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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

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\*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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**Sunday, April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter**

# Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2024

## FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES



CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.”

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

*God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Recently, my “movie whisperer” colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, “Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!”

When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.

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# Hymnody and Scripture for the Season of Easter 2024

## Scripture Readings in Worship Hymnal

Second Sunday of Easter	W1081
Third Sunday of Easter	W1083
Fourth Sunday of Easter	W1086
Fifth Sunday of Easter	W1089
Sixth Sunday of Easter	W1092

### Second Sunday of Easter

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	
We Walk by Faith	W674
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>See Bulletin</i>
<b>Preparation Hymn</b>	
No Greater Love	W698
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	
O Sons and Daughters	W507
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You	W611

### Third Sunday of Easter

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	W566
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>See Bulletin</i>
<b>Preparation Hymn</b>	
Now We Remain	W764
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	
Eye Has Not Seen	W713
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	W953

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	W645
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>See Bulletin</i>
<b>Preparation Hymn</b>	
With a Shepherd's Care	W710
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	
Take and Eat	W940
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	
I Want to Walk	W585

## Singing as Gratitude

When we come to church to experience the Risen Christ in the Eucharist, we do not come alone. We come together as a faith community grateful for the gifts we have been given. One of the ways to express our gratitude for those gifts, is to lift up our voice in song and in prayer. Won't you join the voice of our community? Use the voice God has given you in prayer and praise. Our collective experience of the liturgy will be uplifted — we guarantee it.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	
Sing a New Song to the Lord	W629
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>See Bulletin</i>
<b>Preparation Hymn</b>	
I Am the Vine	W823
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	
I Receive the Living God	W923
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	W610

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	W642
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>See Bulletin</i>
<b>Preparation Hymn</b>	
What Wonderous Love Is This	W641
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	
We Remember	W938
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	
In Christ there is no East or West	W824




# Gloria


## REFRAIN




Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; glo-ry to God,




VERSE 1  
glo - ry to God, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-




dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry Lord God, heav-en-ly




To Refrain VERSE 2  
king, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,



On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the



Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;



you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God, the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.




A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.


# Psalm 118: The Stone Rejected by the Builders

Psalm 118

Paul Tate



The stone re - ject - ed by the build - ers has be -



come the cor - ner - stone.

The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*  
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## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

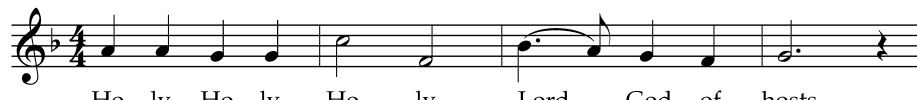


lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -




lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

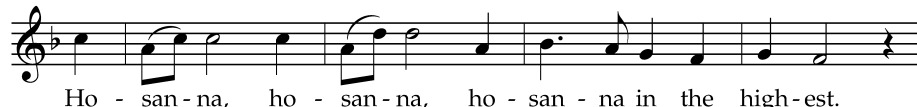
## Holy, Holy



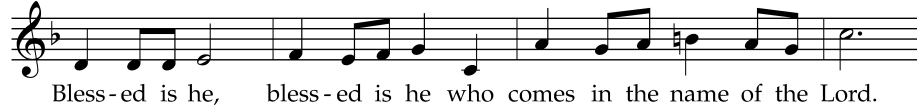
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.




Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



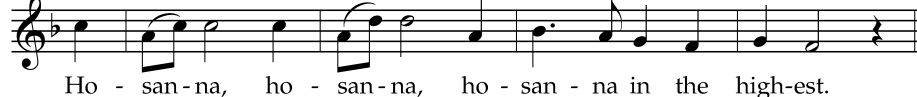
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Memorial Acclamation



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur - rec-tion  
un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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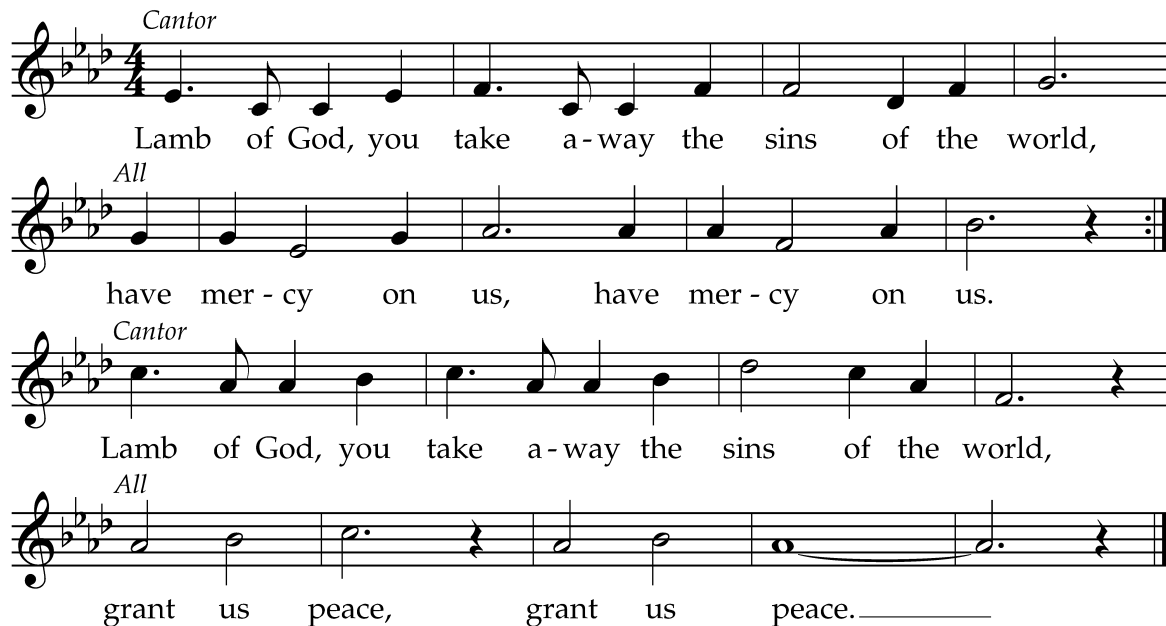
## Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men. 1. 2.  
men. men.

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## Lamb of God



*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All*  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All*  
grant us peace, grant us peace. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Stop Assisted Suicide

## A Better Way Forward – A Message from the Catholic Bishops of Illinois

Legislation has been introduced to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. SB 3499 makes it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose this legislation; there is a better way forward for our state.

Assisted suicide disregards the Hippocratic Oath, “Do No Harm,” and sends the wrong message about the role of medical professionals. We cannot say it any better than the American Medical Association: “Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks.”

This legislation brings a range of possible abuses. It should alarm us that in states with legalized assisted suicide there are documented cases of people being offered inexpensive lethal drugs to end their life rather than being provided more costly treatment. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy because they are the most vulnerable to abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide.

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, data show that pain is not among the top five reasons why a person wants to end their life. Loss of autonomy, feelings of being a burden and being less able to engage in activities that make life enjoyable are most often cited as reasons for choosing assisted suicide. A better way forward is to expand mental health coverage and strengthen social supports such as community programs to help those dealing with depression and feelings of hopelessness.

No one wants to suffer or experience a loved one’s suffering. Fortunately, there are effective ways to alleviate suffering or make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care. This relatively new specialty area of medicine cares for the whole person — physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually — to relieve symptoms and stress that often accompany serious illness or side effects of treatment. A better way forward is to expand the number of palliative care locations and services in all areas of Illinois.

## RESOURCES FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF ILLINOIS

Assisted suicide is not a compassionate solution for those who suffer. There is a better way forward that offers compassionate care and compassionate choices.

Visit [ilcatholic.org](http://ilcatholic.org) to find out how to contact your local elected officials to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.

There you will also find:

- Information on assisted suicide
- Frequently asked questions
- Prayers and novenas to combat suicide
- Webinar on assisted suicide

[ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide](http://ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide)



## Worship Ministries and Events

### Congratulations to Our New Altar Servers!

On Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 A.M. Mass, Father Keith will be blessing and officially commissioning our newest members of the Altar Server Ministry, who began their service in January 2024.

Join us in thanking them for their commitment to the ministry, our parish community and, most importantly, to our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.



Jacob S.



Abigail Y.



Joseph Z.

### Sing with the Resurrection Choir

One of the most moving and special ministries in a music program is a Resurrection Choir, whose primary task is to sing at funeral Masses celebrated here at St. James. The beauty and support the choir can bring to those who are grieving, is immeasurable.

There are no weekly rehearsals or attendance commitments. A mass email will be sent to you when a funeral has been scheduled. If you are able to attend, please plan to arrive 15 minutes before Mass in the music area in Church. Funerals are normally celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Monday-Saturday. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email Dr. Marc Brunelle at [mbrunelle@stjamesge.org](mailto:mbrunelle@stjamesge.org).

## Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > April 22 - 28, 2024

### **APRIL 22/MONDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

*Raymond Darin*

REQ. BY TOM AND MAGGIE BOLER

### **APRIL 23/TUESDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

*Evelyn Kennedy*

REQ. BY LOHENRY & GILLIGAN FAMILIES

### **APRIL 24/WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

*Ken Duffield*

REQ. BY BRIGID DUFFIELD

### **APRIL 25/ THURSDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

*Geri Nowakowski*

REQ. BY JERI BOLEK

### **APRIL 26/FRIDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

*For the Intentions  
of the Warman Family*

REQ. BY THE GILLIGAN FAMILY

### **APRIL 27/ SATURDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

*People of the Parish*

### **APRIL 28/ SUNDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

*Ray Darin*

REQ. BY GARY & BONNIE SCHMITT

**11:00 A.M.**

*John Kopaczewski*

REQ. BY THE MATUSIAK FAMILY

## This Week@St. James

### **22/MONDAY**

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CHURCH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

*A.A. Meeting*

8 P.M. | FL

### **23/TUESDAY**

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CHURCH

*A & E Water Plants*

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Student Lector Reh*

11:30 A.M. | CH

*Student Cantor Reh*

2 P.M. | CHOIR RM

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

*RE Classes*

4:30 P.M. | RERMS/SJH23

*RE Prayer*

4:45 P.M. | CH

*Setup Teacher*

*Appreciation*

6 P.M. | SJH2/3

*Boy Scout Mtg.*

7:10 P.M. | SJH1

### **24/WEDNESDAY**

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CH

*Teacher*

*Appreciation*

11:30 A.M. | SJH2/3/k

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Faculty Meeting*

3 P.M. | CIC

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

*RE Classes*

4:30 P.M. | RERMS/SJH23

*RE Prayer*

4:45 P.M. | CH/ALL

*Track Practice*

5 P.M. | GYM

*Choir Rehearsal*

7 P.M. | CHOIR RM

*Evening Rosary*

7 P.M. | CH

### **25/THURSDAY**

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CH

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

*Drama Club*

*Performance*

7 P.M. | SJH1

*SVDP Meeting*

4 P.M. | SJH2/3

### **26/FRIDAY**

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CH

*A & E Water Plants*

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

*Carpet Cleaning*

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Setup Hospitality*

1 P.M. | SJH1/k

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

*Track Practice*

5 P.M. | GYM

*Drama Club*

*Performance*

7 P.M. | SJH1

### **27/SATURDAY**

*Cursillo Mtg in MC*

7:30 A.M. | MCDR/k

*Reconciliations*

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

*Mass*

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

### **28/SUNDAY**

*Mass*

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

*Choir Sings at Mass*

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

*First Holy*

*Communion*

2 P.M. | CH/ALL

*YM Night*

6 P.M. | MCALL

*Adult Rec. BBall*

7:30 P.M. | GYM

## Readings for the Week & Saints and Special Observances

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

### Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	Earth Day
Tuesday:	St. George; St. Adalbert
Wednesday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; Administrative Professional Day
Thursday:	St. Mark
Friday:	Arbor Day



## We Offer Our Prayers

Grace Stasi	Gaye Masnjak
Abbie	Bob Maurer
Ali	Mae Maurer
Jennifer Baker	Marite Maurer
Mary Ann Bakes	Dino Mazza
Dion Bernabei	Meghan Menconi
Enzo Bernabei	Billy Metzger
Ali Barton	Yvonne Pelafas
Brent Benedict	James Pelletiere
Karen Bijanki	Samantha Pelletiere
Jeff Brown	Olivia Pere Allen
Zach Bryant	Tino Pere
Daniel Burns	Toni Pereira
Mary Anne Capron	Kathleen Pervan
Raija Carey	Raymond Prosperi
John Cassidy	Carol Raymond
Rosemary Chacula	Cora Reda
Darlene Chapman	Yvonne Reno
Michael Chapman	Jordan Richards
Alice Condon	Danny Riley
Kevin Conrad	Angela Rinaldi
Annette Cooke	Elsie Rosasco Copeland
Chris Danly	Roseanne
Charlie DeMory	Jack Rudnick
Tony and Sherry DeMory	John Rudnick
Georgianna DeMory	Rose Rudnick
LaVerne DuMond	Leo Sage
Mary Lou Fehlen	Carol Sandowski
Diane Fowler	Katherine Sanford
Karen Fuist	Bobbie Saverino
Ivy Giuseffi	Jennifer Saverino-Bayne
Emily Hand	Mary Pat Schroeder
<b>Vivienne Hansen</b>	Wayne Schroeder
Linda Jdrzejek	Nibbs Scully
Baby Penelope James	Tina Sheehan
Carole Kaczmar	Judy Silberhorn
Edward Kane	Dorothy Sledz
Raymond Keevins	Cindy Smetana
Kayla Kenny	Margo Smetana
Sharon Kestlar	Billy Southwell
Patricia Klein	Erin Sowl
Jaxson Knappek	Cara Sutherland
Mary Kohout	Danny Tapia
Kyle	Isla Trapani
Scott Landies	Colette Trepes
Gretchen Laska	Gabrielle Urban
Tom Lawrence	Milan Urban
Mary Licar	Laurie Valdez
Julianne Loboeki	Josh Will
Gail Lewellyan Johnson	Mary Will
Rick Lewellyan	Peter Wohld
Mary Lichar	Rosita Yee
Tony Lindaurer	Michael Zac
Sue Loheny	

### Parish Prayer List

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

## 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 call Rubi at the St. James Ministry Center, 630-469-7540, ext. 201 or email [rubi@stjamesge.org](mailto:rubi@stjamesge.org)

### Baptism Ministry Looking for Volunteers

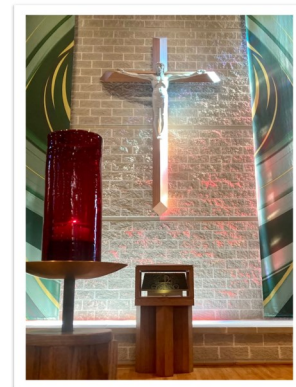
Are you looking for a way to serve Christ by serving others? Our St. James Baptism Ministry is looking for a couple of volunteers. The time commitment from you will not be that taxing, but the rewards of serving others will be boundless!



If you are interested in learning more, contact Gina Wiedman today to see what's involved: [gina@stjamesge.org](mailto:gina@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 *Flames of Faith* a loved one's intentions or in their memory, please stop by or contact Rubi at the Ministry Center, [rubi@stjamesge.org](mailto:rubi@stjamesge.org) or call 630-469-7540, ext. 201.

**April 22 - 28, 2024**

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

*For Evelyn and James Caruso*

Offered by: *Karen and Gordon Fuist*

## Administration Ministries

### [ STEWARDSHIP NOTE ]

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.

#### April 6/7, 2024

- ▶ Sunday Collection with EFT: \$13,312.72  
*Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$1,880*
- ▶ Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$2,570.05

#### April 13/14, 2024

- ▶ Sunday Collection with EFT: \$16,472  
*Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our surplus is \$1,280*
- ▶ Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$140  
*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 \$79,600  
Donor Count: 252  
Amount Pledged: \$98,352  
Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$79,950  
Balance Due: \$18,402  
2024 Rebate to Parish: \$245

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.

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*We extend a warm St. James welcome to our all who gather with us this weekend. We are grateful for your presence with us—it enhances our worship!*

### **I Once Was Lost, but Now Am Found**

Did you know we have a Lost and Found basket at St. James? Most random things we find in the church at the end of the weekend are placed there. The basket is located in the Coat Room across from the bathrooms.

### **Please Take Note of These Modifications Effective the Week of May 27, 2024**

We ask all parishioners to take note of upcoming modifications that will take effect the week of May 27, 2024 regarding our offices and schedule.

#### **Renaming of the Ministry Center**

The center of our ministries at St. James the Apostle Parish is the Tabernacle, because all of our ministries are centered on the Eucharist itself. Although the staff, desks and offices are essential to the operations of any parish, our spiritual center is the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, it has been approved by the Parish Finance Council to rename our current Ministry Center the "Parish Offices".

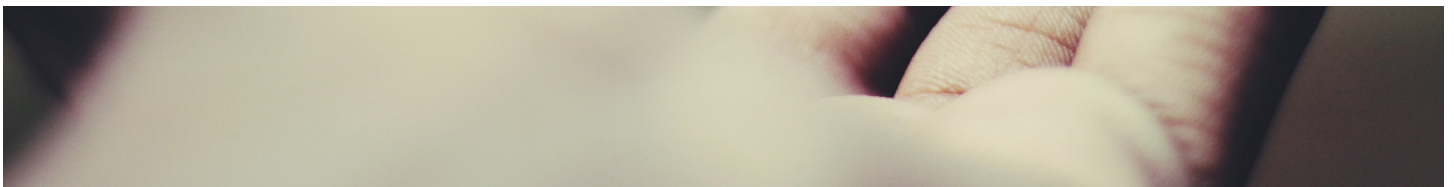
#### **Modifications to the Parish Office Hours**

Beginning on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, after the Memorial Day holiday, the new parish office hours will be as follows:

Monday	8:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Tuesday	8:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Wednesday	8:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Thursday	8:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Friday	8:30 - 12:00 P.M.



# Grow Lasting Faith in Your Children



## **Register Your Children for Religious Education Classes at St. James**

Our online registration for Religious Education classes for the 2024-25 year is now open. To complete your RE registration and payment plan, follow the links below:

### **STEP 1: Registration**

<https://forms.gle/78DuuszMwoWnSXDE8>

### **STEP 2: Payment Plan**

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4LLY6>

On the welcome page click the appropriate option:

- (1) 'Create a username & password' if you are a new FACTS User, or
- (2) 'Sign in' if you already have an account. Select the appropriate school year and complete the steps as prompted.

### **Looking for a way to share your faith?**

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist or Aide for Religious Education for the upcoming school year, please contact the Religious Education office.

Catechists and Aides receive fee discounts of 50% and 25% and can ensure their first choice of class day/time for their child(ren).



### St. James Religious Education Program

What's Your Secret Ingredient? With the help of our Youth Minister and bruschetta, seventh grade RE students learned that we are all different parts but one faith! All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27)

### OCIA at St. James the Apostle

OCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation with specific liturgical rites for seekers and inquirers.

These people are non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and/or baptized adult Christians who desire full communion in the Roman Catholic Church.



Adults or older children who have not been baptized and desire to join the Church are invited into the celebration of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. During this process, which is marked by regular gatherings, participants are introduced to the liturgy, the teachings, and the life of the Catholic Church.

Adults or older children who were baptized in another Christian denomination prepare in a similar way for the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist during their reception into the Catholic Church.

We will begin gathering nights again starting this summer. If you are interested, have questions, or want to know more, please contact Gina at [gina@stjamesge.org](mailto:gina@stjamesge.org) to set up a meeting.

## Youth Ministry

This week Youth Ministry will care & create for God's creation. We'll learn how to make the Cross of St. Brigid, blankets for pets, Starburst Cross, and so much more. Next week we won't have Youth Ministry, rather, a Girl's Night Out for the ladies. Our topic of faith is looking at some current issues & our faith's response to these issues. The teens meet back again on May 5th in church, where we'll have some young adults lead us in praise & worship and good conversation.



## Christian Service Ministries



### Let's Get Personal TOP NEEDS

Toothpaste  
Shampoo



Conditioner  
Deodorant

Hand Soap

Participants in the Glen Ellyn/Wheaton Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sun., May 5, will assemble bags of personal items to give to neighbors in need.

THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE PURCHASED WITH FOOD STAMPS.

#MAKEHUNGERHISTORY

### Glen House Food Pantry

Thank you for taking care of our neighbors in need. Your 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 food pantry's new website: <https://www.glenhousefoodpantry.org/>



## KNIGHTS CORNER



April, 2024

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

At the beginning of the Lenten season, I wrote a message requesting your support for the Glen House Food Pantry needs. In that message I referenced that we as a parish were hearing more about “doing for others” as a Lenten sacrifice rather than “giving up” certain things. Well, you answered once again, with resounding results! The St. James the Apostle Community, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Lenten Canned Food Drive, surpassed any earlier drives. Through our community’s concerted efforts, 1,014 pounds of food along with \$450 in monetary gifts were donated!

Last week, when I received this wonderful news, the Pantry Director complimented the enthusiastic Response by St. James and was elated by our parish’s generosity.

Please know that your donations helped fill shelves at the pantry, increased backpack items for students in need, and assisted funding to purchase costly meat, dairy and produce items.

On behalf of the Glen House Food Pantry, and the increasing number of people with food insecurity, THANK YOU! Your “good works” made a significant difference in many lives!

With sincere gratitude,  
*Christine Bollettino*  
St. James Representative  
to the Glen House Food Pantry

The Knights would like to thank all those St. James parishioners who helped to make our “Forty Cans for Lent” initiative a huge success. This Lenten collection of food for the Glen House Food Pantry helped to stock the pantry with much needed food for the hungry people in our parish community. We even had one parishioner who thought that their contribution “was maybe 41 cans.”

This Lent, the Knights also hosted their SOUP AND BREAD program. Bread, along with a meatless soup, was served after Friday night Stations of the Cross on three different occasions.

The Knights were also present for this year’s Confirmation Mass. The picture shows Bishop Hicks, Father Keith, and Knights Vinnie Romano, Jim Rossman, Rich Daca, Ray Klein, and Jim O’Malley who made up the Honor Guard for the Bishop at this ceremony.

If you are a male over the age of eighteen and would like to become involved in programs such as the above, then please contact one of the Knights to see if you might be interested in joining our council. The Knights’ sole purpose is to promote the Kingdom of God by involving men in parish, diocesan, and national programs. Come and see how you can get involved.



*St. James the Apostle Young at Heart*

# JOIN US FOR OUR MAY LUNCHEON & ENTERTAINMENT

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Wednesday, May 8th

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

St. James Hall: Enter Door 10

*Please park in North Lot on Park Blvd.*

**COST IS \$12 AND ATTENDEES WILL ENJOY:**

- *Lunch & fellowship*
- *A few musical numbers from Annie Jr., performed by the St. James the Apostle School Drama Club Members*



**PLEASE RSVP TO LISA ORWIG BY MAY 3RD**

**[lisa.mirabella007@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.mirabella007@gmail.com) or 630-559-5500**