St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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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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Monday - Wednesday:

Thursday Friday :

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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Sunday, January 14, 2024 | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

Many people make resolutions at the beginning of a new year. Such commitments rarely last throughout the year. We lose interest overtime because of distractions and competing priorities. Our faith does not need resolutions or a new year to be a priority. Faith is a gift no matter what time of year we find ourselves.

Pope Francis's Encyclical Letter *Lumen Fidei*, "On Faith," describes the Church as the mother of our faith. The Church nurtures our faith through relationships. The Pope writes, "Faith's past, that act of Jesus' love which brought new life to the world, comes down to us through the memory of others—witnesses—and is kept alive in that one remembering subject which is the Church. The Church is a Mother who teaches us to speak the language of faith." The communion we enjoy with one another and, most importantly, with God is facilitated by the Church.

Saint James the Apostle Church is the local expression of this spiritual reality. Simply, our parish is a local community as a part of the worldwide community of faith. As we begin this new year, let us see where we have been before we look to the future.

	Weekend Mass Attendance	Weddings	Funerals	RCIA OCIA	Infant Baptism	First Communion	Confirmation	School	RE
2017	1150	6	34	3	40	78	96	201	400
2018	1277	5	35	0	31	71	95	201	400
2019	1183	12	29	2	24	71	85	198	575
2020	401	2	26	0	24	67	105	204	425
2021	572	3	28	1	34	64	69	200	325
2022	667	8	31	1	28	64	71	229	353
2023	748	8	25	2	25	62	57	196	289

Data speaks for itself. As we can see, our parish has areas for renewal to ensure future vitality and longevity. Weekend Mass attendance declined by half in the last seven years while we buried as many people as we baptized. Enrollment at our parish school is a sign of hope; for example, the 2023-2024 academic year enrollment is 211 students for PK-8. Over the same period, enrollment in the religious education program declined by a quarter. Only nine adults have joined our Church through RCIA/OCIA in the last seven years.

Please consider making a permanent resolution to share our faith with your family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers. Do you want to be the last Catholic in your family? Do you want to be the last generation of Catholics at Saint James the Apostle Parish? The answer to these questions depends on your willingness to evangelize. A faith that is not shared is a dead faith. This is an invitation and an opportunity to renewed vigor in our efforts to evangelize instead of discouraging us about decline. We need to share our faith!

We Offer Our Prayers

Grace Stasi Abbie Jennifer Baker Mary Ann Bakes Dion Bernabei Enzo Bernabei Ali Barton Brent Benedict Karen Bijanki Jeff Brown Zach Bryant Daniel Burns Mary Anne Capron Raija Carey John Cassidy Rosemary Chacula Alice Condon Kevin Conrad Annette Cooke Chris Danly Charlie DeMory Tony and Sherry DeMory Georgianna DeMory LaVerne DuMond Mary Lou Fehlen Ivy Giuseffi Luke Halstead Emily Hand Baby Penelope James Carole Kaczmar Edward Kane Raymond Keevins Kayla Kenny Sharon Kestlar Patricia Klein Jaxson Knapek Mary Kohout Scott Landies Gretchen Laska Iulianne Lobocki Gail Lewellyan Johnson Rick Lewellyan Mary Lichar Tony Lindaurer Gaye Masnjak **Bob Maurer**

Mae Maurer Marite Maurer Dino Mazza Meghan Menconi Yvonne Pelafas James Pelletiere Samantha Pelletiere Olivia Pere Allen Tino Pere Toni Pereira Kathleen Pervan Raymond Prosperi Carol Raymond Yvonne Reno Jordan Richards Danny Riley Angela Rinaldi Elsie Rosasco Copeland Roseanne Jack Rudnick John Rudnick Rose Rudnick Carol Sandowski

Katherine Sanford Bobbie Saverino Jennifer Saverino-Bayne Mary Pat Schroeder Wayne Schroeder Nibbs Scully Tina Sheehan Dorothy Sledz Cindy Smetana Margo Smetana Billy Southwell Erin Sowl Danny Tapia Isla Trapani Colette Trepes Gabrielle Urban

Milan Urban

Laurie Valdez

Josh Will

Mary Will

Michael Zac

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to add a name on this list, please contact Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org and provide her with the name. Thank you!

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



Woody Lindaurer, cousin of George and Ginger Maurer

We Make House Calls!

-Communion for the Homebound-

If you or a loved one are temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to attend Mass, the St. James Ministry of Care can bring Holy Communion to your home on a regular basis. To have a qualified and trained St. James lay parishioner bring Communion to YOUR home, please EMAIL Rubi at the St. James Ministry Center: rubi@stjamesge.org

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.

To inquire about offering
Flames of Faith in honor of a loved one's intentions or

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in their memory, please stop by or contact Rubi at the Ministry Center, <u>rubi@stjamesge.org</u> or call 630

January 8-14, 2024

This week our St. James Flames of Faith are offered:
For Heath Cobb, Joseph Rudnik, and Karen Rudnik
Offered by:
The Malan Family

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > January 15 - 21, 2024

JANUARY 15/MONDAY 9:00 A.M.

Saturino Vale
MODESTA V. BANAL

JANUARY 16/TUESDAY 8:00 A.M.

Raymond Darin

REQ. BY TOM AND MAGGIE BOLEK

JANUARY 17/WEDNESDAY 8:00 A.M.

Ann and Frank Pankanin REQ. BY FLYNN FAMILY Kevin Potyen

REQ. BY BARB PAGOR-BESLER

JANUARY 18/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

Tranquilina Vale
MODESTA V. BANAL

JANUARY 19/FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.

Kevin Potyen

REQ. BY PAULINE BRIGGS

JANUARY 20/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

Judy Del Monaco

REQ. BY DEBORAH BORGE

JANUARY 21/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Helen Vopenka

REQ. BY YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

11:00 A.M.

People of the Parish

Patrick Finnane

REQ. BY DON & SANDY SARTORE

This Week@St. James

15/MONDAY

Daily Mass 9 A.M. | CHURCH Athletic Practices 4:30 P.M. | GYM DPWW Meeting 6:30 P.M. | Syhl/k A.A. Meeting 8 P.M. | FL **16/TUESDAY**

Graduation Picture Retakes 8 A.M. | SJH STAGE Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CHURCH A & E Water Plants 8:30 A.M. | CHURCH Student Lector Reh 11:30 A.M. | CH

11:30 A.M. | CH **Lunch**

Il:30 A.M. | SJHI/K Student Cantor Reh 2 P.M. | CH Kids Klub 3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM Cheerleading Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

Athletic Practices
4:30 P.M. | GYM

4:30 P.M. | CH ALL **RE Classes** 4:30 P.M. | RE RMS/SJH123

RE Mass

Boy Scout Mtg. 7:10 P.M. | SJHl

17/ WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CH Weds. Bible Study 9 P.M. | SJH2/3 Lunch 11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K

Faculty Meeting 3 P.M. | CIC Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM Athletic Practices 4:30 P.M. | GYM RE Mass

4:30 P.M. | CH ALL **RE Classes** 4:30 P.M. | RE RMS/SJH123 **K of C Meeting** 7 P.M. | SIH2/3/K

Choir Rehearsal
7 P.M. | CHOIR RM
Evening Rosary
7 P.M. | CH

18/THURSDAY 19/FRIDAY

Daily Mass

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

Basketball Games

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K

8 A.M. CH

Kids Klub

6 P.M. | GYM

Lunch

Daily Mass 8 A.M. | CH Lunch 11:30 A.M. | SJH1/K Kids Klub 3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM Drama Club Reh. 3 P.M. | SJH1 SVDP Meeting 4 P.M. | SJH2/3

4 P.M. | SJH2/3 Athletic Practices 4:30 P.M. | GYM PTO Meeting 6:30 P.M. | A/M AO of Hlbernians

Meeting 7 P.M. | SJH2/3

20/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg 7 A.M. | SJH2/3 Funeral Mass 10 A.M. | CH/ALL Reconciliations 3 P.M. | CH/ALL Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

21/SUNDAY

Mass 9 A.M. | CH/ALL 11 A.M. | CH/ALL Baptisms 12:30P.M. | CH/ALL Senior High YM

Senior High YM 6P.M. | MC ALL Adult Rec. BBall 7:30 P.M. | GYM

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1Sm15:16-23/Ps 508-9,16bc-17,21,23/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1Sm16:1-13/Ps 89:20,21-22,27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,

12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/

1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: January 18-25 Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity

Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Eucharistic Miracles Throughout History

Sometimes the veil between heaven and earth flutters, and God allows us a physical glimpse into supernatural realities. Below are some of the many amazing Eucharistic miracles that provide evidence for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Scientifically Confirmed

LANCIANO, ITALY

In the eighth century, an Italian monk had doubts while saying Mass. As he said the words of consecration, the host visibly changed into cardiac tissue and the wine became physical blood. This miracle has been studied by modern scientists, who have concluded that there is no natural explanation. DNA indicates the flesh is from the middle east, matching the genetics and blood type recovered from the Shroud of Turin.

The Waters Parted

AVIGNON, FRANCE

The Chapel of the Holy Cross had the Eucharist exposed during the massive 1433 flood. The water in the church was 4ft high, but the center aisle remained completely dry, creating a clear path to the Eucharist.

An Army, Defeated

ASSISI, ITALY

In September of the year 1240, the Saracen Army stormed the convent of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, now known as the Poor Clares. Though frail at the time, St. Clare carried the Blessed Sacrament before the army and cried out to Jesus for protection. The soldiers were struck with fear and retreated at the sight of the Sacred Host.

A Living Person

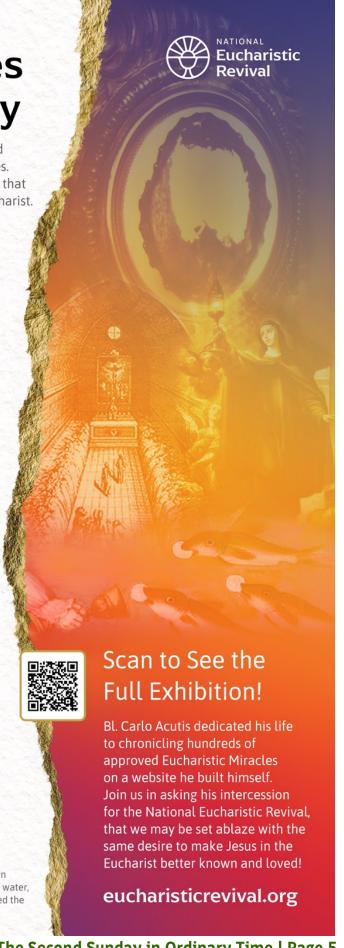
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On his 1995 visit to the United States, Pope St. John Paul II asked to visit the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary's Seminary chapel in Maryland. His security personnel brought in trained dogs to sweep the area. The dogs indicated that a living person was in the Tabernacle, and refused to leave!

Even Fish Worship Him

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA, SPAIN

In 1348, while a priest was crossing the river on his way to bring the Eucharist to some sick members of his community, he was knocked into the water by a wave, and the consecrated hosts were swept away! Horrified, he did not think they could be recovered. Some fishermen called to him from further down the river, where three fish suspended themselves almost completely out of the water, holding the precious hosts carefully in their mouths. One-by-one, they deposited the hosts back into the chalice and dove back into the water.



Eucharistic Adoration Schedule at Local Parishes

If you made a new year's resolution to prioritize your faith, attending Adoration is a great means by which to deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer. For some practical tips for praying before the Blessed Sacrament, visit:



https://hallow.com/blog/eucharist-holy-communion-adoration-prayer/#adoration

St. James the Apostle Parish

Glen Ellyn

First Friday 8:30 am-9:30 am

St. Petronille Catholic Church

Glen Ellyn

Friday 3 pm-10 pm

First Friday 8:30 am-Saturday 7:30 am

St. Michael Catholic Church

Wheaton

Monday through Friday 4 am-10 pm

Saturday & Sunday 5 am-10 pm

St. Irene Catholic Church

Warrenville

Every Thursday after 7 am Mass until Noon

St. Joan of Arc

Lisle

Monday and Friday from 8 am-5 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9 am-9 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Lombard

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Christ the King

Lombard

Every Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

St. Pius X Catholic Community

Lombard

Monday and Thursday 7 pm-9 pm in English

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 pm-9 pm in Spanish

Daily 6 am-10 pm in English



January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

Written by

FAITHFUL

DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today's first reading, he mistakes it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel required guidance because he "was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet." In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today's Gospel, Andrew didn't know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew then began to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, "come, we have found the Messiah."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today's readings how Samuel "was not familiar with the Lord" but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before "knowing," is a "desire to know." The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us - we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

INVITATION We are all called to a life of holiness. But it's not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction – a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord's voice.

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."

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 23/24

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$12,221.50 Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$2,970.50

Christmas 2023

Christmas Collection with EFT: \$77,579.00

Holy Family: December 30/31

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$9,500 Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$5,692.00

Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$115

Epiphany of the Lord: January 6/7

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$13,338.75 Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$1,853.25

Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$650

Your generosity it is needed and deeply appreciated! Thanks!

2023 End of Year Statements to be Mailed at the End of the Month

All registered parishioners who contributed \$50 or more to St. James the Apostle Parish in 2023 can expect to receive an end of year statement of contributions in the mail by the end of the month for tax purposes. Thank you!

If you contributed less than \$50, but would still like to receive a statement, please contact Rubi to request one: rubi@stjamesge.org

Parish Offices Closed for MLK Holiday and Morning Mass is at 9:00 A.M.

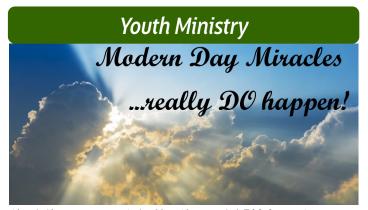
Please note that the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Additionally, morning Mass will be at 9:00 A.M., instead of 8:00 A.M.

Christian Education Ministries



News from St. James Religious Education

Looking forward to the RE students shining bright with Jesus in 2024!



Youth Ministry started the New Year with LEGO'S - and discussion about our resolutions, why they don't last, and tied all of that into reconciliation! THEN - this weekend we went bowling (pics to come!)!! Next week we are on target with a teen topic night of Modern Day Miracles! YM Moms - we have our own Girl's Night Out on Jan 28th. Contact Gina for more information!

Christian Service Ministries

Did You Get a New PC for Christmas?

Did you get a new Windows 11 PC/Laptop this Christmas? Many old PCs will not support the new win 11, so maybe its time to donate it. If you have a PC that has a 15, 17 label on the PC Win10, we can find a new home for it with local Catholic Charity family.

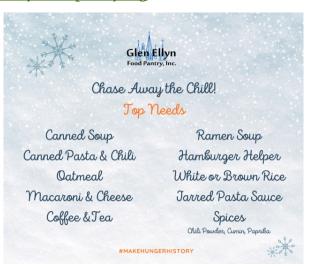
This is a way to empower a family in need, to connect with information that can help them. Each refurbished PC has links to help students with home work, links to

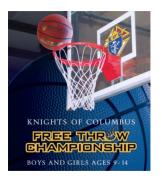


organizations and other helpful information. We request a \$20 contribution come with each PC so that we can include additional memory or printer ink with the transfer. We will clean the hard drive. Please include the operating system windows 10 key to help reduce our transfer costs. If you know of helpful web sites and APPs, send them along also. Contact Chuck Reiss 630-363-1865 or creiss@ameritech.net

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Top Needs

Non-perishable donations may be brought to the containers located inside each set of exterior doors of the church or dropped off at the pantry. For more information, visit the website: glenellynfoodpantry.org





2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Happy 2024! The annual free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, January 21st in the St. James gym. All boys and girls ages 9-14 as are invited to participate. Registration begins at 12:15 PM. with the event starting at 12:30 PM sharp. Please contact Matt Powers (217.553.7859) with questions. Hope to see the young sharpshooters!

Community Ministries and Events



Friendship. Unity. Christian Charity.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is opening a new Division in the Chicago Western suburbs, and we would love to have you on board! The AOH is a men's fraternal organization comprised of Irish (by birth or descent) Catholics in both America and Ireland. Our initiatives include local charity and service, fundraising, community building, and connecting ourselves to our Irish roots and heritage. We will be meeting on a monthly basis and have several additional events throughout the year. Members of the Order can even receive grants for Catholic school education and seminary education!

If you are interested in joining the oldest Irish Catholic Fraternity in America, we invite you to join us at our inaugural meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 7 P.M. in St. James Hall 2/3. Enter through Door 9 behind the outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact: Fergus Walsh at <u>Fergus.walsh@gmail.com</u> or call 252-290-7617



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