us for this special event led by
an Exodus staff member. You will:

- See powerful images that highlight the resilience of refugees and dive deeper into the real-life stories behind the portraits.
- Learn about refugees' connections with volunteers who walk beside them and opportunities to serve.



This event will reveal the stories behind the portraits. The gallery will be available for viewing September 28-October 4.



Scan to register for the event!
Registration is encouraged, but not required.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jody May
jody.may@exodusworldservice.org | 847.514.5924

enKindle Meditation Retreat

Saturday, October 10
9am-4pm

St. Viator in Arlington Heights

Learn different types of Catholic prayer
See the website for our online interest form.



stjamesah.org/enkindletour/

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PARISH NEWS AND 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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - A Mission of Love

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a group of dedicated men and women who come together in prayer and service to support those in our community experiencing financial hardship.

Through our 24/7 hotline—listed in the St. James bulletin—individuals in need can reach out to us directly. We respond to calls the same day and arrange home visits to better understand each situation. These visits allow us to offer not only material support such as help with rent, utilities, food, and guidance, but also spiritual support through prayer. We are blessed to work with many local organizations that help us meet needs that may exceed our own resources. Our goal is to assist with immediate concerns while encouraging hope, dignity, and self-sufficiency for the future. Most importantly, we see the face of Christ in each person we serve.

Learn about volunteer opportunities:

If you feel called to this mission, we warmly invite you to consider joining us. Members of our ministry are available this weekend after 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday to answer questions.

This Sunday, September 20 SVdP will host Hospitality. Come have coffee and donuts with us between 9 am - 12:30 pm, and our volunteers can provide more information.



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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Over 50 Group

Lunch gathering at
EGGCELLENCE CAFE
1279 Rand Road
Arlington Heights
Wednesday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Each person will pay their own check at
the restaurant.

Attendance limited to 25 people, so get
your reservation in early.

RSVP by Sept 21 to Mary Jo 847-259-3560
We look forward to seeing everyone!!



Men of St. James



MASS AND BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 7:30 AM

RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND



SAINT JAMES PARISH
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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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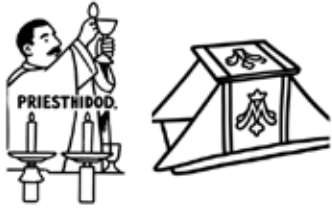


Scan and sign up here

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FAMILY MATTERS

FAMILY FND IT!



Look for GREEN Cloth

Our church calendar is very colorful! We see WHITE at big celebrations, PURPLE during weeks of preparing with penance and sacrifice, even RED and BLACK sometimes. Today, we see lots of green around the church! **Green, like grow!** During Ordinary Time, we pray and serve to grow in holiness.

DO IT!

Mark the beginning of each new liturgical season with its special color on your family calendar!



MAKE YOUR
OWN!



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READ IT!

The Catechism outlines the structure of our calendar seasons in Part 2, Section 1, Chapter 2, Article 1: III. When is the Liturgy Celebrated?

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An Evening for Every Man, at Every Stage of Life

THE EVERYDAY SUPERDAD



Thursday, October 22
6 pm



author & speaker
STEVEN THOMAS



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let us know you're coming!

Volunteers Needed

Loaves & Fishes Ministry

Loaves and Fishes is in need of volunteers for any of the following:

- Picking up bread donations
- Making sandwiches for bag lunches
- Transporting the food donations to the shelters

We currently have four local restaurants donating soup on a weekly basis: Golden Brunch, Egg Harbor Cafe, Peggy Kinnane's, and Cooper's Hawk. Central Continental Bakery continues to support us with their generous donations of bread and baked goods. We are ever grateful for the ongoing support of these local businesses. Please continue to patronize these businesses and spread the word of their generosity.

For over 30 years, the St. James community has reached out in support of the unhoused men and women in Chicago's Uptown Neighborhood.

The Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides an evening meal and a brown bag lunch for women at Sarah's Circle and the men at Northside Housing. This ministry operates Saturdays starting October 10 and continues through April 3.



Questions or to volunteer:

Art & Patty Brown
847 651-9215
847 508-8532

artbrown30@gmail.com



Scan the QR code to sign up to help.



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Baby Bulldogs ages 0-4, this one's for you! Come play, laugh, and mingle. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be part of a St. James family to join. Bring a friend along!

Mondays from 8:30-9:30am @ St. James School

Oct. 5
Nov. 2
Dec. 7
Jan. 11

Feb. 8
Mar. 1
Apr. 5
May 3

Please register and enter through the main office doors.
Follow us on social media for any date changes.

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of our entire St. James Parish.*

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SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN THE MISCHIEF



OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, Sept. 19

5:00 For the people of the parish

Sunday, Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday

8:00 Alice Blomquist

10:00 John Vincent
Alex Tsourmas
The Bosco Family
Angelo Anzalone

12:00 Guiseppe Cirone

5:00 Cono and Angela Abate
Giuseppe Aiello

Monday, Sept. 21 St. Matthew

7:30 Meggan McDermott

John F. Kordek

Stanley Blazej

John Rosen

Alice Blomquist

12:00 Joel Johnson Family
George & Char Nelson Family
Coral & Earl Stoltz Family
Kevin & Lori Suda Family
Anthony Suda Family

Tuesday, Sept. 22

7:30 Matt Lombardi

Ed Cahill

Denise Norton

Wednesday, Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30 George Mazurek

Patricia Gorey (1st Anniv.)

Dr. Ricardo Cruz

Barbara Gorey

Tony Adam

John Lucas

12:00 Alice Suda Family
Matthew Nelson
Edward Magdziak

Thursday, Sept. 24

7:30 Teresa Szott

Vincent E. Villinski (9th Anniv.)

Dottie & Joe O'Brien

Friday, Sept. 25

7:30 Marilyn Bonk

Jim Lawson

Saturday, Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian

7:30 Marilyn Bonk (1st Anniv.)

Joyce Kochan (1st Anniv.)

Tom Rothfus

In Loving Memory

Elizabeth Lind

*Indicates Living

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

III. Erik Tiscareno & Yzabelle Tud

I. William James Stuckert & Gianna Marie Rossi

I. David James Gotfryd & Scout Marie Scanlon

Recent Baptisms

Dominic Charles Labuz, child of

Charles Labuz and Ellen (Norby) Labuz

Landon Peter Behnke, child of

Aaron Behnke and Catherine (Nowaczyk) Behnke

Emery Grace Sughroue, child of

Ryan Sughroue and Erin (Hartwig) Sughroue

Jace Daniel Constertina, child of

Timothy Constertina and Kedall (Prochaska) Constertina

Reilly Dean McMahon, child of

John McMahon and Alyssa (Lee) McMahon

Readings for the week of September 21

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

Celebrant Schedule September 26-27

5:00 Fr. Paul

8:00 Fr. Paul

10:00 Fr. Ed

12:00 Fr. Ed

5:00 Fr. Paul

Adoration Chapel Openings (see pg. 11)

Mondays, 2:00 a.m.

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.

Sundays, 12:00 a.m.

PARISH INFORMATION



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



SPECIAL MESSAGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Ut Vitam Habeant



SAINT JAMES PARISH
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

That They May Have Life

Evangelium Vitae

Pope St. John Paul II

P 66

"To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called 'assisted suicide' means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. In a remarkably relevant passage Saint Augustine

writes that 'it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it, indeed if he request it because, hanging between life and death, he begs for help in freeing the soul struggling against the bonds of the body and longing to be released; nor is it licit even when a sick person is no longer able to live'... Moreover, the act of euthanasia appears all the more perverse if it is carried out by those, like relatives, who are supposed to treat a family member with patience and love, or by those, such as doctors, who by virtue of their specific profession are supposed to care for the sick person even in the most painful terminal stages."

Let us pray
that neither
assisted
suicide nor
euthanasia
become
accepted -
even if they do
become legal.

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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OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Please join us on
Wednesdays in October
7:30 pm in the Church
10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28*

*Please note 10/28 will be in the SJS Chapel



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the devotion
this October



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Make disciples of Christ

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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