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The Rotary Santa Run on December 7th wasn't just festive. It was a joyful celebration of community and generosity. St. James had the largest team (116) among the 2,000 Santas who participated!

JAN 12

2025

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



Today's Readings

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

Luke 3:22.

Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings our Christmas celebration to completion with this most foundational reality of our Christian faith. In Jesus, through His taking on human nature, becoming a member of our race, the race He created, we are offered a completely new identity.

The Greek word baptizein means "to dip in water" or "to immerse." It can also mean "to wash" or "to be overwhelmed." The Christian meaning of Baptism takes in all these meanings: the washing with water in the name of the Trinity, the cleansing from Original Sin (and actual sin for those of the age of reason), thus being overwhelmed by the grace and mercy of God, and to be immersed in the life of God.

Our identity is fundamentally changed (the philosophical/theological term used is "ontological change," a change in our very being, or essence) through Baptism. We are marked forever with an indelible seal. In the early centuries of the Church, (and still today in some parts of the world), Confirmation was administered with Baptism. There is a trend in many places to restore the ancient order of these sacraments.

In the Christian tradition, baptisteries or baptismal fonts are located either just

outside the church itself, or inside near the entrance, symbolizing that Baptism is the gateway to all the other sacraments and to the Christian life. In Acts 10, Cornelius' entire household is baptized (10:48). Presumably, this includes the children in the household. Hence, the Church has always practiced infant Baptism as well as adult Baptism.

Jesus' Baptism was a baptism of repentance, not Christian Baptism. He who was without sin had no need to repent, yet perhaps to show His complete solidarity with sinful man, received this washing from John the Baptist. The words Jesus heard from the Father, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" are the Father's words to us, the baptized, as well.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



Baptistry of San Giovanni just outside Santa Maria del Fiore, the cathedral of Florence

THIS WEEK

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

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14 JAN

**DINNER
AT 5PM**

**FORMATION
TO FOLLOW**

**EVENING SPEAKER:
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MINISTRY NEWS

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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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Sacred Sounds

CONCERT SERIES

SAVE THE DATE
FEB. 10

LOVE DIVINE:
THE MUSIC OF MOZART

We are seeking choristers for our next major work.

Rossini: *Stabat Mater*

Concert is March 20 at 7pm

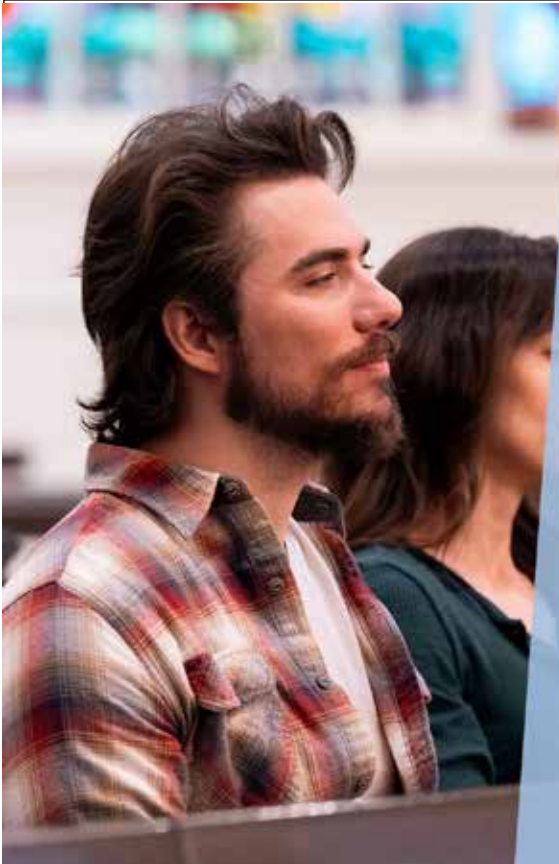
Rehearsals on Thursdays from 6-7pm

All voice types sought | some experience preferred

Contact: Tamaron Conseur, tconseur@stjamesah.org



YOUNG ADULTS



YOUNG ADULT

Mass & Social

Start the new year with faith and fellowship!

Jan. 17

6:30 PM MASS
SOCIAL AFTERWARDS

Don't miss this chance to connect with other young adults in the community! Invite a friend and come enjoy an evening of prayer, conversation, and good company.

We can't wait to see you there!



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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.



SCHOOL UPDATES

ST. JAMES SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Come experience the St. James way!

Register Here



KINDERGARTEN FOR A DAY

January 15, 2025 | 8:30-9:30am



PREK/K INFO NIGHT

January 16, 2025 | 7:00-8:30pm



OPEN HOUSE

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



Tickets are now available for Shrek The Musical, Jr.!



SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.



SHOW INFO

2/14 @ 7:00pm

2/15 @ 7:00pm

2/16 @ 2:00pm

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St. James hosts a monthly

Jan. 15
10 am

Morning
of
Recollection

a time
of
prayer

COMMUNITY THEATRE



COMING SOON!



ST. JAMES THEATRE
PROUDLY PRESENTS



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THE MUSICAL

AUDITIONS: MARCH 31 AND APRIL 2, 2025
PERFORMANCES: JULY 10-13 | 17-20, 2025

Lutheran Home Thanks St. James Volunteers for Serving on Christmas



Christmas Day Volunteers: Linda Nono, Katie Sowa, Ray Savastio & Tess Wolfe
(Not Pictured: Joan Burger, Judy Clemens, Dolores Duque, Tom Garson & Mary Lynn Massa)

Dear St. James Community,

On behalf of Pastoral Services at Lutheran Home, I want to thank all the volunteers from Saint James who helped make Christmas Day Mass a reality in such a short amount of time. As you may have heard, we had 77 people in attendance, which is well above our average for Wednesday Mass. This happened because we had at least 6-8 volunteers from Saint James, along with Father Michael, who rearranged their Christmas Day schedules to make sure they could dedicate an hour or two to serving the residents here. They truly embodied the Christmas spirit of following Jesus by loving and caring for others, and we are very grateful for their ministry.

May you continue to have a blessed and merry Christmas!

Charles Plummer
Chaplain – Pastoral Services

Beyond Sunday
Worship with us
during the week

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

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Kenneth Olechowski

Please pray for our sick

Bunny Velasco
Jennifer Vargas
Norine Naselli

Recent Baptisms

Hannah Ann Delles, child of
Paul Delles and Amanda (Shelton) Delles

Rose for Life

Donated in loving of Martin Arens on his birthday

Celebrant Schedule, January 18-19

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

Readings for the Week of January 12

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Catholic Creation Care Opportunity

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, parishioners can attend a three-session presentation on creation care, presented by The Well Spirituality Center. Pre-registration is required.

Sign up here:

csjthewell.org/programs/summoned-to-care-for-our-common-home-parishes/

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11

5:00 Marcin Bukowski
Louis Cella
Patrick Houlihan

Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 Sadie & John Touhill
Tom Rothfus
8:30 Marcin Bukowski
Grant Youngstrum
10:00 For the people of the parish
11:30 Richard Montavon
Lyle Warchol
5:00 Sarah Ann Donoughue

Monday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 Bob Holland
Dr. Arthur J. Atkinson, Jr.
12:00 Lou Simpson

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 James French, Sr. (1st Anniv.)
Steven Walczynski

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 Patrick Houlihan
Lorraine Capasino

Thursday, January 16

7:30 Mary Ford (1st Anniv.)
Kevin Houlihan
Patrick Houlihan

Friday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

7:30 Mary Ellen Bannon
Wesley Purda (1st Anniv.)

Saturday, January 18

7:30 Christine Kowalski
Margaret Koperny
Gustav R. Nordin
John Micheli

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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon.- Sat. 7:30 am; Mon. & Wed. also at Noon

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8 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.

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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