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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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Sunday, October 15, 2023 | The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

I wince whenever the mainstream media reports a news story about the Church because these reports usually focus on scandal. However, from time to time, the mainstream news media reports about a supposed change in matters of Church teaching and doctrine. These stories are written by the secular press without an adequate theological education to understand the difference between speculation and the truth. Sometimes such reporting is deliberate speculation rather than fact.

The Church is indefectible, defined by the First Vatican Council as the “imperishable duration of the Church and her immutability until the end of time.” Simply, the teaching of the Church cannot be separated from the unchanging doctrine of the Church. No priest, bishop, or pope can validly declare a new teaching contrary to the constant belief of the Church. Unfortunately, many Catholics erroneously assume every statement by a pope is infallible. This is an ancient heresy. Papolatry and Ultramontanism heretically ascribe infallible significance to every statement by a pope.

Infallibility refers to when a pope speaks *ex cathedra* (authoritatively) and that he is preserved from the possibility of error in doctrine. Simply, a pope by virtue of his office can definitively define doctrine concerning faith or morals for belief by the whole Church. These declarations cannot depart from Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium. Remember, the magisterium is the teaching authority of the Church held primarily by the bishops but also arising from the universal faith of the laity.

Interestingly, there are only two officially recognized infallible statements in the two-thousand-year history of the Church. First, in 1854, Pope Pius IX affirmed the belief in Mary’s Immaculate Conception. Second, in 1950, Pope Pius XII affirmed the belief in Mary’s bodily Assumption into heaven. Some scholars consider the most recent possible infallible statement was made by Pope John Paul II in 1994 when he reaffirmed the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women. None of these statements were surprising to Roman Catholics, because these beliefs had been nurtured through devotion, prayer, and local teaching for centuries before becoming official papal teaching.

These distinctions are important because no pope or synod can legitimately change Church teaching to accommodate the relativistic values of our postmodern and secular society. The ongoing debates on ecclesial and social issues may be interesting in their possibilities but the Church cannot defect from herself. Confusion on matters of faith and morals, especially when made deliberate by churchmen, reduces the spiritual to the human.

May God preserve the same faith given by Our Lord to the Apostles, handed down to us from ancient times, witnessed to by the blood of the martyrs, professed by countless saints, and proclaimed today by many different races and tongues. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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 16 - 22, 2023

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

In memory of Ed Coman

Offered by:

The Wednesday Morning Rosary Group

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Hymn

Come to the Feast

Solo or S, A: *All:*

1. Ho, ev - 'ry - one who thirsts:
 and ev - 'ry - one who la - bors:
 2. Ho, ev - 'ry - one who seeks:
 and ev - 'ry - one who mourns:
 3. Let all who seek their God: Come to the wa-ters!
 the ev - er - last - ing stream:

Solo or S, A: 1. *All:* | 2. *All:*

here is an end to hun - ger:
 all you who have no mon - ey:
 hear me and share the rich - es:
 now is an end to sad - ness:
 heed now the One who calls you: Come to the feast! Come to the
 drink deep the Cup that saves you:

Solo or S, A: *All:*

1. the wa - ters of the Jor - dan:
 2. the streams of joy and glad - ness:
 feast! For this is life: 3. the floods that o - ver-whelm you: For

Solo or S, A: *All:*

the wa - ters of your birth:
 the rains that bring you joy:
 this is life: the streams of death and life: For this is

Solo or S, A: *All:*

the wa - ters that re - new you:
 the wa - ters that re - store you:
 life: the wa - ters that sus - tain you: O come to the feast! O

1.- 4. D.C. | 5.

come to the feast! feast! O come to the feast!

Text: Isaiah 55; Marty Haugen, b.1950
 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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First Reading | Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: I Shall Live in the House

Psalm 23

Stephen Pishner

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life.

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Second Reading | Philippians 4:12 - 14; 19 - 20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance.

In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel | Matthew 21: 33 - 43

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.

He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.

The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

Nicene Creed

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.
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
Pilate,

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.**

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Preparation Hymn

With a Shepherd's Care

Refrain

With a shep-herd's care God leads us. With a fa-ther's
strength God guides us. With a moth-er's love God
nur-tures us and cra-dles us in gen - tle arms.

Verses

1. When we are lost and can - not find the way, God
2. When we are weak, and cares press all a - round, God
3. When we are scared and feel so all a - lone, God

cares for us and keeps us safe. For
strength - ens us to face each day. For
loves us and is by our side. For

God is our light and our faith - ful guide, who
God is our rock and our sav - ing help, who
God is our hope and our con - stant friend, who

D.C.
leads us with a shep - herd's care.
guides us with a fa - ther's strength.
nur - tures with a moth - er's love.

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Preparation Anthem (11:00 A.M.)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | Matthew Culloton

Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger

Verses



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered In com - mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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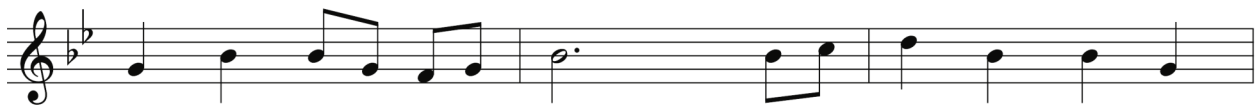
Tune: GRACE ETERNAL, 8 7 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Bob Moore, b.1962, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



him no south or north, But one great fam - 'ly
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the
 e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
 him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord Close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: Galatians 3:23; William A. Dunkerley, 1852-1941, alt.
 Tune: McKEE, CM; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

We Offer Our Prayers

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

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

An Introduction to the **NEW HYMNAL PROJECT** *at St. James the Apostle*



OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

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 online visit our website: stjamesge.org/

–OR–

email Dan Sledz, our Business Manager at dansledzcpa@gmail.com

–OR–

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



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

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > October 16 - 22, 2023

OCTOBER 16/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.
Ed Coman
REQ. BY RON & GERI GERWEN

OCTOBER 17/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Frank Lyne
REQ. BY THE LYNE FAMILY

Donald Pankros
REQ. BY EILEEN GALVIN

OCTOBER 18/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Ray Ecker
REQ. BY MELISSA & PATRICK BROWN

OCTOBER 19/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.
Annamae Davia
REQ. BY DON DAVIA

Debra Drager
REQ. BY DAN & CAROL WRIGHT

OCTOBER 20/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.
David Cassin
REQ. BY EILEEN GALVIN

OCTOBER 21/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.
People of the Parish

OCTOBER 22/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.
Cozzi Family
REQ. BY JOAN COZZI

11:00 A.M.
John Lavezzorio
REQ. BY THE GERWEN FAMILY

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

16/MONDAY	17/TUESDAY	18/WEDNESDAY	19/THURSDAY	20/FRIDAY	21/SATURDAY	22/SUNDAY
<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CH	<i>Cursillo Mtg</i> 7 A.M. SJH2/3	<i>Mass</i> 9 A.M. CH/ALL
<i>School Picture Day</i> 8 A.M. SJH1	<i>A & E Water Plants</i> 8:30 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Weds. Morning</i> <i>Bible Study</i> 8 A.M. SJH2/3	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>A & E Water Plants</i> 9:30 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Volleyball Games</i> 9:30 A.M. GYM	11 A.M. CH/ALL
<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Student Lector Reh</i> 11:30 A.M. CH	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Reconciliations</i> 3 P.M. CH/ALL	<i>School Auction</i> 10 A.M. CN
<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Faculty Meeting</i> 3 P.M. CIC	<i>Athletic Practice</i> 4 P.M. GYM	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>School Auction</i> 3:30 P.M. CN	<i>Raffle Ticket Sales</i> 12 P.M. CN
<i>Athletic Practice</i> 4 P.M. GYM	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Cheerleading</i> <i>Practice</i> 4 P.M. SJH1	<i>Volleyball Games</i> 7 P.M. GYM	<i>Seminarian Raffle</i> <i>Ticket Sales</i> 3:30 P.M. CN	<i>Seminarian Raffle</i> <i>Ticket Sales</i> 10 A.M. CN
<i>DuPage WW</i> <i>General Mtg</i> 7 P.M. SJH1/K	<i>Athletic Practice</i> 4 P.M. GYM	<i>Athletic Practice</i> 4 P.M. GYM	<i>SVDP Meeting</i> 4 P.M. SJH2/3		<i>Mass</i> 4 P.M. CH/ALL	12 P.M. CN
<i>A.A. Meeting</i> 8 P.M. FL	<i>Boy Scout Mtg.</i> 7:10 P.M. SJH1	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 7 P.M. SJH1	<i>Monthly PTO Mtg.</i> 6:30 P.M. A/M			<i>Senior High YM</i> 6 P.M. MC/ALL
		<i>KC Meeting</i> 7 P.M. SJH2/3/K				6 P.M. MC/ALL
		<i>Evening Rosary</i> 7 P.M. CH				<i>Adult Rec. BBall</i> 7:30 P.M. GYM

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
 Lk 10:1-9
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
 Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
 Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
 Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Wednesday: St. Luke
 Thursday: Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues;
 St. Peter of Alcantra
 Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Administration Ministries

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

October 7/8, 2023

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$12,113

Preserving Our Father's House: \$415

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$3,079

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: \$124,597

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$117,053

Balance Due: \$7,564

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$23,683

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.

Youth Ministry



Next week—GET READY—we are going on a scavenger hunt through the neighborhood!! Teams will need to find all the clues given and report back to headquarters with your findings! We'll then talk about how it feels when we are lost, and how God always finds us!!

Christian Education Ministries

RE Students Learn Fun Facts on their Church Tour



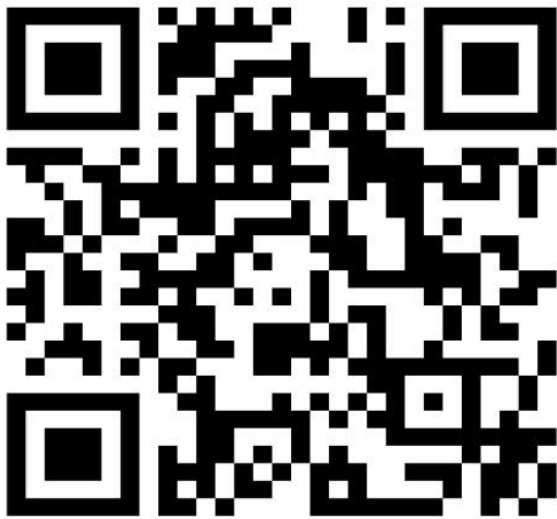
Last week the First Grade RE learned more about their faith on their tour of the Church!!
FUN FACT: St. James baptismal font holds approximately 100 gallons of Holy Water!!

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St. James the Apostle School
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

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Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as “Invest in Kids.” This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



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