OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Christ’s family, through St. James the Apostle Parish, we:

WORSHIP the Lord by proclaiming His Word and celebrating His Sacraments,

GROW by learning more about God’s loving plan for us,

RESPOND to the call of Christ by sharing our talents, gifts and our love,

REACH OUT to the universal community by loving and serving our neighbors.

MODIFIED WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE 07/06

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 P.M.
Sunday | 9:00 A.M.

MODIFIED WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE 07/06

Monday - Wednesday Daily Mass | 8:00 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

On the Holy Day | VARIES
CHECK SCHEDULE IN BULLETIN FOR TIMES

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 2:30 - 3:15 P.M.

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Sunday, January 17, 2021 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Baptismal Commitment: Part II

The sacrament of Baptism is a sacrament of initiation (the other two being Eucharist and Confirmation.) Those who wish to be followers of Jesus must go through the initiation of Baptism. Through our Baptism, we become sons and daughters of God and are given the grace and strength to carry out the commitment that, as Christians, we are asked to make. Because of our Baptismal commitment, we are called to go out and bring God’s good news to others and help make His presence known to them.

We are the ones called to open the eyes of the blind, the ones who are living their lives in darkness not knowing the Lord. We are the ones who are to help bring prisoners out of spiritual confinement, for only in Jesus do we have true and lasting freedom. God does the healing and freeing, but so often He works through us. So often we are His instruments.

Jesus Himself went through Baptism and this shows most clearly His humanity, His willingness to put Himself in our place and experience all of human life, except sin. Jesus clearly identifies with us. Let us pray that we might be strengthened so that we can live out our Christian Baptismal commitment to love all people and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them. Let us pray that we may recognize that we are sons and daughters of God through our Baptism, and that makes us brothers and sisters to one another.

Father David

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

—from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **January 23-24, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need.

**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**
The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

**Collection for the Church in Latin America**
For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Partnership in Mission, Diocese of Joliet**
In response to the Gospel’s call, Partnership in Mission seeks to form servants for the work of missions and justice as we reach out in service, relief and friendship to our brothers and sisters around the globe. We presently send medical, construction, outreach, and university teams to Bolivia, the Philippines, Uganda, and the Navajo Nation, as well as responding to national disasters here in the U.S.

During this time of pandemic, the need is great and it is as difficult as ever to raise the necessary funds to support this work. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean at your parishes on January 23 and 24, or by giving online at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org).

Paz y bien,
**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**
Bishop of Joliet

_Funds received for the combined Latin America/Africa collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the USCCB Office of National Collections, for the benefit of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Missions Office for support of their missionary efforts in Africa and Latin America._

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We Offer Our Prayers

Parish Prayer List
If you would like to add a name to the parish prayer list, please contact Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org.
Thank you!

Administration Ministries

[ STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY ]

In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, “Here am I, Lord. I come to do your will.”

The collection amount for Christmas, including ACH donations is $73,960

The collection amount for December 26/27 is $21,415

The collection amount for January 2/3 is $10,440

The total ACH Sunday donations for December 16 to January 12 is $16,470

Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated & needed!

2020 Tax Letters

Please note that all 2020 Tax Letters will be mailed by January 31st to any registered parishioner who contributed during 2020. Thank you!

Please Support Our Advertisers

The 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. The CMAA provides parishes, like ours, with essential support through 30 ministries that we could not possibly provide on our own. The diocese has mailed a packet about the CMAA to all registered parishioners. Please take a moment to review this information and prayerfully reflect on how you can help shine the light of Christ with your generous gift.
Readings for the Week

Monday:  Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:  Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:  Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:  Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:  Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday:  Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:  Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:  Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Wednesday:  St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Thursday:  St. Agnes
Friday:  Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Saturday:  St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Speak Lord, We Are Listening

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. “Speak, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. “Speak,” they say, “we are listening.”

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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Prayer for the Unemployed

Please keep in your prayers those individuals and families who live with the burden of unemployment and underemployment.

Loving Father, Creator of all things, you have made us in your own image and intended us for creative work. Look with love on those who seek gainful employment, and on those who are underemployed and in financial stress.

Guide our political leaders and the captains of industry that they may provide concrete solutions to our national unemployment rate.

Give the families of those who are struggling both patience and trust; and grant them strength, creativity and energy as they search for solutions.

May each of us work to understand how we can help one another.

Help us to build a society where all may have work and find joy in doing it, for the good of our world and the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Welcome Back to St. James!

How to Pre-Register for Mass & Sacramental Celebrations

What You Need to Know Before Registering
We kindly request you please take the time to familiarize yourself with the directives the parish, parishioners and guests must adhere to in order to gather together for public worship.* These are in accordance with the plan the Bishops of Illinois have worked diligently to create during this time of a pandemic to ensure the health and safety of all parishioners, staff and volunteers who desire to return to public worship. They may be found at https://stjamesge.org/reopening-new-guidelines-for-attending-mass-and-sacramental-celebrations/

How to Pre-Register for Mass and Sacramental Celebrations
Pre-registration for weekday, weekend Masses and Reconciliations will be available to the public on a first come, first served basis using Flocknote Sign-Up, one week at a time.

Sign-Ups are released every Friday at 1:00 P.M. for the week of Masses that begins on the Saturday/Sunday nine and ten days after the release date. They will be sent via a Flocknote E-mail and will be also be posted on our website at https://stjamesge.org/reopening-pre-registration-for-mass-and-sacramental-celebrations/ Sign-Up will close at Noon on the following Friday or sooner if capacity is reached before that time. You will be asked to provide your name, email address and the number in your party.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE & CLOSURE OF MASS/RECONCILIATION PRE-REGISTRATIONS

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Seating in Handicap Section and Special Accommodations
If you are in need of seating in a handicap section or require special accommodations, please call to pre-register at 630.469.7540, ext. 211. If there is no answer, please leave your name and number and your call will be returned within one business day to confirm your seat. In addition, there are a number of seats per Mass and Sacrament reserved for those without computer access. If you know of any parishioner who might benefit from this information, please share the news. They too will call 630.469.7540, ext. 211 to reserve their seat.

Questions? Email Reopen@stjamesge.org
JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

3 WAYS TO JOIN

9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)
The annual Seminarian Raffle Book fundraiser has been completed for this year. In spite of the inability to sell these raffle books in the Narthex after Masses (due to the pandemic) we were able to sell over 60 books through contributions made at the St. James Ministry Center. Monies generated by these sales goes towards the education of seminarians in our diocese and other dioceses throughout the State of Illinois. Thanks to all who bought raffle books and for supporting the future priests of our diocese.

The Knights commemorated the Feast of the Holy Family by supplying prayer cards virtually for Masses on that weekend.

The next Knights sponsored activity will be the “40 Cans for Lent” program in February. The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, falls on February 17 this year. February is also the month of our parish’s obligation to supply the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry with food items and/or monetary donations. Having these two activities coincide with a drive-by food collection drive seems appropriate. This event will take place on Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon. Please consider dropping off food items and/or monetary donations during this time at St. James Hall (Door C off the North parking lot). Knights will be available to accept your contributions and deliver them to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Please check future weekend bulletin announcements, website, Facebook, Twitter and Flocknote announcements regarding this event.

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Most Needed Items
- Tomato Sauce
- Cookies
- Brown Rice
- Ketchup
- Boxed Granola Bars
- Tea
- Flavored Boxed Rice
- Pet Food
- Shampoo
- Liquid Dish Soap

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry gladly accepts food donations between the hours of 9:00 AM to 11:00 A.M. Monday - Friday at 493 Forest Avenue, Glen Ellyn. Thank you!

Do You Need Help?
We service neighbors who live in Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Lisle, Lombard, Warrenville, West Chicago, Winfield and Wheaton. Clients can receive food once per week and make appointments once per month, all via a contactless process. Call 630-469-8668.
Go to www.FORMED.org You should see the registration box for parishioners. Type in the parish code: DHTGWY. Now set up your username and a password. You will be all set to use the great programs on FORMED.org anytime, simply by logging in.

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Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James - January 18-24, 2021

**JANUARY 18/MONDAY**
8:00 A.M.  
*Tranquilina Vale*
REQ. BY MODESTA BANAL

*Anna Beaumont*
REQ. BY RON BEAUMONT

*Janie Froncek*
REQ. BY THE WEESNER FAMILY

**JANUARY 19/TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M.  
*Ann and Frank Pankanin*
REQ. BY THE FLYNN FAMILY

**JANUARY 20/WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M.  
*Veronica Wise*
REQ. BY THE LORISH, SMITH AND CHURNEY FAMILIES

**JANUARY 21/THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. (PRIVATE)  
*Intentions of the Alesch Family*
REQ. BY THE GILLIGAN FAMILY

**JANUARY 22/FRIDAY**
Pre-Registration
Release of Masses  
1 P.M. | ONLINE

**JANUARY 23/SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M.  
The Parishioners

**JANUARY 24/SUNDAY**
9:00 A.M.  
*Joseph Mirabella*
REQ. BY THE PAYNE FAMILY

11:00 A.M. (PRIVATE)  
*Thomas McCarthy*
REQ. BY THE FAHEY FAMILY

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 8 and 11 A.M. Masses labeled “Private” are celebrated by Fr. Sebahar in the chapel at his residence.

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**THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES**

**18/MONDAY**
- Daily Mass  
  8 A.M. | CHURCH
  Doors will be unlocked 30 minutes before all Masses.
  Doors are locked when bells are finished ringing. Enter Door 12 only. Pre-Registration is required.

**19/TUESDAY**
- Daily Mass  
  8 A.M. | CHURCH
  Doors will be unlocked 30 minutes before all Masses.
  Enter Door 12 only.
  Pre-Registration is required.

*GEFP Meeting*
11 A.M. | SJH2/3

*Church and Narthex Closed for Sanitizing*
12-2:30 P.M. | CH/CN

*A.A. Meeting*
8 P.M. | SJH2/3

**20/WEDNESDAY**
- Daily Mass  
  8 A.M. | CHURCH
  Doors will be unlocked 30 minutes before all Masses.
  Enter Door 12.
  Pre-Registration is required.

*A & E Water Plants*
8:30 A.M. | CH

*Church & Narthex Closed for Sanitizing*
2:30-5 P.M. | CH/CN

**21/THURSDAY**
- Daily Mass  
  8 A.M. | CHURCH
  Doors will be unlocked 30 minutes before all Masses.
  Enter Door 12.
  Pre-Registration is required.

*RE Planning Mtg*
9 A.M. | SJH2/3

*Wed Morning Bible Study*
9 A.M. | SJH2/3

*Church and Narthex Closed for Sanitizing*
12-2:30 P.M. | CH/CN

**22/FRIDAY**
- Pre-Registration
- Release of Masses
  1 P.M. | ONLINE

**23/SATURDAY**
- Cursillo Meeting
  7:30 A.M. | SJH2/3

*Walk for Life*
8 A.M. | CHURCH

*Manually Sanitize Church before Mass*
1 P.M. | CH/CN

*Reconciliations*
2:30 P.M. | CHURCH

*Church and Narthex Closed for Sanitizing*
5:15-8 P.M. | CH/CN

**24/SUNDAY**
- Mass
  9 A.M. | CHURCH
  Doors will be unlocked 30 minutes before all Masses.
  Doors are locked when bells are finished ringing. Enter Door 12 only. Pre-Registration is required.

*Church/Narthex Closed: Sanitizing*
2:30 P.M. | CH/CN

*Sr. High Night*
6 P.M. | SJH2/3/K

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