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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



The Sacred Sounds Concert Series partnered with the Mental Health Ministry on September 30 for a special concert and prayer service of praise and worship music. The joy was palpable as community members praised and sang along with our music ministry.



A Night of Hope

Sept.
30



OCT. 11
2026

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Today's Readings

First Reading

God prepares a feast, destroys death, wipes away tears, and saves His people; they rejoice because He is their refuge.

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading

Paul has learned contentment in every circumstance, trusting Christ's strength and God's provision, while gratefully acknowledging others' support.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel

God invites all to His kingdom, but entering requires responding to His invitation and living faithfully.

Matthew 22:1-14

Dear Friends,

In this Respect Life month of October, I would like to recognize the chairmen of our Respect Life group, Mike and Mary Beth Schoenwald. They and their colleagues work tirelessly to raise awareness of the value and dignity of human life, especially in its most vulnerable stages – in the womb particularly, as well as at the end of life.

"Today, in many people's consciences, the perception of the gravity of procured abortion has become progressively obscured. The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behavior and even in law itself, is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake." *The Catholic Thing*, October 28, 2021.

On August 10, 2026, the governor of Massachusetts signed into law what is euphemistically called the Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act. This horrifying law removes all restrictions on abortion up until the moment of birth. The governor of Illinois signed into law the *Medical Aid in Dying* bill (SB 1950) legalizing assisted suicide on September 12.

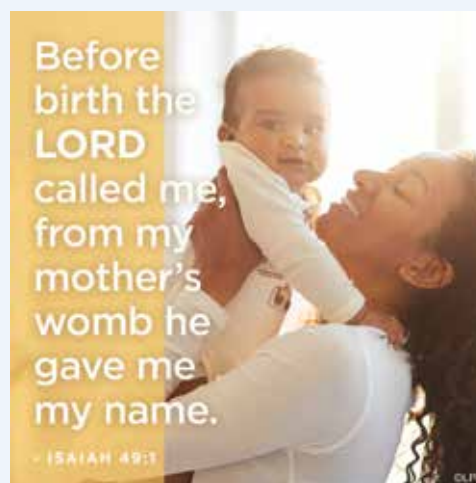
Again, from *The Catholic Thing*: "It is true that the decision to have an abortion is often tragic and painful for the mother, insofar as the decision to rid herself of the fruit of conception is not made for purely selfish reasons or out of convenience, but out of a desire to protect certain important values such as her own health or a decent standard of living for the other members of the family."

Nevertheless, these reasons, and the desire to spare an individual suffering and pain (in the case of assisted suicide) are not proportionate reasons to take a human life. The Second Vatican Council teaches in *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World), paragraph 51, "*From the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes.*"

Let us pray for a conversion of hearts in our nation, and a genuine appreciation for the gift of human life. Let's also pray for those women facing challenging pregnancies and all who are suffering at the end of life. St. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "my God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:20.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



CHILDREN'S FORMATION MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 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 leads music at most Children's Formation Masses.

UPCOMING DATES: NOVEMBER 15, DECEMBER 20



Scan the QR code
to learn more and
become involved.

FAMILY FIND IT!



Little saints!

We can be tempted to think of saints as strangers who lived a long time ago and spent all day at mass, but even our little brothers and sisters are called to live saintly with holy thoughts, words, and hearts! Did you know St. Carlo Acutis was only 15 years old? And became a saint last year?

DO IT!

St. Carlo loved Jesus in the Eucharist so much! He even used his computer to write about Eucharistic miracles. This week especially, think about how you use your tablet, computer, phone, or video games. Are we using these tools to relax and connect or to distract ourselves from holiness?

All about St. Carlo Acutis



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READ IT!

Romans 1:7
1 Corinthians 1:2
CCC 1695 and 2013



ONE WEEK LEFT!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



WOST
Women of St. James

*Be part of
the devotion
this October*



WE REMEMBER

The names of those who have died and were buried from St. James in the past year will be spoken at the 7:00 pm Mass on Monday, November 2.

As the departed are always remembered with love in our hearts, however, participation is not strictly limited to those who have lost someone in the past year. All are welcome.

You may send a photograph of your departed loved one which will be part of a display in the church for the month of November. This photo can be emailed to Katie Sowa at ksowa@stjamesch.org (no later than October 25). You may also place a photo in an envelope labeled Attn. Katie Sowa and drop it off at the office or in our outside drop box. Unfortunately, we cannot return any photos.

This submission should include the first and last name, birth date and the year of their death. Please note: Only those who died between November 2025 and October 2026 and who were buried from St. James will be listed in the Mass program.

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All Souls

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM

with Special Music:

REQUIEM

by Maurice Duruflé



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Adoration *at His Feet*



- Doors open for Dinner at 5:15pm
- Adoration with Praise & Worship Music at 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:50pm

NOVEMBER 10
FEBRUARY 9
MAY 4

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Children K-5 are welcome to a Children's Formation Session followed by adoration so they are ready to sit in His presence and parents have some independent prayer time with the LORD.



let us know you're coming!



SAINT JAMES PARISH
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MINISTRY AND PARISH EVENTS

An Evening for Every Man, at Every Stage of Life

THE EVERYDAY SUPERDAD



Thursday, October 22

6 pm



author & speaker
STEVEN THOMAS



let us know you're coming!



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Ut Vitam Habeant



SAINT JAMES PARISH
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

That They May Have Life



Finding Hope Infertility, Restorative Reproductive Medicine, and a Comprehensive Look at IVF



A presentation by
Catholic Author & Speaker
Mary Bruno, CFCP

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.

St. James Catholic Church
831 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL

~ Laramie Room - lower level ~

*For anyone who has suffered infertility, is walking
through it now, or loves someone who is.*

Resources & Refreshments will be available after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

PARISH UPDATES & EVENTS

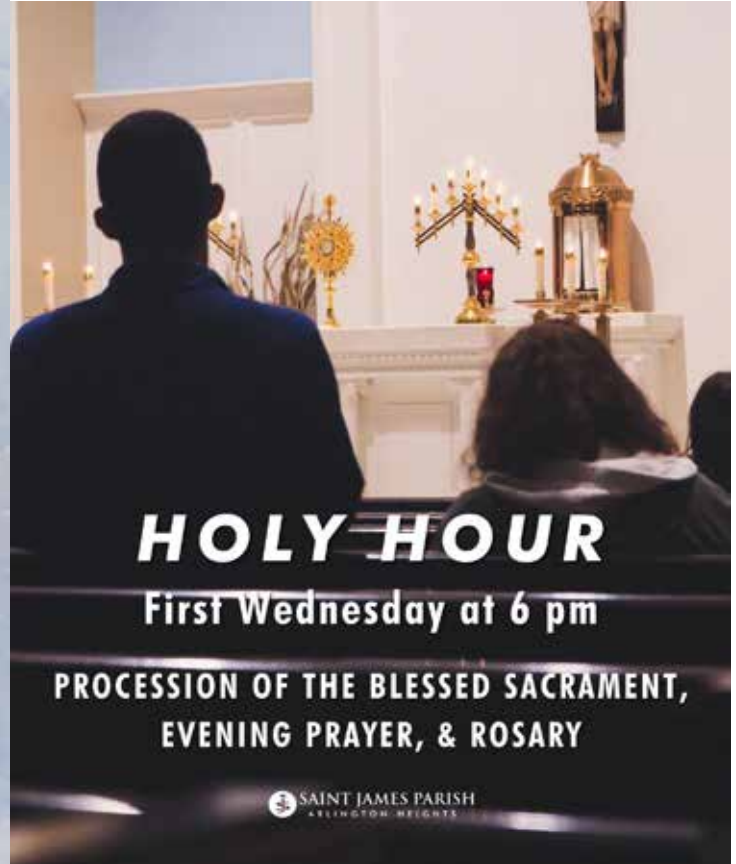


Calling All Knitters and Crocheters

Help us keep our unhoused PADS guests and others warmer this winter by creating a winter scarf. Any pattern of 6 inches wide by 45- 60 inches long will be greatly appreciated.

On the weekend of November 21-22 you are invited to tie your scarf around designated trees or clothesline at the church entrance. PADS guests will select their scarf on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

For more information, contact Gail at gailmadden@msn.com or at (847) 312-6322



HOLY HOUR

First Wednesday at 6 pm

**PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
EVENING PRAYER, & ROSARY**



We're Hiring!

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

The Parish Bookkeeper role supports and promotes the Pastor's initiatives and decisions regarding the mission and operation of the Parish and School.

See the full job description and apply by scanning the QR code below or...



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jmaher@stjamesah.org



Over 50 Group

Celebrate with a lunch gathering at
PAREA GREEK KITCHEN

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Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Each person will pay their own check
at the restaurant.

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

There will be a Mask Contest for those
attending!

RSVP by October 23
to Kathy at 847-506-9295



SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS



SAVE — THE — DATE

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5 PM MASS
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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.
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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Sat., Oct. 10

5:00 Bob Duffer
Margaret Warp

Sun., Oct. 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Hy Lai
Joe Digiovanni (1st Anniv.)
The Bosco Family
Michael Drasler
10:00 John Vincent
Matt Robertson
Richard Stachura
Judith Pelz
12:00 Christine Watson
Ed Smetana
James C. Meyer
5:00 For the people of the parish

Mon., Oct. 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day

7:30 Edward Burke
John F. Kordek
12:00 Tony Adam
John Lucas

Tues., Oct. 13

7:30 Dorothy Firnbach
Michael Drasler

Weds., Oct. 14 St. Callistus I

7:30 Dr. Ricardo Cruz
Jim Richards
12:00 Judith Eckert

Thursday, Oct. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 Stephan Waller
Gina Raffone
Gene Dougherty
John Lucas

Friday, Oct. 16 St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:30 William Barlock

Saturday, Oct. 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 George Mulcahy
Catherine Sabay

**Indicates Living*

This Week's Readings

Monday:

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps
113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk
11:29-32

Tuesday:

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45,
47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-
4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-
13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5,
6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5,
7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt
22:15-21

In Loving Memory

Susan Gawrys

Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Sr. Joanne Grib
Carl Laub
Norine Naselli
Ashley Abraham
Owen Patricoski

Recent Baptisms

Rory Andrea Whitmore, child of Angus Whitmore
and Nicole (Schneider) Whitmore

Georgia Ruth Johnson, child of Connor Johnson and
Melissa (English) Johnson

Lane West Limjoco, child of Charles Limjoco and
Abigale (West) Limjoco

Celebrant Schedule Oct. 17-18

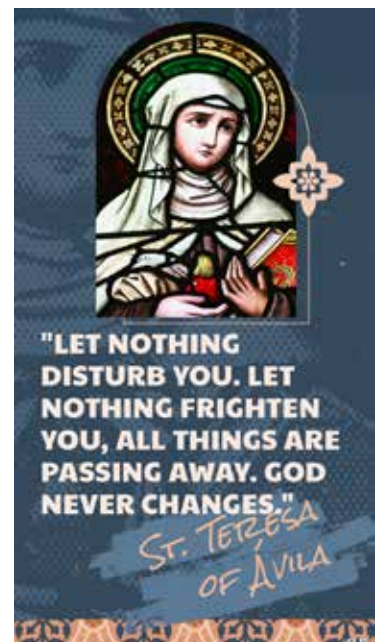
5:00	Fr. Rob Carlton
8:00	Fr. Ed
10:00	Fr. Ed
12:00	Fr. Bill Zavaski
5:00	Fr. Ed

Wedding Banns

III. Joshua Michael Damasky & Emma Cathleen Gilhooly
III. Logan James Talmage & Hannah Marie Prior
II. John Michael Corrigan & Paula Niebuhr
II. Zachary Trey Henning & Michelle Mary Nagle

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.



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.

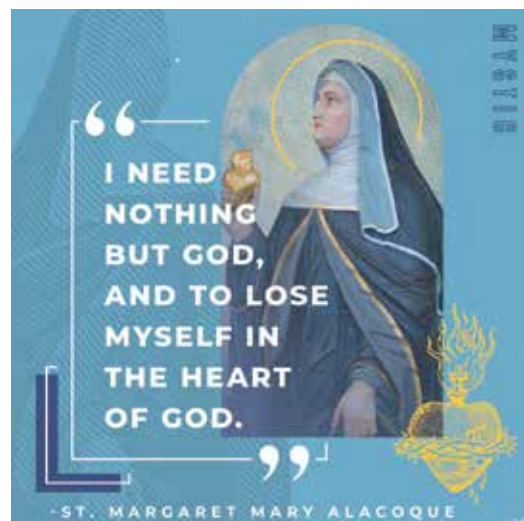
Prayer Shawl Group creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors.
prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org

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



YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Reflecting on the Scriptures

1st Reading Question

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's lavish future blessings upon all nations and peoples. How should we, as believers, best prepare for God's future blessings?

2nd Reading Question

Paul sees that the key to peace of mind in all of life's circumstances is to be "empowered" by Christ Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus strengthen you?

Gospel Question

In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, Jesus teaches that all who are invited to God's banquet are to be fully open and prepared. What are some spiritual exercises you practice to remain prepared for God's work in your life?

FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA
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Fatima Statue to Visit Vicariate I Parishes La imagen de Fátima Visitará las Parroquias del Vicariato I

Parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host the **International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima** this October. Pilgrims are welcome to visit these parishes for prayer and devotions. Learn more at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

- October 10 St. Ansgar Parish - 2040 Laurel Avenue, Hanover Park
- October 12 [Little Flower Parish](#) (St. Anastasia Campus) - 624 Douglas Avenue, Waukegan
- October 13 & 14 St. John Cantius Parish - 825 N. Carpenter Street, Chicago
- October 15 [St. Joseph Parish](#) - 114 N. Lincoln Avenue, Round Lake
- October 26 St. Odilo Parish - 2244 East Avenue, Berwyn



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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.

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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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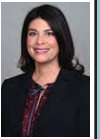
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