



# SAINT JAMES PARISH

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Our teens have returned after a week-long mission trip serving the people of Billings, Montana from June 24th to June 30th. Thank you to the St. James community for your support and prayers!

**YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.  
MATTHEW 5:13**

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

**JULY 14  
2024**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# A MESSAGE FROM...

## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

"The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel!"  
(Am 7:15)

### Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
(Ps 85)

### Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.  
(Eph 1:3-4)

### Gospel:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two.  
(Mk 6:7)



## "A priest acts in the person of Christ when he celebrates the Mass."

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Did you ever wonder why we ask priests to bless things? A blessing, in its most basic sense, is when God bestows favor upon you; it is to receive his help and his gifts. For example, at the beginning of creation "God created man in his image... God blessed them, saying: 'Be fertile and multiply...'" (Genesis 1:27-29). All blessings have their origin in God.

Lay people, non-priests, can give their blessing, asking God to bestow favor on that person. We see in the Old Testament, for example, of how a father was supposed to give his special blessing to the oldest son. There is a famous story in Genesis chapter 27 of how Jacob (the younger brother) tricked his father Isaac into giving him the blessing rather than to Esau (the older brother).

A priest's blessing, however, is a bit different. When a man is ordained a priest, he is changed in his very being;

he is conformed to Christ the high priest and head of the Church. For that reason, priesthood is not a job; it is a vocation. At Mass, a priest is able to say the words of Jesus from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. He is acting *in persona Christi capitis*, in the person of Christ the head.

Likewise, when a priest blesses someone or something, it is Christ himself who blesses in and through the person of the priest. Even if the priest is not especially holy, his blessing is ultimately that of Christ, who instituted the priesthood for the sake of his people, the Church.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Paul



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NIGHT ONE  
WHAT GOD IS NOT

NIGHT TWO  
WHAT GOD IS

NIGHT ONE  
JULY 29 | 7-8:30PM

NIGHT TWO  
JULY 30 | 7-8:30PM

BOTH NIGHTS IN THE LARAMIE ROOM

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quotes by Bishop Michael Burbidge,  
Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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**SAINT JAMES PARISH**  
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*He sent them out  
two by two.*

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, “two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.” Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs?

The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests – and, by extension, all of us Christians – to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

- Father John Muir

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# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## In Loving Memory

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Aida Pacheco  
Steven Carruthers

## Rose for Life

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## Wedding Banns

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III. Joseph Albers and Dobrila Savic (July 20)  
III. Jonathan DePrey and Carly Hill (July 20)  
I. Brian Nelms and Shannon McCollum (August 2)

## Recent Baptisms

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**Maria Ellen Pecoraro**, child of  
Anthony Pecoraro and Eleni (Zguri) Pecoraro  
**John Paul Linden**, child of  
John Linden and Ana Borrueal Reyes

## Celebrant Schedule, July 20-21

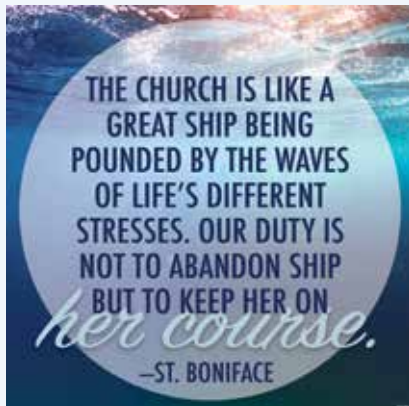
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5:00 Fr. Paul  
7:00 Fr. Paul  
8:30 Fr. Paul  
10:00 Fr. Michael  
11:30 Fr. Michael  
5:00 Fr. Michael

## Readings for the Week of July 14

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**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14  
**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-23/Mt 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-21/Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



## Mass Intentions

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### Saturday, July 13

5:00 Marcin Bukowski  
Alois Simeth  
Ryan Popp

### Sunday, July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am For the people of the parish  
8:30am Jeanette Kopstain (1st Anniv.)  
Margaret Moriarty  
James Burke  
Frank & Victoria Bosco  
10:00am Carmen Mendez Romero  
Angelo Anzalone  
James Trausch (10th Anniv.)  
Weston James Stephen  
11:30am Vincent E. Vilinski

### Monday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Lawrence Lehns  
John F. Kordek  
Noon Michael Callero

### Tuesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 am Kevin Houlihan  
Catherine Lyons  
Vincent Neri

### Wednesday, July 17

7:30 am Eleanor Whitehead (2nd Anniv.)  
Brigitte Elsa Mueller  
Meggan McDermott  
Karen Lifka  
Josephine Weberski

### Thursday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

7:30 am Jeffery Helminski  
Joseph Kirwan

### Friday, July 19

7:30 am Houlihan & Moran Families  
Jack Mehalek  
Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.

### Saturday, July 20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr; BVM



# PARISH INFORMATION

**Thank you, St. James Community, for your contributions during June, 2024.**

Sunday Collections	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	\$206,598.00	\$181,098.43	(\$25,499.57)
		<i>Envelopes \$78,625.76</i>	
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**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.  
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**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood.  
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**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.  
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**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.  
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**Over 50 Social Club** provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50.  
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**Parish Pastoral Council** serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit.  
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**Peace & Justice Ministry** 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 Ministry** 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.  
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Fresh foods require significantly less energy than frozen foods (but watch out for spoilage which contributes to food waste).

Organics benefit the environment by not relying on synthetic pesticides or fertilizers which can contaminate soil and water. Other benefits of using fresh, local, and organic sources can be healthier foods with better taste.

Farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) are both great ways to support a local food system.

**"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation."  
- Pope Francis**



### SAINT EDNA PARISH OFFICE Position Available!

The St. Edna Parish Office is currently seeking a part-time Secretary to work variable hours during the week, including some evenings until 7:00pm, and occasional Saturday mornings.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble  
Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ  
Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Choir & Organ  
Sunday 10:00 am Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 11:30 am Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday, 7:30 am  
Monday and Wednesday at Noon

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday** 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
**Friday** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Saturday & Sunday** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

**Baptism** - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

**Marriage** - At least six months prior to your wedding date, please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation - in the church**

Thursday – 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Saturday – 8:00 - 9:00 am following daily Mass

**Holy Hour** - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary

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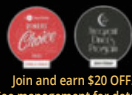


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