

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

On the Holy Day | 8:00 A.M., 12:15 & 7:00 P.M.
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

CONFESIONS

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

CLERGY

(630) 469-7540

Very Rev. David J. Hankus, D. Min., Ph. D.
frdavid@stjamesge.org

Rev. John Sebahar

PASTOR
ext. 203

PASTOR EMERITUS

MINISTRY CENTER

(630) 469-7540

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www.stjamesge.org

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St James the Apostle Parish
in Glen Ellyn Illinois

Monday - Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Pat Mooney
pat@stjamesge.org

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

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

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

DIRECTOR OF
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ext. 207

DIRECTOR OF
YOUTH MINISTRY
ext. 208

PARISH SECRETARY
ext. 201

COORDINATOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS,
LITURGY &
SAFE ENVIRONMENT
ext. 205

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

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www.stjamesge-school.org

Office Hours:

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pkirk@stjamesge-school.org

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

PRINCIPAL

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE

(630) 858-5646

reo@stjamesge.org

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

AND DURING CLASS SESSIONS

Lisa Weesner
lweesner@stjamesge.org

COORDINATOR

Sunday, February 2, 2020 | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



Presentation of the Lord

If you have not already taken down your Christmas decorations, you should not feel too badly. At one time in the history of the church, the feast that we celebrate today, the Presentation of the Lord, was the day that closed the Christmas season. We have already entered Ordinary Time and the last few weeks we have heard the Gospel stories of Jesus calling His disciples. Today, we hear once again, the story of two disciples, Anna and Simeon, who in their own wonderful way, proclaim who Jesus is.

When Simeon saw the infant Jesus, he gave praise to God. He also prophesies that Jesus is to be a sign that will be contradicted and that a sword will pierce the heart of Mary, referring to the pain she will suffer as she sees her Son on the cross. Anna, in seeing the infant, gives thanks to God and spoke to others about Jesus. You might say Anna was one of the first evangelizers.

What happens when the Lord is presented to us? Like Simeon, do we praise and thank God for His love and presence to us? Do we acknowledge that all the good we have comes from God? How do we make a return to the Lord for all that He has done for us? Like Anna, when we witness or experience God working in our lives, do we go out and “give thanks to God and speak about Him to all who are awaiting His coming?”

Father David

Parish Library Open House: February 8-9

A few years ago with just a few books, the St. James the Apostle Parish Library was established. Today we have almost 1,000 books and CDs available to you for your spiritual enrichment. The library is located in the coatroom with a sign out book. We work on the “honor system” and no late fees are charged! During the weekend of February 8-9, which is also Hospitality Weekend, members of our library committee will be present to answer any questions you may have regarding the library and materials. Please stop by and see what we have!

It's time for the women of St. James Parish to nominate a Woman of the Year 2020!

Since the mid 1970's it has been a tradition to honor a woman of St. James Parish as Woman of the Year. The 43rd Annual Woman of the Year Mass and Reception will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 25th with Rev. John Sebahar, Spiritual Advisor of the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (and our St. James Pastor Emeritus) along with many priests of the diocese. Women from all over our diocese gather and the Women of the Year are presented a certificate during the Mass. Those women of our parish who were chosen in the past are listed below. We thank each of them for sharing their gift of faith, their energizing spirit and time in ministry.

(*denotes—May she rest in peace)



The St. James the Apostle Council of Catholic Women Woman of the Year, 1981-2019

Lisa Gilligan, Carrie Budisch, Marie Kohler, Peggy Ann Pyle, Maureen Oloffson, Jeanne Gensler, Monica Padera, Patricia Shanley*, Doris Barrera, Mary Dandurand, Fern Spinosa*, Peg Kolinski, Jane Yasek, Jane Wiedmeyer, Patty Stefanski, Arlene Kelly, Julie Ann Read, Cindy Grady, Georgean Minogue, Mary Pat Hamilton, Ginny Lucarelli, Lorraine Schuller, Susan Birns, Elaine Daschler, Harriet Kulovits, Sister Kathleen LaPlume, Gale Bieniek, Karen Kelly & Kathy Mansfield, Donna Franke, Deb Drager, Kay Andre & Sharon Schapker, Gail Lewellyan-Johnson, Lynn Steffel, Carol Wright, Mary Ellen Finnane, Sister Irene Jasien, Gail Hoppe, Marian Nevis, Margaret Haiser.

Prior to 1981: our records are incomplete, but we found that we did honor: Jeri Bolek, Marge Giangreggo* and Karen Pugliese.

Since every woman of St. James the Apostle Parish is considered a member of our Council of Catholic Women, we ask each of you to please prayerfully consider whom you wish to nominate the honor of being our 2020 Woman of the Year. Criteria to use when selecting that woman should be:

- 1) Serves our church community in ways that surpass the usual and uniquely raises the bar;
- 2) Demonstrates Christian love and behaves in unselfish ways;
- 3) Performs works of charity;
- 4) Has a reverence for life;
- 5) Has a great impact on your life of faith; *and*
- 6) Is a registered member of St. James the Apostle Parish and *supports the works of CCW***

I nominate:

State her involvement at St. James Parish and why you feel she should be nominated:

(You may attach a letter with this information.)

Submitted by:

Phone Number:

Please send your completed form in by Sunday, March 9th. Please place it in an envelope, label it: Woman of the Year 2020, and or simply drop it in the collection basket or at the Ministry Center. **Please state her involvement at St. James Parish, her support of a CCW activity and why you feel she should be nominated. CCW Activities include the Advent Tea; Gift Bag collection for John Paul II Parish in Kankakee; Mother's Day flowers to the Homebound; DuPage Convalescent Center Monthly Coffees; Annual Collections for the Retired Priests of St. John Vianney, Sisters of the Sacred Heart is Lisle and the Wheaton Franciscans; Support of pro-life works in the diocese; Support of the DuPage Serrans or other vocation programs; Assist with CCW luncheon for parish seniors, assist with CCW communications and behind the scenes computer work.

We Offer Our Prayers

Nicholas Affatato	Jay	John Rossi
Olivia Aliga	Josh Hobson	Rose Rudnick
Antonia Ambubuyog	John Jackson	Colleen Sabel
Mike Asani	Gail Johnsen	Christiana Salameh
Jason B.	John Keating	Steven Salata
Jennifer Baker	Josefina Kellogg	Carol Sandowski
Enzo Bernabei	Michael Kidney	Natalie Jane Santos
Karen Bjanki	Patricia Klein	Sharon Sassone
Daniel Blum	Marie Kohler	Bobbie Saverino
Lydia Boyer	Alan Kurpielski	Ginny Saverino
Ken Bucheit	Lou LaBuda	Russ Schauer
Mac Arthur Butler	Peter Lajoie	Glenn Schroeder
Neil Carey	Frances Lang	Fr. John Sebahar
Michael Chachula	Joan Leakakos	Wanda Slupik
Rose Chachula	Robert Lenger	Cindy Smetana
Natalie Chavez	Felomina Lezada	Margo Smetana
Adam Chrzastek	Woody Lindauer	Marie Sobecki
Anthony V. Coco	Zosimo Lim	Dexter Sondrik
Agapita Collo	Todd Lohenry	Grace Stasi
Joel L. Collo	Mae	Joan Szabo
Maxine Coman	Fr. Art Maher	Mike Taurmina
Myrna Comstock	Mel Marini	Sheila Tomazewski
Bishop Conlon	Louise McIntyre	Maria Tomczak
Mary Ann Contafio	Louis Montana Sr.	Ronald Townsel
Annette Cooke	Leticia Moreno	Frank Trankina
Donna Cooke	Mary Motto	Fred Tsai
Rosemarie Cooke	Art Moxley	Nora Tsai
Nora L. Cote	Geri Moxley	Joan Turos
Frank Cruz	Joseph Mulcare	Joseph Turos
Charlie DeMory	Pat Mulcrone	Gabriella Urban
Georgianna DeMory	Jean Murphy	Andrew Ursitti
Tony DeMory	Fr. Jim Murphy	Zoraida Vazquez
Nick DiFruscolo	John Murray	Florencio Vergeldedios
Jodi Dombock	Nik Nguyen	Socorro Vergeldedios
Melinda Dragicevich	Ted O'Brien	Alexander Joseph Yee
Phoebe Fajardo	Edwin Obien	Rosita Yee
Mary Lou Fehlen	Karl Obien	Chok Yu
Mary Ellen Finnane	Peggy O'Reilly	Donna Wagner
Bernie Finnegan	Fr. John Ouper	Carol Williams
Sarah Fitzgerald	Carolyn Patterson	Ann Wilson
John Flanyck	Charmaine Patterson	Mary Winter
Johnny Fong	Patricia Patterson	Paulette Wolski
Alex Fosco	James Pelletiere	
Larry Foster	Samantha Pelletiere	
James Frasier	Toni Pereira	
Vanessa Frazier	Debbie Phillips	
Rob Fruit	Ernesto Pojas	
Darlene Galgan	Milagros Pojas	
Edward Galvin	Thomas Radic	
Dorothy Gonzalez	Roberta Rainville	
Don Michael Grabiec	Cora Reda	
Robert Gunter	Gabrielle Reese	
Susan Hagensee	Peter Regula	
Sharon Harbert	Jordan Richards	
Lucille Highsmith	Angela Rinaldi	

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the parish prayer list, please contact Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org or call her at 630.469.7540, ext. 201. Thank you!

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



Theresa Galvin

Rita Mary Lawless

Joseph F. Mirabella Jr.,
father of Lisa (Charley) Orwig

Worship Ministries

**HELP
WANTED**

The Altar Server Ministry at St. James the Apostle is looking for 1-2 adults to assist the Ministry Coordinator in the training of our new servers. The role of “Assistant Parent Trainer” is an easy way to volunteer your time to help get our children prepared to take on the role of Altar Server for our parish community. The commitment is small, so it can easily fit into your existing schedule. The largest time commitment would be during our server training days in March, which consists of two days, Saturdays, for two hours each day, 12-2 P.M. No experience is necessary, however you must completed the Protecting God’s Children program before beginning. Please contact Nicole Geissal, Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, if you are interested or would like further details. She can be reached via e-mail at ladyfair@comcast.net or by phone at 847-921-1753. Thank you!



Altar Server Appreciation Event

Sunday, March 22nd from 2:30 - 5:30 P.M.
at the Enchanted Castle in Lombard
Parents: Check your email for more details
in the coming weeks.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord;

Monday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Wednesday: St. Agatha

Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

2021 Daily Mass Book to Open

The 2021 Daily Mass Record will be opened on Monday, February 3rd in the Ministry Center. Office hours are 8:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Friday. During the initial period of the Mass Book opening, February 3rd-February 17th, no more than four Mass intentions per person will be accepted in order that all may have an equal opportunity for the available dates. In order that all may have the opportunity to request weekend Masses, we also ask that you limit your requests to two weekend dates and two weekday Masses.

If you are unable to stop in during office hours, you may mail your four intentions to the Ministry Center, ATTN: Rubi, with a check made out to St. James the Apostle. Please use the form provided in the bulletin as we need the date requested, the name for the intention and the “Requested by” information. Once the initial period is over, the book will be available for additional intentions.

Volunteers Needed for St. Joseph Table

This year St. James will hold its sixth annual St. Joseph's Table after the 11 A.M. Mass on Sunday, March 15th. We are forming a committee of volunteers to plan and host the event, which includes a procession with the St. Joseph statue, prayers, a blessing of the food and a meatless pasta meal served buffet style.

All parishioners who are interested in being a part of this worthwhile endeavor are invited to a planning meeting on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 P.M. in St. James Hall. Please enter through Door 10. For more information, please contact Lisa Gilligan: lisa@stjamesge.org



1) _____

Mass Intention

Name of person(s) requesting intention

2) _____

Mass Intention

Name of person(s) requesting intention

3) _____

Mass Intention

Name of person(s) requesting intention

4) _____

Mass Intention

Name of person(s) requesting intention

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

The Lord is presented to us as perfect and unconditional love. In acknowledgment of His gifts and blessings, how do we return to the Lord a portion of what He has given us?

The collection amount for January 25/26 is \$12,732.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed!

2019 Tax Letters

Please note that all 2019 Tax Letters were mailed earlier this week to any registered parishioner who contributed during 2019. Thank you!



Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the diocese, but also to our parish as well. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to Be Kind and Merciful to the most vulnerable in our community.

70 percent of any amount we raise over our parish goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.



Did you know our youth ministry program is GROWING?? We don't want you to be left out; especially for our Mission trip, Chicago Wolves game, faith nights, service opps, and so much more. First, be sure to get on our St. James Flocknote list under *Youth Ministry*, then visit us on Instagram at *stjamesgeym*, get connected on our GroupMe chat at *St James YM*, and like us on Facebook at *St James the Apostle Youth Ministry*. We are now also on Twitter as *St James YM@StJamesYMge*.

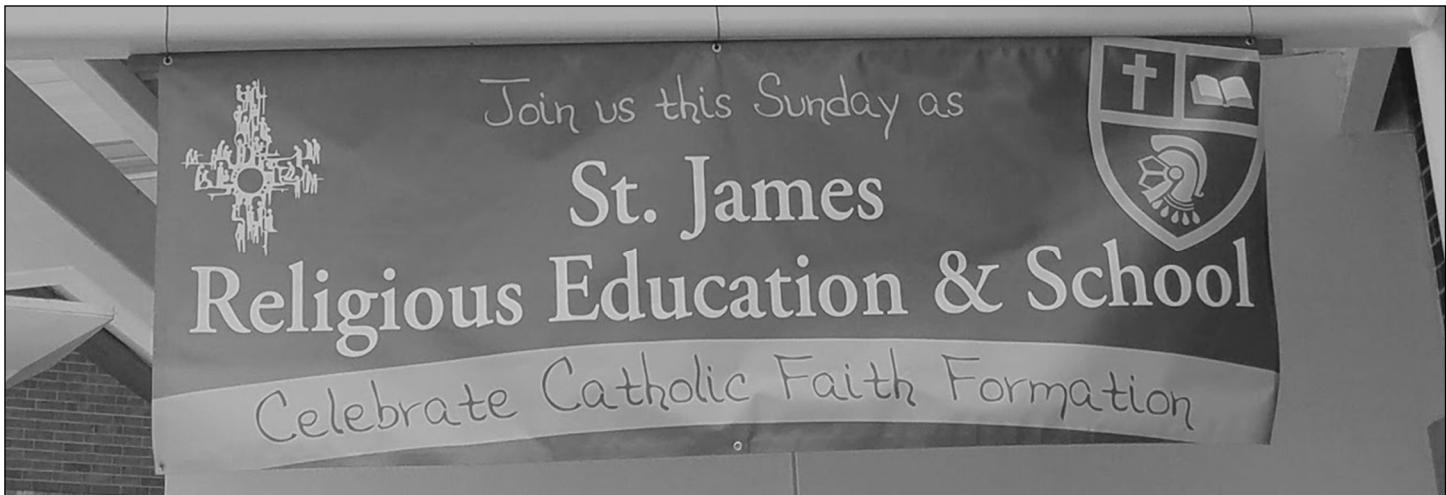
You can always contact our youth minister, Gina via email: gina@stjamesge.org or give her a call at 630-469-7540 x208 to invite her out for coffee!!

Christian Education Ministries

REminders

FROM THE ST. JAMES RE OFFICE

Please pray for our 1st Communicants who will attend their retreat this weekend to prepare for their reception of the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist in the Spring.



Celebrating Catholic Education and Faith Formation at St. James the Apostle Parish

Last weekend we proudly celebrated Catholic Education and Faith Formation with the students of St. James School and Religious Education.

On Sunday we hosted hospitality in St. James Hall where our students' projects for their academic fair, science fair and faith fair were on full display.

There was a Book Fair for all to enjoy, as well as tours of our school.

It was a blessed weekend to showcase the excellent Catholic Education and Faith Formation that we strive to provide to the students of our parish.

We are grateful to all of our teachers, catechists, aides and parents who together, help our children to become people of faith who share their love of God through their words and actions and make our world a better place to live.



Lord, may all the students and families of St. James School and Religious Education follow Your example and find You a companion and friend of all, present and active in their lives. Amen.

Christian Service Ministries

PLEASE Consider Helping PADS Ministry

St. James the Apostle is still in need of a Volunteer Support Coordinator for the DuPage PADS program for the 2019/2020 season. St. James hosts at 1st Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn, 550 Main Street, the evening of the 2nd Thursday of the month through Friday morning from September through May. The support coordinator's responsibilities include recruiting new volunteers and compiling the food and shift schedules. We are also in need of several volunteers to cover shifts and provide monthly meals. This is a great way to help and is only a once a month commitment.

Adult Volunteer Needs

THURSDAY EVENING/

FRIDAY MORNING SHIFT MONITORS

10 P.M. - 2 A.M.: We need three or four people

2 A.M. - 5 A.M.: We need three or four people

FRIDAY MORNING CLEAN UP & TEAR DOWN

6 A.M. - 7 A.M.: We need at least two people to help

FRIDAY MORNING LINEN DELIVERY

We need one or two people to return linens to Central DuPage Hospital on Friday morning

If you are interested, please contact Josie Mattern, DuPage PADS Volunteer Coordinator - 630-682-3846, ext. 3500 or Pattie Collins - 630-408-3731

Finding the Sacred in Scrapbooking

Come on Friday night, February 7th and join those finding the sacred in scrapbooking for fellowship in creating forever loving memories. We will meet in St. James Hall 2/3.

Enter through Door 9, located behind the statue of the Blessed Mother accessible by the Ministry Center parking lot. If you only have a few pictures we can help you get started. RSVP to rgitchell@aol.com so we can reserve your space.



ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Pasta Dinner

SATURDAY EVENING
February 8th, 2020

OPEN SEATING
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

WHERE
St. James Hall

COST
\$15 per person
or 2 for \$25

MENU
Salad
Variety of Pastas
Dessert
Beverage

wine & beer available for a donation for those 21 years of age and above

TICKETS FOR SALE
in the narthex
after Masses
February 1/2
or at the door



Knights of Columbus Annual Dinner



Sponsored by

Knights of Columbus

Council #9806

Your support of our annual dinner provides the Knights with funding to serve St. James the Apostle Parish and our local community.

These are just some of the programs sponsored by the Knights:

- Annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" to provide financial support to local citizens with intellectual disabilities
- Annual raffle to provide financial support for our seminarians in the Diocese of Joliet
- Financial support for our local military veterans in need of assistance
- Annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for students
- Annual Consecration to the Holy Family for parish members
- Annual spelling bee for grade school students
- Annual free throw championship for youth ages 9 to 14 in our community
- Rosaries for parish First Communicants and RCIA Candidates
- 40 Cans for Lent program
- Father's Day gifts for parish senior shut-ins

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 8, 2020
5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
ST. JAMES HALL**



WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Support our parish
- ✓ Give back to our community
- ✓ Grow in your faith
- ✓ Gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family

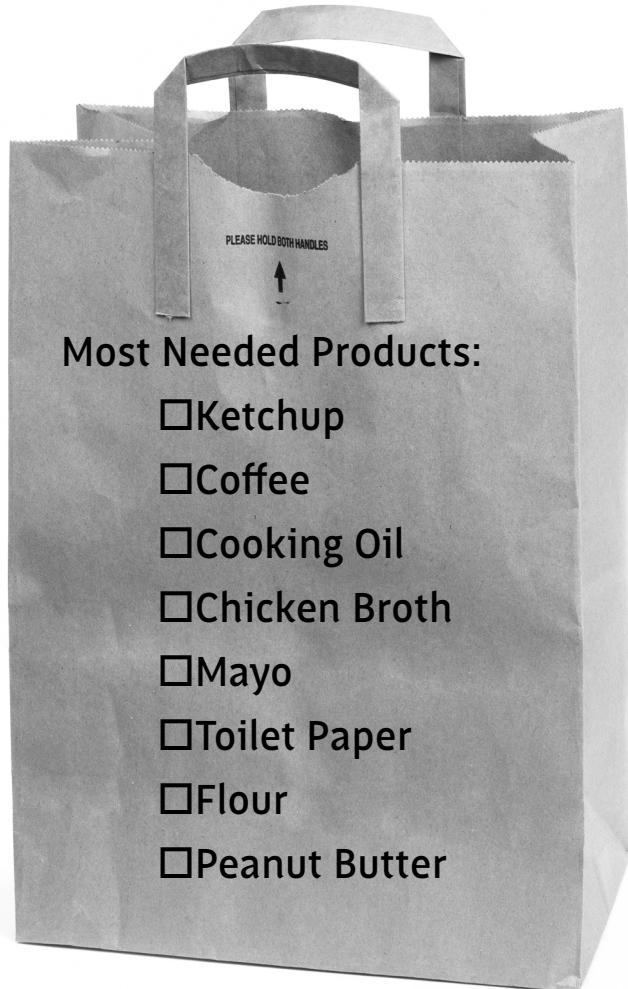
These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

Food Collection Month

February is Food Collection Month for Glen Ellyn Food Pantry

Thank you St. James members for your strong support which enables the pantry to furnish food to low income families, seniors, single parents, people with disabilities and the homeless. From the beginning of the year until November of 2019, 5,310 bags of food were distributed (18% more than were distributed in 2018).

Food donations will help fill our shelves. Time donations help assist clients, stock our shelves and enable us to pick up food donations from our local business partners. Money donations will allow the pantry to purchase milk, eggs, meats, paper and hygienic products.



Most Needed Products:

- Ketchup
- Coffee
- Cooking Oil
- Chicken Broth
- Mayo
- Toilet Paper
- Flour
- Peanut Butter

Food Items

Please see our display boards in the narthex for more information. Envelopes are also available for monetary donations which can be mailed to the GEFP or dropped in the church collection baskets. Donations of non-perishable foods may be dropped off in the Coat Room at church or brought to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry located in the Grace Lutheran Church, 493 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn.

Thank you, members of St. James, for your commitment and support in helping to feed those facing hunger. We pray God will bless you!

Quick Reference Facts

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH | 480 S. PARK BLVD | GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137

PARISH OFFICES | The main parish offices are located in the Ministry Center, located in the far Northeast corner of the Park Blvd. parking lot.

» Office Hours

Monday- Wednesdays: 8:30 - 4 P.M.; Thursday: 8:30 - 5 P.M.; Fridays: 8:30 - 2 P.M.

SACRAMENTS |

» Baptism Parents are required to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to their child's Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on designated Sundays at 12:15 P.M. Pre-registration for both the class and the Sacrament are required. *Please call the Ministry Center to pre-register at 630.469.7540.*

» Marriage Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made at least six months in advance through *an appointment at the Ministry Center at 630.469.7540*. Please contact the parish prior to reserving a space or your wedding reception.

» Sacrament of the Sick To make arrangements for a homebound person to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick or Reconciliation, *please contact the Ministry Center at 630.469.7540 and inform the secretary of your request*. Fr. David will be notified and will contact you to set up a time to visit.

» Hospital Visits If you should be admitted to any of the local hospitals and would like a visit from Fr. David, *please call the Ministry Center and ask the secretary to inform him*. If the person hospitalized is unable to call personally, an immediate family

member may call us. If you are aware of any upcoming surgery or hospital stay for yourself and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Father David would be happy to administer the sacrament before you are admitted to the hospital. *Please call him at the Ministry Center at 630.469.7540 or speak to him before or after Mass.*

» Funerals Arrangements for a funeral at St. James the Apostle are usually made through the funeral home you have chosen. They will contact the Parish Office to schedule a Funeral Mass. Staff members will then work with you to plan the funeral liturgy. If you are planning a Memorial Mass without the assistance of a funeral home, *please call the Ministry Center at 630.469.7540.*

EDUCATION |

» St. James the Apostle Catholic School At St. James the Apostle Catholic School we are committed to fostering lifelong learners to become the next generation of leaders by providing a challenging academic program rooted in Catholic beliefs. We offer classes for students from preschool - 8th Grade. *Please contact Paul Kirk, Principal: 630.469.8060.*

» Religious Education Program

The Religious Education ministry at St. James is dedicated to assisting parents in the Faith Formation of their child(ren). We build on the foundation of faith parents have built parents by being an integral part of the larger catechetical ministry of the Catholic Church. We provide

catechesis for students from pre-school through high school. *Please contact Lisa Weesner, Coordinator: 630.858.5646.* The Religious Education Office is located in the School, Door 1..

» Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry

meet regularly at both St. James. The St. James Youth Ministry Office is located in the Parish Ministry Center. *Please contact Gina Wiedman 630.469.7540, ext. 208*

» RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Persons interested in joining the Catholic Church and learning more about our beliefs and way of life, are invited to *please contact Mike Fitzpatrick at rcia@stjamesge.org*

GENERAL INFORMATION |

» Mass Cards Mass cards are available at the Parish Ministry Center during regular business hours. *A \$10.00 donation is requested.*

» Registration New members of the community are asked to call the Parish Ministry Center to register. Please also remember to notify the Ministry Center if you are moving out of the parish.

» Bulletin Articles New Articles must be submitted to the Parish Ministry Center or sent to *lisa@stjamesge.org* by 10 A.M. on the Friday which comes 9 days prior to the Sunday Bulletin in which they are to appear. *Note: deadline changes due to holidays will be printed in the bulletin or sent to ministry contacts through Flocknote.*

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2020

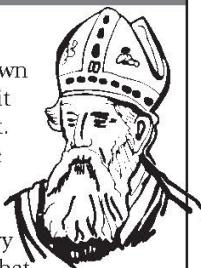
St. James the Apostle Parish

Rev. David Hankus, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Blaise

Not much is known about his life, but it is certain that St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in fourth-century Turkey, and that he was arrested for being a Christian. On his way to jail, he healed a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. According to one legend, the boy's mother also gave St. Blaise two candles in gratitude. Refusing to deny his faith, the bishop was tortured and martyred by the local governor.



Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10th). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The U. S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.



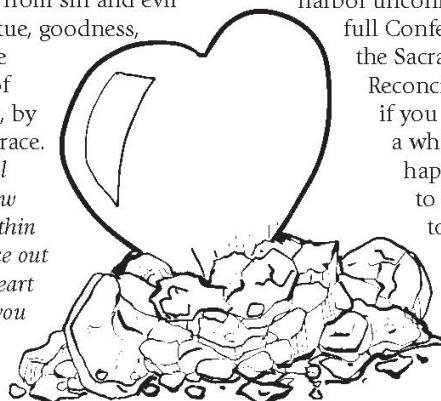
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Find your new heart during Lent

The root of the word "convert" means to "change," or "transform." Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness, and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's grace. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

A new heart.

God desires our conversion more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, he pursues and draws us to himself. Conversion begins by offering him our whole heart so he can remake it as his own.



Break the heart of stone. There can be no healing or conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship.

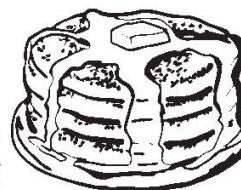
A new spirit.

When we have a soft and tender heart of flesh, we are able to receive God's holy will. Our new spirit requires renewal every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Fat Tuesday "Shrove" Tuesday?

Commonly known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been traditionally spent feasting (especially on pancakes). It is also called "Shrove Tuesday," recalling the tradition of going to Confession. The



word "shrove" comes from "shrive" — the English word for confessing one's sins and receiving absolution.

In fact, there was a custom of churches ringing the "shrieving bell" on this day. The goal was to start Lent with a clean soul and a repentant spirit.

Choose Heaven over Earth

Life on Earth lasts but a moment compared to our eternal life, yet we often let earthly concerns take priority over preparing for Heaven. If we put Heaven first, however, God will take care of everything else.

What is important to you? Make a list of what you do each day, from morning to bedtime. The activities that absorb most of your time are your real priorities. If it isn't in God's service, you need a change.



How do you make decisions? Do you look to friends or coworkers for advice? Or do you turn to prayer and Scripture for guidance? Resolve to take your eyes off of the world and place them on Christ. If we base all choices and decisions on God, we will never choose wrong.

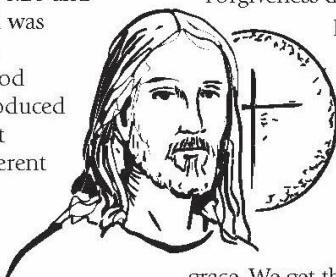
Do you trust God to make you happy? *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

from Scripture

Matthew 5:38-48, Forgive and pray

The ancient concept of justice – *"an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"* – is from Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21, and was originally meant to limit violence and prevent blood feuds. Instead, Jesus introduced a new approach, one that would bring about a different kind of justice.

Jesus directed his followers and us to *"be perfect,"* which includes being merciful. God requires our treatment of others – enemies included – to mirror his treatment of his enemies. As Christians, we are to imitate Christ, who forgave his executioners from the



Cross: *"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34).

Forgiveness doesn't mean letting the person get away with their offense. Forgiveness means letting go of our anger at the offender and entrusting the situation to God's care. We can't do this alone: we rely on God's grace. We get this from the Holy Spirit and also from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. By receiving the Eucharist, we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, who strengthens us to lead a more perfect life.

Q & A

How can I fit more prayer into my busy day?

"Pray constantly" sounds challenging but it doesn't have to be. Actually, busy days offer many great opportunities for prayer if we know where to look.

Consider these suggestions:
Pray throughout the day. Consider praying the Rosary on the way to work, saying grace before lunch, offering a quick *"I love you,"* or praying for guidance for important decisions. Even job-related tasks can become *"prayers in action."*

Fifteen minutes a day. Good friends know text messages can't replace being together. It's the same with God. He loves us and wants our company. Aim for 10-15 minutes of daily prayer. Thank God for your blessings, meditate on Scripture, offer him your day, or simply enjoy his company.

It's the love that counts. For her love and humility, Jesus commended a poor but generous widow for her small donation (Mark 12:43-44). Sometimes, we have little time or energy for *"good prayer."* Remember, what pleases God is not the elegance or number of our prayers, but the love with which we offer them.

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Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

Feb. 2 – St. Catherine of Ricci (1590). St. Catherine was born to a prominent banker. Against her father's wishes, she joined the Dominicans when she was twelve. She is known for her visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every Friday.

Feb. 17 – The Seven Holy Founders

(13th century). Seven Italian noblemen who withdrew from the immorality of the times to live in prayer, simplicity and penance. Their order, the Servants of Mary, was later approved by the Holy See in 1304.

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent. Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.



Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > February 3 - 9, 2020

FEBRUARY 03/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.
Jean O'Brien
 REQ. BY MIKE & MARY ANN FINNANE

FEBRUARY 04/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Alice & James Hull
 REQ. BY TOM & NANCY HULL

FEBRUARY 05/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.
John Halloran
 REQ. BY MIKE & MARIE MOUREK

FEBRUARY 08/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.
Hector Canestrini
 REQ. BY DYRDA FAMILY

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

03/MONDAY

*Daily Mass w/
 Blessing of Throats*
 8 A.M. | CH
School Lunch
 11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K
Kids Klub
 2:45 P.M. | KKRMS
Athletic Practice
 3:45 P.M. | GYM
DuPageWW
Business Mtg
 6:30 P.M. | SJH2/3
St. Joseph Table Committee Mtg
 7 P.M. | SJHL
A.A. Recovery
 8 P.M. | FL

04/TUESDAY

Daily Mass
 8 A.M. | CH
Plant Watering
 8:30 A.M. | CH/ALL
A&E Lent/Easter Planning Mtg
 9 A.M. | SJH2/3
School Lunch
 11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K
Staff Lunch
 11:45 A.M. | MCDR
Staff Meeting
 12:15 P.M. | MCDR
School Cantor Reh
 2 P.M. | CH
Kids Klub
 2:45 P.M. | KKRMS
Athletic Practice
 3:45 P.M. | GYM
Confirmation
 4 P.M. | SJH123/K
Interviews
 4 P.M. | SJH123/K
RE Classes
 4:30 P.M. | CLSRMS
BSA Troop 352 Mtg
 7:15 P.M. | SCHKIT

05/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass
 8 A.M. | CH
Student Lector Reh
 8:45 A.M. | CH
School Lunch
 11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K
Kids Klub
 2:45 P.M. | KKRMS
Kids Klub
 2:45 P.M. | KKRMS
Brownie GS Mtg
 2:50 P.M. | SCHKIT
Faculty Mtg.
 3 P.M. | 6TH/SCI RM
Athletic Practice
 3:45 P.M. | GYM
Confirmation
 4 P.M. | SJH123/K
Interviews
 4 P.M. | SJH123/K
RE Classes
 4:30 P.M. | CLSRMS
KC Meeting
 7 P.M. | MCDR
Adult Rec. BB
 9 P.M. | GYM

06/THURSDAY

Daily Mass
 8 A.M. | CH
School Lunch
 11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K
Kids Klub
 2:45 P.M. | KKRMS
Theatre Club Reh.
 2:45 P.M. | SJHL
Athletic Practice
 3:45 P.M. | GYM
Choir Rehearsal
 7 P.M. | CH/ALL

07/FRIDAY

Comm. Service
 8 A.M. | CH/ALL
Plant Watering
 8:30 A.M. | CH/ALL
Arden Courts Service
 10 A.M. | OFFSITE
Maple Glen Communion Service
 11 A.M. | OFFSITE
School Lunch
 11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K
Setup Hospitality/ KC Dinner
 12 P.M. | SJHL
Auction Event
 2:45 P.M. | K-3 RMS
Kids Klub
 2:45 P.M. | KKRMS
Basketball Games
 6:30 P.M. | GYM
Scrapbooking
 7 P.M. | SJH2/3

08/SATURDAY

Cursillo Meeting
 7:30 A.M. | MC
Usher/Counter Mtg
 11 A.M. | SJH2/3
Reconciliation
 2:30 P.M. | CH/ALL
Mass
 4 P.M. | CH/ALL
55th Wedding Anniversary
 4 P.M. | CHURCH
Parish Library Open House
 5 P.M. | COAT RM
KC Pasta Dinner
 5 P.M. | SJHL/K
Jr. High Night
 5 P.M. | MCALL

09/SUNDAY

Mass
 9 A.M. | CH/ALL
 11 A.M. | CH/ALL
Early Childhood Classes
 9 A.M. | RE RMS
Hospitality Sunday
 10 A.M. | SJHL/K
 12 P.M. | SJHL/K
Parish Library Open House
 10 A.M. | COAT RM
 12 P.M. | COAT RM
Baptism Prep Parent Meeting
 10:30 A.M. | SJH2/3
Sr. High Night
 6 P.M. | MC ALL
Adult Rec. BB
 7:30 P.M. | GYM