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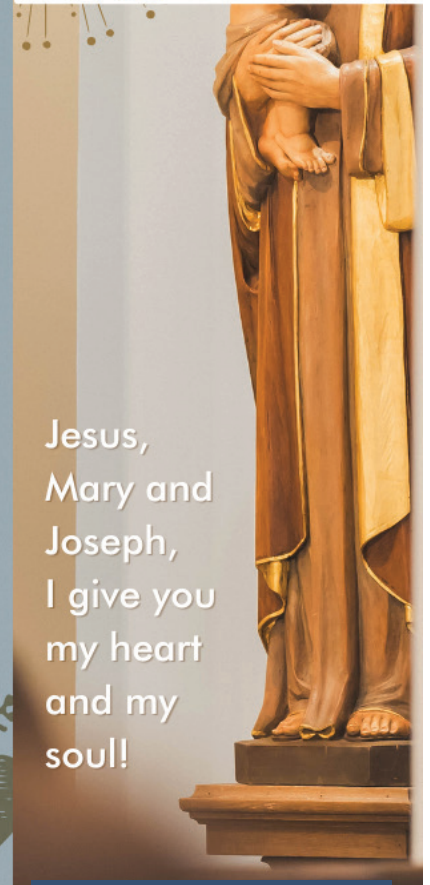
THE HOLY FAMILY

“

THE CHARITY WHICH BURNED IN THE HOUSEHOLD AT NAZARETH SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR EVERY FAMILY.

”

- ST. JOHN XXIII



Jesus,  
Mary and  
Joseph,  
I give you  
my heart  
and my  
soul!

DEC 29  
2024

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## Today's Readings

### **First Reading:**

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."

(1 Sm 1:27-28)

### **Psalm:**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

(Ps 84)

### **Second Reading:**

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

(1 Jn 3:2)

### **Gospel:**

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers.

(Lk 2:46)

# "Jesus was formed in the faith by Mary and Joseph while he also experienced a deep longing to be with his heavenly Father."

Dear Friends,

Greetings on this feast of the Holy Family! As we continue our celebration of Christmas we are treated to this beautiful commemoration of the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Jerusalem temple offers us a few important perspectives.

First, the Holy Family is observing the Law of the Lord in fulfilling their religious obligations. Jesus is being formed in the faith by his parents, an indispensable part of their vocation.

Secondly, Mary and Joseph experience a deep pain and worry at the perceived loss of Jesus as they return home from their pilgrimage. In this passage of Scripture, Mary's tender love for Jesus is clear.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Jesus experiences a deep longing to be with his heavenly Father. Jesus' reply to Mary when she expresses her

anxiety ("Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?") hints to us Jesus' mission and vocation.

Blessings to all of you and your families on this joyful feast day. We move forward into the new year with gratitude and hope as we live out our Christian discipleship.

Thank you to all who worked devotedly to make our celebrations of Christmas memorable and beautiful.

A blessed and happy New Year!

Fr. Ed

COMING SOON

# 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



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# 14 JAN

DINNER AT 5PM

FORMATION AT 6PM

ADORATION AT 6:30PM

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MORE**



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[STJAMESAH.ORG/ENCOUNTER/](http://STJAMESAH.ORG/ENCOUNTER/)

EACH TIME YOU APPROACH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REMEMBER THAT JESUS HAS BEEN

# ENCOUNTER

WAITING FOR YOU FOR TWENTY CENTURIES FOR THIS PERSONAL VISIT FROM YOU.

PARISH UPDATES

# MERCY BOX Advent Outreach

December 2024



Thank you to all  
who participated!

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ST. JAMES SCHOOL

# OPEN HOUSE



January 26, 2025 | 12:30-2:00pm



Educating PreK-8th Grade



At St. James School, we're proud to foster lifetime friendships while providing a Blue Ribbon Catholic education. Our close-knit community supports students in their faith, academics, and personal growth, helping them build strong relationships and values that last a lifetime.

O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate  
them  
in practicing the virtues of family life  
and in the bonds of charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.



SteppingStones  
Catholic Family Ministry

# CHILDREN'S CHOIR

OPEN REHEARSALS  
TUES. JANUARY 7

GRADE 2-4 AT 5:45 PM  
GRADE 5-8 AT 6:45 PM

No commitment necessary; come check us out!



[stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration](http://stjamesah.org/youth-choir-registration)

## SERVE THE KING OF KINGS

# Altar Server Training

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



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[stjamesah.org/altar-server-training](http://stjamesah.org/altar-server-training)

COMING SOON

MEETING  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WITH GRACE mental health ministry through  
St. James, St. Edna & O.L.W.

# Grace Prayer Circle

Wednesday, Jan. 8  
7:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: St. James School Chapel

This month's topic:  
Finding Light in the Darkness

Join us to pray for those living with  
mental health concerns and their  
loved ones.

Submit prayer requests to: 847-253-5390  
or [mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org](mailto:mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org)



[stjamesah.org/mentalhealthresources](http://stjamesah.org/mentalhealthresources)

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at St. James presents

*St. Catherine of Siena*

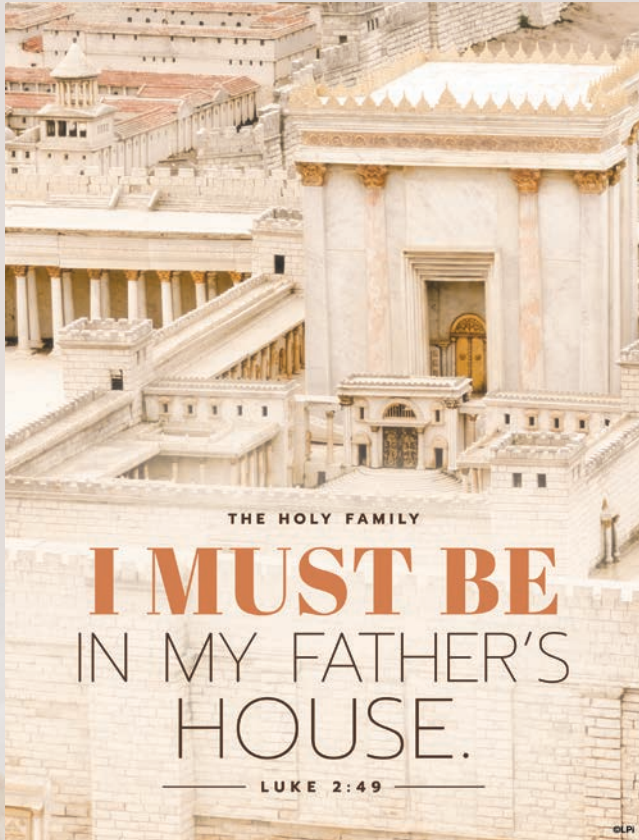
A Woman for the Church  
and  
A Doctor of the Church

January 15, 2025 | 7pm in the church

Speaker: Lorie Crepeau, Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Edna's

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**I**n today's Gospel, we encounter a rare glimpse into Jesus' childhood, offering us a profound reflection on both His humanity and divinity. At twelve years old, Jesus stays behind in Jerusalem, engaging with the teachers in the temple. When Mary and Joseph return to find Him, they are understandably confused and anxious. But Jesus responds, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" This statement reveals His deep understanding of His divine identity—He is the Son of God, with a special relationship to the Father.

This passage highlights the reality that Jesus, though fully divine, was also fully human. He grew in wisdom, age, and favor before God and man, just like any other child. He wasn't performing miracles or showing off His divine powers; rather, He was simply a young boy learning and growing, living a life free from sin. His humanity was not a façade; He experienced real childhood, with moments of wonder, growth, and confusion, just as we do.

At the same time, this story hints at something greater—Jesus' divine mission. The three days spent searching for Him may symbolize His future death and resurrection, pointing to the ultimate mission He would fulfill. Jesus' identity as both God and man

invites us to reflect on His deep understanding of our human struggles. He truly knows us because He lived as one of us, yet He is also the Savior who offers us salvation.

### Questions for Reflection:

- In your prayer, ask: How does knowing that Jesus experienced childhood and grew in wisdom like I do help me understand His compassion for my own struggles and growth?
- Reflect on this: Jesus knew His identity as the Son of God even as a child. How can I grow in my own understanding of my identity as a child of God?
- Consider in quiet reflection: What does it mean for me to seek "my Father's house" in the midst of my daily life, and how can I cultivate a deeper relationship with God through my actions?

## MINISTRY MEET-UPS



Women of St. James

# WOMEN'S MASS

01.10 | 7 PM | St. James Church  
Reception to follow

Bring a friend and join us for our annual WOSJ Celebrating Women event, where we gather with other women in our community and give thanks to God.

Questions? Email [wosjministryleads@gmail.com](mailto:wosjministryleads@gmail.com)



Celebrant:  
Fr. Michael



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Young Adults

# SUNDAY BRUNCH

Single, Married, Engaged Adults & Babies Welcomed



JAN 26 - FEB 23 - MAR 23 - APR 27

Adults age 18-39, meet in the Laramie Room (Lower Level) after the 8:30 Mass and we'll share the details for a local breakfast spot.



# Nativity Pilgrimage

Where Faith  Meets Adventure



# Greece & Turkey

From Ruins to Revelations:  
A Pilgrimage of Discovery

**OCTOBER 8 – 18, 2025**



**Fr. Paul Stein**  
Spiritual Director



**Craig Colson**  
Host/Music Director

- DAY 1** – FLIGHT TO ATHENS
- DAY 2** – ARRIVE IN ATHENS
- DAY 3** – ATHENS • MYKONOS
- DAY 4** – EPHESUS • PATMOS
- DAY 5** – CRETE • SANTORINI
- DAY 6** – DELPHI • KALABAKA
- DAY 7** – KALABAKA • THESSALONIKI
- DAY 8** – THESSALONIKI • PHILIPPI
- DAY 9** – THESSALONIKI • ATHENS
- DAY 10** – ATHENS • CORINTH
- DAY 11** – RETURN HOME



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# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## In Loving Memory

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Josephine Gillespie  
Patrick Houlihan

## Please pray for our sick

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Wes Stephen  
Marty Galis  
David Loch  
Norine Naselli  
Albino Martinez  
Julian Kowalczyk  
Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
Steve Kelly

## Recent Baptisms

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**Lina Alexandra Small**, child of  
Shane Small and Lesly (Beron) Small

**Greyson Ryan Kelly**, child of  
Ryan Kelly and Stephanie (Tinaglia) Kelly

**Camden Grey Callero**, child of  
Nicholas Callero and Kayli (Williams) Callero

## Rose for Life

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Donated in loving memory of Ed Cahill

## Celebrant Schedule, Jan. 4-5

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<b>5:00</b>	Fr. Michael
<b>7:00</b>	Fr. Michael
<b>8:30</b>	Fr. Michael
<b>10:00</b>	Fr. Paul
<b>11:30</b>	Fr. Paul
<b>5:00</b>	Fr. Paul

## Readings for the Week of December 29

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**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

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### Saturday, December 28

**5:00** Marcin Bukowski  
Jean Zywicki (36th Anniv.)

### Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family

**7:00** For the people of the parish

**8:30** James Burke  
Candace Duggan

**10:00** Barbara Cygan  
Anne Frankiewicz

**11:30** Salvatore Divita (40th Anniv.)

### Monday, December 30

**7:30** John Kordek  
George Mulcahy

### Tuesday, December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

**7:30** Richard & Catherine Lyons  
Ed Cahill  
Louise Gehrke  
Edward Gehrke

### Wednesday, January 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**7:30** Loretta Connor (1st Anniv.)  
Aldo Cecchin  
Thomas Dussman  
Eddie & Michelle Svegelj  
Patricia & Norm Cooper  
Marcia Burns  
Robert Duffer  
**12:00** Louise Gehrke  
Edward Gehrke  
Dolores Hathaway

### Thursday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

**7:30** James Lee  
Patrick Kett

### Friday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**7:30** Lois Carlson  
Raffaella Colucci (1st Anniv.)

### Saturday, January 4. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

## PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday be  
*Forgiven*

**Sacrament of  
Confession:**  
Thursdays 6pm  
Saturdays 8am

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kcoughlin@stjamesah.org)

**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.  
[stjameslandf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ministryofcare@stjamesah.org)

**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.  
[momsplus@stjamesah.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stecstan@sbcglobal.net)

**PADS Outreach** provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.  
[st.james.pads@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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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!*



## Calendar Update

For those who have enjoyed receiving a calendar around this time each year, we have an update.

St. James Parish will not be receiving Catholic Extension appointment calendars for 2025. The generous donor that has provided them for the parish for many years did not order them again this year.

We are grateful for the many years of calendars we have received.

Beyond Sunday  
**Worship**  
with us during the week



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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS - HOLIDAY

Monday & Thursday 9 am - 8 pm

**(CLOSED Tues. & Wed. December 31 & Jan. 1)**

Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### WEEKEND 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

### 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.

**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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