St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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The National Eucharistic Revival is an effort in the next three years to revive belief in the True Presence, encourage Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and restore a more reverent celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Learn more at:

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 P.M. Sunday | 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

*On the Holy Day | 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month* | 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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Sunday, October 8, 2023 | The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

Thank you for your patience as I complete my discharge process with the Navy. I hope my efforts to remain engaged with the parish during my deployment were effective. It was a challenging year trying to balance both my military and parish responsibilities. Reintegration will present its own challenges; I am already planning my first individual retreat and vacation in over four years at some time in January. Please continue to pray for me and the parish as we refocus on the National Eucharistic Revival.

More importantly, Jesus continues to make himself available and accessible to us in the Blessed Sacrament. We have many different names for the Blessed Sacrament: The Most Holy Body and Most Precious Blood of Christ, Holy Communion, Eucharist, Blessed Sacrament, Bread of Angels (*Panis Angelicus*), Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing, etc. These names are familiar to many of us. However, no human language can ever fully describe the miracle of the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is miraculous because the outward signs of bread and wine remain the same but the inward reality of their substance is transubstantiated by the consecration at every Mass.

Again, as above, Jesus is available and accessible to us in the Eucharist. We can enjoy a holy communion with his True Presence by being present ourselves during adoration. The National Eucharistic Revival encourages us to renew adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The literal meaning of adoration is "to love." We love Jesus by being present with his True Presence.

Perhaps this will seem too mystical or spiritual for some, as if religious experience is irrelevant from daily life. Speculating on the widespread neglect and rejection of the Eucharist is less important than responding to Christ's invitation, "Remain with me." We can remain with Christ by attending adoration. Our parish offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month after daily Mass from 8:30-9:30 A.M.

There is nothing more important to our parish than the Eucharist. As your pastor, I personally invite you to attend adoration monthly. The success or failure of our ministries, activities, events, religious education, and parochial school must be centered on the Eucharist. The heart of our parish is not in fundraising, enrollment, or programs; the heart of our parish is the Tabernacle. Attending Mass on Sundays, Solemnities, and Holy Days is an indispensable part of being Catholic. Adoration is an extension of the communion we enjoy with God and one another when we receive Holy Communion.



SAVE the DATE: October 14/15 St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Please support our St. Vincent de Paul group with all your clothing donations, small household items and even bikes during our upcoming clothing drive. Keep in mind that most of our coats are distributed during October and November, so an extras in your house we will gladly receive! Bags for you to take home to fill with your donations are available this weekend in the narthex. You may return them the weekend of October 14/15 when the truck will be outside of church in the main parking lot. Receipts are available upon request. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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Processional Hymn

O God, Beyond All Praising



- 1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to day *2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
- 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav ior, ac cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay; Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send, But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown, And wheth - er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end. Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav-en's gar - den grown. We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and For Christ, the man from heav-en, from death has set us free, To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord. And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry! And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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^{*}May be omitted.

First Reading | Isaiah 5:1 - 7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press.

Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled!

Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it.

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed; for justice, but hark, the outcry!

The Word of the Lord: Thanks Be to God!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80



Second Reading | Philippians 4:6 - 9

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God!**

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Gospel | Matthew 21: 33 - 43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

"Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The Word of the Lord: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Nicene Creed

Pilate,

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Christ,



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be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Robert E. Kreutz





- give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.
- 1. As when the
- 2. With joy ful
- 3. Is not the
- 4. The mys-t'ry
- 5. You give your-



- 1. shep herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So
- 2. lips we sing to you Our praise and grat i- tude, That
- 3. cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured? Do
- 4. of your pres-ence, Lord, No mor tal tongue can tell: Whom 5. self to us, O Lord; Then self less let us be, To



- 1. when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, We fol low and re-joice.
- 2. you should count us wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav'n-ly food.
- 3. not one cup, one loaf, de-clare Our one-ness in the Lord?
- $\overline{4}$. all the world can-not con-tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
- 5. serve each oth er in your name In truth and char i ty.

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We Offer Our Prayers

Grace Stasi Len Felder Joe Mulcare Jenny Fischer Abby Loretta Mulcrone Lucretia Abruzzo Sarah Fitzgerald Velvette Newman Tess Adams Greg Flamm Hooshang Noshad Anna Ahonen Richard Frazier James Pelletiere Olivia Aliga Sean Furlong Samantha Pelletiere Anthony Alfano Ivy G. Tino Pere Toni Pereira Alivia Allen Ben Gaston Angela Alvino Shirley Glass Kathleen Pervan Jennifer Baker Hector Gomez Marlene Piscitelli Mary Ann Bakes Raphael Gomez Cary Piszczek Kathleen Griffin Lucy Ballmaier Katherine Popob Elaine Barone Sebastian Popob Judy Haas Matteo Barrone Dawn Harden Kevin Potyen Ali Barton Fr. Peter Infanger Raymond Prosperi Brent D. Benedict Marco Inserro Carol Raymond Baby Penelope James Cora Reda John R. Benedict John Benton Shirley Jankowski Jordan Richards D. Bernabei Laura Jardine Bob Riggs Mike Jochum Enzo Bernabei Margaret Riggs Gail Johnsen Danny Riley Noel Bernabei Carole Kaczmar Angela Rinaldi Betty Karen Bjanki George Kahlfeldt Rosanne Edward Kane Autumn Rosasco Dorothy Brown Jeff Brown Jean Keating John Rudnick Raymond Keevins Mike Brown Rose Rudnick Sharon Kestlar Michael Ruffo David Brummett Jr. Patricia Klein Michael Russo Zack Bryant William R. Klein **Janet Samson** Kaya C. Mary Kohout Carol Sandowski Kami Campagna Miron Kopaczewski Mary Anne Capron Katherine Sanford Robert Kuceba Carrie Casperson Bobbie Saverino Scot Landies John Cassidy Kirsten Schaefer Gretchen Laska Mike Caudill Russ Schauer Debbie Lazzara Fay Chachula Nibbs Scully Greg Leakakos Rose Chachula Fr. John Sebahar Gail Lewellyan Johnson Michael Chapman Mary Pat Schroeder Rick Lewellyan Lea Cizek Wayne Schroeder Philomena Lezada Amanda Clark Dorothy Sledz Zosimo Lim Jeannie Claus Billy Southwell Tony Lindauer Alice Condon Cindy Smetana Woody Lindauer Kevin Conrad Margo Smetana Arnold Longe Rhea Smith Annette Cooke Katie Luther Danny Tapia Nora Cote Carmen MacDonald Gloria Tapia Cindy Crotty Kathv Mansfield Joseph Tomczak Carolyn Cullen Yolanda Martinez Carmen Torres Fr. Bill Cullen Mary and Rosa Isla Trapani Chris Danly **Bob Maurer** Diane Trunzo Musley Dar Mae Maurer Don Davia Ray Trunzo Marite Maurer Charlie DeMory Rylee Uczen Scott Mayle Gabriella Urban Georgianna DeMory Anna Mazza Mary V. Tony DeMory Dino Mazza Monica Vachlon Brian Deschamps Mick McAvoy Natalie Dominick-Hoenig Brianne Vana Paul McCue Lottie Will Jimmy Dorynek Yvette McCue Luke Dorynek Mary Will Meghan Menconi Mary Winter Dianne Dring Clem Milder Tyler Woltman Eric S. Michael Moore Pat Eirich Rosita Yee Patricia Moran Chok Yu Lauren Elliott Art Moxley Rick Yurko Mrs. Ergen Jim Mulcare

Parish Prayer List

Mary Lou Fehlen

Michael Zak

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

"Whoever believes in me. even if they die, will live."



Boguslawa Magda, wife of Boguslaw Magda



Tom Altomere Jacob Baker Ensign Andrew Barr Michael Brosnan Pvt 2 John Buckley 1st Lt. Robt. F. Conti, USMC Major Jonathan W. Craig Capt. Brad Crosson Michael Dahlke Ryan Davis Chaplain Capt. Chris Doering Patrick Fischer Michael Ford Lt. Jane Fox Capt. Thomas Fox Tech Sgt. Allen J. Gould CPL. Anthony Greenwell Major Jason Hendrix Joseph Jachim Jeffrey T. Jamrok

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If you would like us to remember a current member of the military in our prayers and added to the above list, please call the Ministry Center during normal office hours at 630/469-7540.

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > October 9 - 15, 2023

OCTOBER 09/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

Henry Lewandowski

REQ. BY LEWANDOWSKI FAMILY

Lyla Cannon Baker

REQ. BY DON SARTORE

OCTOBER 10/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M. Rita Allain

REQ. BY ALLAIN FAMILY

OCTOBER 11/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Peter Reijula

REQ. BY STELLA KOHLER

Mary Ann Strembo

REQ. BY KATHLEEN RODRIGUEZ

OCTOBER 12/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

Rita Allain

REO. BY ALLAIN FAMILY

OCTOBER 13/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

REQ. BY RUBI GARFIAS

OCTOBER 14/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M. Rav Ecker

REQ. BY PITOCCO FAMILY

OCTOBER 15/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Jessie Carcione

REO. BY ANNA LEVER

11:00 A.M.

People of the Parish

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

09/MONDAY

Columbus Day Mass 9 A.M. CHURCH Athletic Practice 4 P.M. GYM A.A. Meeting 8 P.M. | FL

10/TUESDAY

Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CHURCH Tuesdays with MCF 8:30 A.M. | SJH1/K A & E Water Plants 8:30 A.M. CHURCH Student Lector Reh 11:30 A.M. | CH

Lunch 11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K Kids Klub 3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

Athletic Practice 4 P.M. GYM **RE Mass** 4:30 p.m. | CH ALL RF Classes

4:30 P.M. | SJH123/RERMS Boy Scout Mtg. 7:10 p.m. | sjhl

11/ WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CH **Voice Trials** 9 A.M. | CH Lunch 11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K **Faculty Meeting** 3 P.M. | CIC Kids Klub 3 P.M. GYM/A/M RM

Athletic Practice 4 P.M. GYM RE Mass 4:30 p.m. | CH ALL

RE Classes 4:30 P.M. | SJH123/RERMS RE Board Meeting 6 P.M. | RE OFFICE

Voice Trials 6 P.M. | CH **Evening Rosary** 7 P.M. | CH

12/THURSDAY

Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CH Voice Trials 9 A.M. | CH Lunch 11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K Kids Klub 3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM Athletic Practice 4 P.M. | GYM Serra Club Mass 6 P.M. CH/ALL

Serra Club Dinner 6:30 р.м. | sjh123/к Monthly School Board Mtg. 6:30 P.M. | MCDR/K

Voice Trials

7 P.M. CH

13/FRIDAY

Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CH A & E Water Plants 9:30 A.M. | CHURCH Voice Trials 9AM CH Lunch 11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K Kids Klub

3 P.M. GYM/A/M RM Volleyball Games

7 P.M. | GYM

14/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg 7 A.M. | SJH2/3 Volleyball Games 11:30 A.M. GYM Reconciliations 3 P.M. CH/ALL Crusader Cash Sales 3:30 p.m. | CN SVDP Clothing Drive 3:30 p.m. PKLOT Mass 4 P.M. | CH/ALL

15/SUNDAY

Mass 9 A.M. | CH/ALL ll a.m. CH/ALL Crusader Cash Sales 10 a.m. | cn 12 p.m. CN SVDP Clothing Drive 10 A.M. PKLOT 12 P.M. PKLOT Choir Sings at Mass 11 A.M. | CH/ALL YM Service Sunday 12 P.M. | SJH123/K Baptisms 12:30 P.M. | CH/ALL Senior High YM 6 P.M. MC/ALL Adult Rec. BBall

7:30 p.m. | Gym

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday:

Ion 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13 Friday: Il 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: [14:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

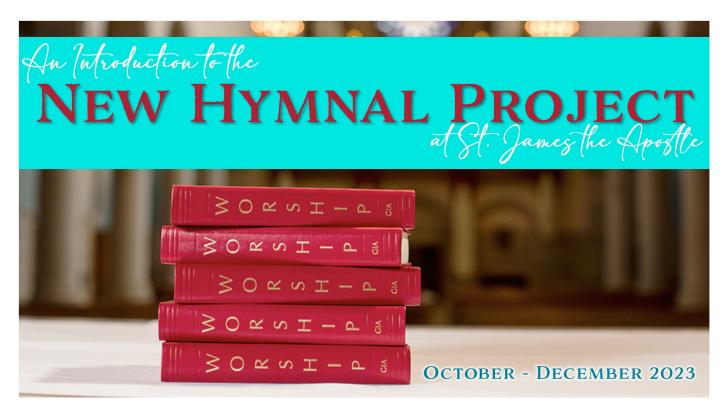
POPE ST. JOHN XXIII October 11th

Saints and Special Observances

St. Denis and Companions; Monday:

St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day

Wednesday: St. John XXIII Saturday: St. Callistus I



THE WHY *

Our parish staff has identified that the time has come for Saint James the Apostle Parish to purchase new hymnals. We have not used hymnals for nearly two decades!

We have made do until now by printing worship aids at great cost per year. This is unsustainable as we seek to be good stewards of the temporal goods of the parish.

The bishops have invited us to be more reverent in our worship at Mass as a part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The time has come to add some exciting new music to our parish repertoire and restore the place of Sacred Music during our liturgies.

THE WHEN *

To accomplish this, we hope to raise the money and purchase our new hymnals (with the Sunday Readings included) by this coming Christmas season. Saint James the Apostle is in need of your help and

support. We are in need of 400 hymnals for our pews along with 40 choir books and various accompaniment editions.

THE DETAILS*

We are asking parishioners to donate \$30 per hymnal. You may donate as many hymnals as you like. You may also dedicate each hymnal you donate to the memory of a loved one, in commemoration of a favorite saint, or in honor of your family or friends. There will be a label placed inside the cover to commemorate these dedications.

Your generosity and commitment to Saint James is vital to our success and anything you can give toward the purchase of our new hymnals will be greatly appreciated.

THE DEDICATION *

At a festive hymnal celebration at the beginning of Advent, we will introduce our new hymnals. Each parishioner who donates new hymnals will be asked to place their dedicated hymnals in the hymnal racks in the Narthex.

We will follow the placement, dedication, and blessing of our new hymnals with a Sacred Music fest where we will sing with joyful voices from our new worship resource!

THE HOW *

To make a donation, please email Dan Sledz, our Business Manager at dansledzcpa@gmail.com -08-

Contact Rubi Garfias, our Parish Secretary at 630.469.7540, ext. 201.

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All donations to the New Hymnal Project are tax-deductible and will appear on the end of year statement for those who request one.

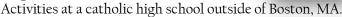
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Introducing Dr. Marc Alan Brunelle, Our New Director of Sacred Liturgy

Dear Parishioners of St. James,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself to the parish as your new Director of Sacred Liturgy. I come to St. James from St. Marcelline in Schaumburg, as Director of Liturgy and Music and served for 21 years. We established a thriving and busy music ministry respected throughout the Archdiocese.

Prior to that appointment, I was Director of Music at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, NY, and Director of chapel music and assistant professor of music at Wadham's Hall Seminary College, also in Ogdensburg, NY. In my younger days, I taught French, and was Director of Choral



As I begin my tenure here at St. James, I greatly look forward to revitalizing and strengthening our sanctuary choir, cantor guild, and establishing a children's choir and reestablishing our Resurrection (Funeral) choir. I also look forward to working with our liturgical ministers, serving our bereaved families and our engaged couples.

I am also excited to begin to integrate the Worship IV hymnal into our liturgies. A hymnal affords us the opportunity to save money on costly printing, and the great outlay of time in producing worship aids. This new hymnal will have new mass settings we will learn, new psalmody, and a rich treasure of theologically acceptable hymnody, that will complement our liturgical celebrations. It also affords you the opportunity to donate towards a hymnal that will have your loved one's name inscribed inside, and then remembered each time we gather for worship. I, personally, plan on donating a few hymnals in memory of my former teacher, who lovingly supported my journey to becoming a pastoral musician.

My philosophy concerning sacred music and the liturgy has remained the same throughout my thirty years in pastoral ministry - if something is worth doing, it is worth doing well. This certainly applies to our liturgical celebrations and to its sacred music. The "source and summit" of our Catholic faith deserves no less than our best effort.

So, please join me in prayer, that together we can revitalize our music ministries here at St. James, and by the intercession of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music, will intercede and guide our efforts as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Marc Alan Brunelle, Director of Sared Liturgy



- Are you a current student in 5th 8th grade?
- Do you attend St. James School or R.E.? If you answered yes to both of these questions then we want YOU to join us in serving at the Altar of Our Lord as an Altar Server!

We are in need of more faith-filled kids to help us continue building up this important ministry of service!

Fr. Keith and Mrs. Geissal, our Coordinator, will be speaking to all 5th through 8th grade students in October. Please keep your eyes out for registration forms and training dates in the weeks to come.

Questions? Please contact Nicole Geissal at ladyfair@comcast.net for more information.

Flames of Faith at St. James the Apostle

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

October 9 - 15, 2023

This week our St. James Flames of Faith are offered for:

The Intentions of Georgianna and Charlie DeMory

Columbus Day at St. James the Apostle

Even though all of the offices of the school, RE and parish will be closed on Monday in honor of the Columbus Day holiday, please note daily Mass will be offered at 9:00 A.M. We hope you will join us to be nourished by our Lord who is fully present, body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist.

Administration Ministries

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but here was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

September 24/25, 2023

Sunday Collection <u>with</u> EFT: \$12,427.00 Preserving Our Father's House: \$250

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$2,765.00

September 30/October 1, 2023

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$12,074.59 Preserving Our Father's House: \$355

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$3 117.41

Your generosity it is needed and deeply appreciated! Thanks!



CMAA: Your Gift Makes a Difference!

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

An Update on Our Parish Progress

Our Parish Goal is \$83,200

Donor Count: 319

Amount Pledged: \$124,332

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$116,378

Balance Due: \$7.954

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$23,225

If you have not yet made a gift to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider doing so. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in his hands. Thank you for your support.

Christian Education Ministries

Welcome to the New School Year, St. James Religious Ed Students!



We're so excited to see what blessings God has in store for us!

Youth Ministry



We had a great double header a couple of weekends ago when we make pumpkins for our homebound & then learned more of what our Catholic faith has to offer. Next weekend has us doing service again for our veterans and then watching an episode of the series, The Chosen. Be sure to get your teen on our YM team - contact Gina today!

Christian Service Ministries

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser at Made in Italy Trattoria on Thursday, 10/12

The Knights of Columbus Council #9806 will be hosting another fundraising dinner at "Made in Italy Trattoria" on Thurday, October 12. Come in, enjoy a delicious meal, and



mention the Knights. A portion of the price of your meal will be donated to the Knights to be used for our many charitable activities in the parish. If you can't join us, please consider ordering carry-out that evening, anytime between 3:00 - 9:00 P.M.



An Invitation to Pray for Life

40 Days for Life has begun at Access Health Center, 1700 75th St., Downers Grove, IL. We have not signed up for a specific time slot so you can go at any time.

Now, more than ever, we need your help through prayers and fasting. Even though Roe V. Wade has ended, the number of abortions in Illinois has skyrocketed. Prayer hours are from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day, September 27 to October 5. Sign up on the website at: www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

To get there, go south on 355 to the 75th Street exit. Turn left and go a few blocks. It is located just across from the Woodridge Water Tower. Please park on the side street, Devereaux.

Even if you have never done something like this before, now is the time to pray. Thank you!



Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Top Needs

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry has published their top needs for the week ahead. Please keep them in mind when you do your grocery shopping. Nonperishable donations may be brought to the Coat Room of the church before or after daily and weekend Masses, or dropped off at the pantry during their normal hours of operation. For more information, visit the website:

glenellynfoodpantry.org

Parish Life Ministries

TMCF (Tuesdays with Mass, Coffee, and Friends)

Please join us on Tuesday, October 10th as we first worship the Lord at the 8:00 A.M. weekday Mass and then convene in St. James Hall for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. All are welcome!