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I have told you this so that my joy may
be in you and your joy may be complete.

(John 15:11)

Thank you to all of our teens and core members who joined us on the Life Teen retreat last weekend.

DEC 1

2024

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today's Readings

First Reading:

"In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot ; he shall do what is right and just in the land."

(Jer 33:15)

Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

(Ps 25)

Second Reading:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

(I Thes 3:12-13)

Gospel:

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

(Lk 21:28)

"Jesus calls us to be ready, to stay alert and to avoid being overwhelmed by the distractions of life."

As we begin the season of Advent, we are reminded of what truly matters in life. While we often worry about illness, financial struggles, or the loss of loved ones, the greatest tragedy would be losing our relationship with God and facing eternal separation from Him.

In today's Gospel (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36), Jesus warns of the signs of His return, urging us to stay vigilant and not let the anxieties of daily life dull our hearts. He tells us to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." These words remind us that our ultimate hope is in Christ's return, where all things will be made right.

Advent is a time to prepare not only for the celebration of Christ's first coming at Christmas but also for His second coming. If we knew Jesus was returning on December 25, we would likely seek confession, spend more time in prayer, and mend relationships.

Jesus calls us to be ready, to stay alert, and to avoid being overwhelmed by the distractions of life. Let us take this Advent to clear the clutter from our hearts and refocus on what truly matters: preparing for Christ's return. May we live with urgency, so that when He comes, we are ready to stand before Him.

Reflection Questions:

- In your prayer, ask: How can I better prepare my heart this Advent to receive Christ, both at Christmas and in His second coming?
- Reflect on this: Are there areas of my life where the anxieties of daily life have caused me to neglect my relationship with Jesus? What can I do to refocus my attention on Him?
- Consider in quiet reflection: If I knew Jesus was returning on December 25, what changes would I make in how I spend my time, pray, or relate to others? How can I begin making those changes today?

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Fill a box, feed the hungry, this December

stjamesoh.org/mercy-boxes-2

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12.09.24

the *immaculate conception* of the blessed virgin mary

Masses at 7:30 am, Noon, 7:00 pm

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Please take a few minutes to answer 8 questions to help make next year's event the best yet!

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advent

at St. James

December 1
First Sunday of Advent

December 2-23 (M-F)
Noon Mass Each Weekday

December 7 at Noon
Service of Lessons & Carols

Week of December 9
Multi-Parish Reconciliation

December 18 at 7 pm
Night Fever (Taize worship)



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PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

12.18.24 | 7:00PM

ADVENT TAIZE WORSHIP

NIGHT FEVER

INVITE IGNITE PRAY

a night of invitation for those in your life
seeking to reconnect with God



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Multi-Parish Reconciliation

Dec. 9-12

Monday, December 9 – 7 p.m.
Our Lady of the Wayside

Tuesday, December 10 – 3 p.m.
St. Clare of Assisi at St. Colette

Tuesday, December 10 – 7 p.m.
St. Mary

Wednesday, December 11 – 7 p.m.
St. James

Thursday, December 12 – 3 p.m.
St. Edna



Please join our multi-parish
Mental Health Ministry for

A Mass for Comfort and Joy

For those struggling during the holidays due to grief, loss, anxiety,
depression or loneliness.

Our celebrant, Fr. Michael Grzesik will provide a spiritual perspective
offering comfort and hope for all this holiday season.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30PM | ST. JAMES CHURCH

A SIMPLE DINNER WILL FOLLOW IN
THE LARAMIE ROOM

If you would like to join us for dinner please RSVP by Tuesday, December 18 to
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org.

DECEMBER EVENTS

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OF OLD AND
BROKEN CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS TO THROW
AWAY?**



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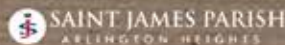
**SAT. & SUN, DEC. 7-8
AFTER ALL MASSES**

St. James Parish kids are collecting your old Christmas lights. Don't toss those lights; bring them to Mass and we'll recycle them!



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advent
Lessons & Carols



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FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Monday, Dec. 2 | 8:30-9:30am

Calling all Baby Bulldogs 0-4yo! Come to play and mingle. All are invited.
You do not have to be a St. James family to attend. Bring a friend!

Please enter through the main office doors.



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GIVING TUESDAY

December 3, 2024

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Christmas
Senior Luncheon
Wednesday, December 11
11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Laramie Room
Speaker - Fr. Michael Grzesik
RSVP to Carly by Tuesday, December 10th
cwhite@stjamesah.org | 224-345-7213

Christmas Remembrances

Honor your loved one's memory and help fund the Christmas season décor in the church by making a contribution this season. A donation of \$25 *per remembrance* would be appreciated. The names of donors and loved ones will be published in the December 22 bulletin. To participate, please do one of the following:

- Online: Scan the QR code or visit www.stjamesah.org/christmas-remembrances to request and donate.
- Drop Off: fill out the form below and drop with your donation in the Sunday Collection using an envelope.
- Mail: fill out the form below and mail it with your check to the parish office.



REQUEST AND DONATE ONLINE

Christmas 2024 Remembrances (return by Friday, December 6)

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Remembered by: (Please print)

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Donor Phone Number:

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Send to attn. Natalie Conseur, Bulletin Editor*

SERVE AND CELEBRATE

SERVE THE KING OF KINGS

Altar Server Training

Wed. December 4 at 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Tue. Jan. 7 at 4:00 - 5:30 pm



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stjamesoh.org/altar-server-training

Santa 5K Run, 1-Mile Walk & Reindeer Dash



2024 Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Presents

SANTA RUN

Join our St. James community for the 6th consecutive year running together in the Santa Run through downtown Arlington Heights

December 7

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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Gerald Kreie
Mary Mattes
Celia Keats

Please pray for our sick

Wes Stephen
Marty Galis
David Loch

Rose for Life

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Celebrant Schedule, Dec. 7-8

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

Readings for the Week of December 1

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-14/1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle
5:00 Marcin Bukowski
James Gronseth (1st Anniv.)

Sunday, Dec. 1 1st Sunday of Advent
7:00 Frank Karlovits
Frank & Victoria Bosco
8:30 James Burke
10:00 For the people of the parish
11:30 John Pankratz
5:00 Diane DuBois
Richard Schermerhorn
Edward Foreman
Vita Coppola

Monday, Dec. 2
7:30 John Kordek
Walter Kowalski
James Johnson
12:00 Jean Lynn
Katherine & Jim Sweeney
Helen Hertvik
Alex Walters (18th Anniv.)

Tuesday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest
7:30 James McGrath
Helen Healy
M. J. Healy

Wednesday, Dec. 4 St. John Damascene
7:30 Anthony Coglianese
Joseph Marino
Stella Favia
Jerome Rusch
12:00 Dolores Hathaway

Thursday, Dec. 5
7:30 Alois (Lon) Simeth
Linda Mackey
Buddy DiLegge (3rd)
Donald Allaire
Concezio Di Legge
Diane DuBois
12:00 Concezio Di Legge

Friday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
7:30 Helena Jochaniewicz
Fr. Ted Schmitt
John LaMonica
12:00 Kelly Drumm

Saturday, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:30 Frank A. Fichter
Jane Klein

Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning
with its light,
For rest and shelter
of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy
goodness sends.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

 Stepping Stones
A St. James Ministry

PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday
Worship
with us during the week

Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday at 7:30am
Mondays & Wednesdays at Noon

PARISH MINISTRIES

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 Ministry is about overcoming 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 Ministry 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 Ministry 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

Music Ministry We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community.
tconseur@stjamesah.org

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.
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 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.
prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org

Respect Life Ministry 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.
mschoney@astound.net

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. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. 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.
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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

DECEMBER 17, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ST. JAMES PARISH CENTER



PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND



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CALLING ALL CHILDREN
OF ST. JAMES: GRADES K-5

ANGELS & SHEPHERDS MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE 2024
3:15 PM - PARISH CENTER

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Open to the first 50 registrations! Sign up soon!

A required rehearsal will be held
Sunday, Dec 22nd, 12:30PM-1:30PM
in the Parish Center.



Register here!

Questions???
Contact-Bethany Larson
blarson@stjamesah.org



DON'T FALL BEHIND

STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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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

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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

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel open to the public M-F 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sat & Sun 6:30 am - 6:30 pm or 24 hours a day for those with access code.

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