



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Luke 3:16

He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire.

DEC 15

2024

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness.
(Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.
(Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
(Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"
(Lk 3:10)

“Our joy is rooted in the knowledge that God is with us, and that one day He will return in glory.”

Gaudete Sunday invites us to embrace a deeper, more profound joy than what the world typically defines as happiness. The word "Gaudete," meaning "rejoice" in Latin, is a command, not just a suggestion. St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, urges us to rejoice always, emphasizing that the reason for this joy is the presence of the Lord. This call to rejoice is not about feeling happy in every moment but recognizing the true source of our joy—God Himself.

Jesus, the Son of God, became human, suffered, and died for our salvation. He offers us a share in His divine life through baptism and the Eucharist. Even when we face suffering and hardship, we are invited to unite our pain with Christ's, offering it up as a way to grow in holiness and love for others. This is the heart of redemptive suffering: finding meaning in our trials by connecting them to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Furthermore, we are called to rejoice in the Lord always—not just when things are going well, but through every circumstance. Our joy is rooted in the knowledge that God is with us, and that one day He will return in glory, bringing ultimate victory. In the meantime, we are asked to live with a longing for heaven,

not becoming too attached to the fleeting comforts of earthly life. Rejoice, for the Lord is near, and in His presence, we find the deepest joy and peace.

Reflection Questions:

- In your prayer, ask: How can I deepen my sense of joy in the Lord, even during times of hardship or suffering?
- Reflect on this: What are the ways in which I experience God's presence in my daily life, and how can I be more mindful of His nearness?
- Consider in quiet reflection: How does the promise of Christ's return and the victory He brings shape the way I live and rejoice each day?

CHRISTMAS

Christmas

at St. James

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Church: 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight

Gym: 3:15 pm Angels & Shepherds Family Mass

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Church: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

FOR ALL OUR FAMILIES

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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



Come explore our world marketplace where you will discover Catholic traditions rooted in history and culture that celebrate the greatest gift ever, Jesus - love incarnate. Through hands-on experiences you will learn how Christmas is celebrated all around the world and be encouraged to live each day with hope, peace, joy and love.

VOLUNTEER



Christmas Around the World is a FREE event open to ALL CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH AND THEIR FAMILIES. This is NOT a drop-off event. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. Expect to spend 45 minutes.



REGISTER TO ATTEND



Questions? email:
blarson@stjamesah.org



DECEMBER EVENTS

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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THE MULTI-PARISH MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

A Mass 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.

A MASS FOR

Comfort and Joy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30PM | ST. JAMES CHURCH
DINNER TO FOLLOW

RSVP for dinner (by Tues. 12/18) to:
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org or 847-253-5390



Over 50 Group

Christmas Luncheon

Location: Schwaben Athletic Club (Grove Banquets) 301 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove

Date: December 19 at 12:30 (doors open at 11:00)

Menu: Noel Salad, Roast Pork & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Vegetable Medley, Roll & Butter, Mrs. Claus' Sweet Table & Coffee

(Cash Bar Available)

Christmas Music and Sing Along

Cost: \$25

RSVP: Frank (847) 398-2233 or stjamesclub@yahoo.com

Deadline for Reservations: December 15
Payment by check made out to St. James Church
with Over 50 Lunch in memo section, and dropped
off at the parish office.



SERVE THE KING OF KINGS

Altar Server Training

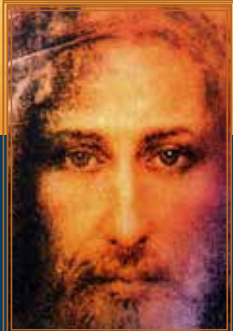
Tue. Jan. 7 at 4:00 - 5:30 pm



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PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL



"I Am who Am."

In Your Name Lord PILGRIMAGES WITH HIS WILL IN THE NAME OF EVERYONE

Italy/Medjugorje

July 16 - 30, 2025 (15 days)



Fr. Paul Stein will be our spiritual chaplain for this pilgrimage. He is currently the associate pastor at St. James Church in Arlington Heights, IL.

GENERAL ITINERARY (Mass each day)

- July 16:** Depart Chicago
- July 17:** Arrive Rome, visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, Tre-Fountain, Our Lady of Revelation, overnight Rome thru July 22.
- July 18:** Visit St. Peters Basilica, St. Peter's Square, Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, free time.
- July 19:** Visit the Mamertine Prison, the Colosseum, SanPietro in Vincoli, San Luigi dei Francesi, San Cecilia in Trastevere, San Bartolomero all'Isola and more.
- July 20:** Visit Catacombs, Sunday Angelus with Pope Francis, St. John Lateran, the Church of the Holy Stairs, Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.
- July 21:** Visit Santa Maria Maggiore, the Pantheon, then free.
- July 22:** Depart Rome, Monte Cassino, St. Michael's Cave, overnight San Giovanni Rotondo.
- July 23:** Visit San Giovanni Rotondo, (Padre Pio), Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, visit the Holy House of Loreto, overnight Assisi 2 nights.
- July 24:** Day in Assisi, visit Basilica of St. Francis, San Damiano, Basilica of St. Clare, the Portiuncula, and Saint Mary Minerva.
- July 25:** Free day in Assisi and then in the evening, overnight Ferry from Ancona to Split.
- July 26-29:** Medjugorje: Attend Mass at St. James Church, visit Hill of Apparitions, Mt. Krizevac, attend talks and testimonies, and Eucharistic Adoration! Overnight Medjugorje thru July 30.
- July 30:** Return Chicago

TO SIGN UP:

Send in a check (\$1400 deposit, due Dec. 20th) with your name, phone, email and address with a photo copy of passport page to: **In Your Name Lord Pilgrimages** P.O. Box 56732, Chicago IL 60656-0732
Make checks payable to **In Your Name Lord Pilgrimages**

Feel free to call Garrett or Margaret with any questions at: **773-790-3164**



\$3795

TAXES INCLUDED

- Travel Documents required for travel.
- Price includes hotel, double occupancy, airfare, taxes and 2 meals per day. Single supplement is \$450 extra.
- Prices, dates, and locations are subject to change without notice.
- Price based on Chicago departure but we can accommodate departure from any location.
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- Travel insurance is purchased on an individual basis. We direct inquiries to: Travel Guard: 1-800-826-5248 or Insuremytrip.com: 1-800-487-4722

\$1400 deposit due **December 20, 2024**
\$2295 Final payment due **April 15th, 2025**

NOTE: If airline tickets have been purchased at any stage of the process, that amount will be fully deducted from the refund.

Refund Information:
BEFORE 120 Days: Full Refund
119-75 Days: Refund - \$200
74-30 Days: 50% Refund
29-7 Days: 10% Refund

UPCOMING

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

THE SOLEMNITY OF

Mary

the Holy Mother of God

 SAINT JAMES PARISH
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at St. James presents

St. Catherine of Siena

A Woman for the Church
and
A Doctor of the Church

January 15, 2025 | 7pm | Presented by Laurie Crepeau

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Peace & Justice Ministry Invites You

Members of the St. James Peace & Justice Ministry recently visited Partners for Our Communities (POC) in Palatine. They welcome volunteers –individuals or groups.

Endeavor Health Northwest Community Hospital partners with the not-for-profit organization POC. POC empowers underserved people to develop self-sufficiency and become leaders in their communities. POC partners with 40+ community and religious organizations, schools and businesses.

The POC building, on Rand Road in Palatine, provides a food pantry, clothing closet, education and literacy services, health and wellness resources and legal and social services.

Volunteer Opportunities:

ICompete reaches out to youth and families living in the NE quadrant of Palatine. The mission of ICompete is to introduce underserved families to athletics, arts, and academics through outreach, after-school programs, special events and summer camps.

Clothing Closet assists with providing clothing and basic needs. Volunteers and local community groups needed to help manage the closet on days when families are shopping and to help hang and sort donations. Volunteers 14+ needed.

Faith Feeds Food Pantry has Weekend and Weekday opportunities available.

Adult Learning Lab offers ESL conversational groups and 1:1 client tutoring.

GO TO WWW.POC.NEWS AND CLICK THE SUPPORT TAB FOR MORE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION.



Ut Vitam Habeant



That They Might Have Life

December 18th The Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast invites us to envision what it was like to be the Blessed Virgin Mary, about to give birth to the Savior of the World.

As Pope Benedict XVI said of her, “O Mary, Virgin of Expectation and Mother of Hope, revive the spirit of Advent in your entire Church ...”



She is also known as Our Lady of the O, as on the December 18th feast day, the Church has just begun to pray the O Antiphons, sung at Vespers.

*We pray
for her intercession
for all
expectant mothers.*

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Dianna Werba

Please pray for our sick

Wes Stephen
Marty Galis
David Loch
Norine Naselli
Albino Martinez

Recent Baptisms

Carmen Everly Imbo, child of
Sammy Imbo and Ashley (Messerschmidt) Imbo

Rosie Pauline Teubel, child of
Beau Teubel and Samantha (Moser) Teubel

Liam Evans Kraft, child of
Tim Kraft and Elizabeth (Wright) Kraft

Thomas Rafael Zielinski, child of
Matthew Zielinski and Marian (Fernandez) Zielinski

Rose for Life

In loving memory of Jack and Peg Hanahan, and Jack's brother,
Andrew Hanahan.

Celebrant Schedule, Dec. 21-22

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

Readings for the Week of December 15

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14

5:00 Marcin Bukowski
Richard & Catherine Lyons
Edward Doherty (18th Anniv.)

Sunday, December 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00 Bill Pietrolonardo
8:30 James Burke
10:00 Bill Cronin
Lorraine Stewart
Don Demski
11:30 Florence Penskaw
Janet Richards
Felipe Rodriguez
Paula Maldonado
5:00 For the people of the parish

Monday, December 16

7:30 John Kordek
Kevin Houlihan (7th Anniv.)
Lloyd Benjamin
Gretchen Cronin
12:00 Francois Pasquier
Eileen & Jim Peters
Gretchen Cronin

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 Meggan McDermott
Michael Giannelli
Alba Biancalana (41st)
12:00 Maurice Healy
M.J. Healy

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 Maria Santos (1st Anniv.)
Genevieve Waller
Dione Donnelly (1st Anniv.)
Brigitte Mueller (1st Anniv.)
Mary Burke
12:00 Leo Rivera

Thursday, December 19

7:30 John O'Doherty Jr.
Tom Rothfus
Nancy Burgess (1st Anniv.)
Cornelius Vanderwiel Jr.
Ed Cahill
Dr. Robert J. LaVeau
Louis Samartino
12:00 Anita & Mary Trunk
Beth Klopp Lansing (20th Anniv.)
Louis Samartino

Friday, December 20

7:30 James Ryan
Marilyn Bradtke
Arnie Karr
12:00 Kelly Drumm

Saturday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

7:30 Marcin Bukowski
Mary E. McDonald

PARISH INFORMATION

DON'T FALL BEHIND

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

SCAN HERE TO
JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST



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. wosjministryleads@gmail.com

Beyond Sunday be
Forgiven



Sacrament of
Confession:

Thursdays 6pm

Saturdays 8am

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE

ST. EDNA, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Sing for Joy!

Sunday, January 5, 2025

The Music Ministry of St. Edna church will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2:30pm in the church.

Our Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Cantor Ensemble will provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of beautiful music and a bit of laughter, too. This is a concert the whole family will enjoy. Now that the rush of preparations are over, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas season and its music surround you.

St. Edna Church is located at
2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Hts, IL.

Hope to see you there!

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Looking for Spiritual Renewal?

The Caritas Center is now accepting applications for its March 2025 Cohort! If you're looking to deepen your faith, find healing, and connect with others on a similar journey, this could be the perfect place for you. Set in a peaceful retreat environment, The Caritas Center offers programs designed to nourish your spirit and bring a sense of renewal.

Don't miss out—apply now to save your spot for March 2025!

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Archdiocesan Women's Committee (AWC) Bringing the Voices of Women Forward

- Are you interested in helping bring the needs and concerns of women into the Archdiocesan dialogue?
- Would you like to join in conversation with women across the Archdiocese about topics of concern to the Cardinal, and share feedback directly with him?
- Would you like to share women's perspectives, experiences and wisdom with our seminarians, and hear from the future leadership of our church?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we need you on the AWC! We're an adjunct committee of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC), comprised of a broad range of women from across the Archdiocese, who help bring women's voices forward.

Please note that membership on the AWC requires your pastor's approval.

For more information or to apply, please visit archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/awc.



Beyond Sunday
Worship
with us during the week

Advent Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday at 7:30am
Monday - Friday at Noon

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 - Friday at Noon (*during Advent*)

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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