

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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

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<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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, September 22, 2024 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Welcome Our New Seminarian Intern, Christopher ‘Topher’ Otieno

My name is Christopher Oyoo Otieno, my friends call me ‘Topher’, feel free to do so because we are already friends. I was born on December 19, 1991. I am from the Western part of Kenya. My mom and dad are all alive and healthy; I thank God for that. I have two brothers and one sister. I grew up in a Catholic family, which has been very supportive to me all along. All the members of my family are in Kenya. I enjoy playing soccer and basketball, listening to music, singing, watching movies, TV Shows and documentaries, gardening and taking nature walks. My desire to become a priest started between the age of 10 – 12 years. I joined the Mass servers at my home parish and later joined St. Peter’s Minor Seminary for my High School education. While at St. Peter’s I started discerning towards becoming a Missionary Priest, inspired by my uncle, Fr. Daniel, who is a Consolata Missionary. I later joined the Consolata Missionaries in 2011. I went through missionary priest formation with them until 2020, when I discerned out of the seminary to figure out if God was really calling me to be a missionary priest.



I was lucky, by the grace of God, to get a job in 2021. I worked as a debt collector for a year and a half. Whenever I tell my friends about working as a debt collector, they always bring up the story of Matthew, the Tax Collector who turned be a close follower of Christ. I have no bragging rights to compare myself to this great apostle of Christ, however, working as a debt collector was not easy. I was able to work at the debt collection company for a year and a half, after which I left looking for “greener pastures”. I was lucky to get another job as a customer service representative for Call Center International – Kenya. This company was one of the outsourcing call centers, and it was doing so for several companies in different countries including the USA. I was lucky to work with one of the American-based companies, Shutterfly, as their Customer Success Agent. It was a wonderful experience for me.

As I continued working, I also continued with my priestly vocation discernment. Through my uncle, Fr. Daniel, I met with Fr. Clive, who is a priest here in the Diocese of Joliet and the current Pastor of St. Mary Nativity in Joliet. He linked me up with Fr. Steven Borello, the Vocations Director and as it’s said, ‘all is history’ and I am here today! I was accepted to join the Diocese of Joliet in June 2023. I came over to the USA in December 2023. I was assigned to stay at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Aurora where I stayed from January to August of this year, and then joined Mundelein Seminary for my formation in readiness for my ordination. I received a very warm welcome at Our Lady of Mercy, which made me feel at home. I had a wonderful experience with the Pastor, Fr. Michael Kearney and the Parochial Vicar, Fr. Frank Pusateri, together with all the community of Christians at OLM. After joining Mundelein Seminary, I was assigned to St. James Parish in Glen Ellyn, IL, as my Teaching Parish. I look forward to having a wonderful experience here at St. James. Looking back, I have learned that God works through the people we encounter. And with every chapter in our lives, God weaves grace into our struggles, purpose into our pain, and hope into our future. May God be with us all. May the Holy Spirit inspire us to the service of God in all we do. *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* (For the Greater Glory of God)!

Save the Date: Sunday, October 27th | “Welcome Sunday”

Invite One Person to Come Back to Mass

Hospitality to Follow in Sebahar Hall

At the beginning of August, Father Keith invited parishioners to invite someone back to Mass on Sunday, October 27th. In his bulletin article, he wrote the following:

“I concluded my homily last weekend by repeating Cardinal Tagle’s challenge to the National Eucharistic Congress: choose one person over this next year to invite back to Mass. We have an average of 748 attendees over the weekend out of a total of 4,777 registered parishioners. If everyone of the 748 regular congregants invited just one person to attend Mass with them, then we could have 1,496. Our participation could grow from 15% to 31.3%! Therefore, please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27 for our inaugural “Welcome Sunday” to invite your one person back to Mass and enjoy hospitality after the 9am and 11am Masses.”

On the next several pages you will find a helpful resource from the National Eucharistic Revival. It outlines practical steps as to how to begin to discern an invitation to someone to take a step closer to Jesus and their faith.



You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here’s a simple four-stage process:

- 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility**
- 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit**
- 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship**
- 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her**

STEP 1

Identify someone in a spirit of humility:

Prayerfully begin to discern whom God is calling you to accompany.

Before you begin the process of inviting someone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, spend time in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the person that he wants you to accompany. Consider going to Eucharistic adoration or committing to a period of silent prayer in a church to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.



STEP 2

Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit:

Pray for the grace to be able to accompany the person whom the Lord has laid on your heart.

Now that the Lord has identified a person whom you know, commit to pray for them for a specific period of time, asking God to open the opportunity for a conversation. Pray for any struggles the person might be facing with brokenness or sin, and for any obstacles that might impede this person from drawing closer to Jesus and exploring the Catholic faith more deeply. Consider offering a holy hour or a novena of prayer for that person.





STEP 3

Connect in Eucharistic friendship:

Look for ways to accompany the person you have prayed for, to build a deeper relationship, and to practice the art of empathetic listening.

Eucharistic friendship builds upon the dynamic that Jesus revealed in his relationships with the disciples and, above all, at the Last Supper—he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. It is important to take or receive what the other person has to share, to bless or lift it up in prayer, to let the Holy Spirit help break open an area for potential growth, and then to give of yourself in response. It is also important to recognize that this may not be a “one and done” conversation but is more likely to be a series of conversations and invitations, developing a real friendship with that person. Find an appropriate time to begin growing in your friendship, perhaps over coffee or lunch. Listen deeply for promptings from the Holy Spirit as you get to know your friend’s joys and struggles. Share with them some of your own.

Listen respectfully when the conversation turns to spiritual matters, including their relationship with God and questions or concerns about the Church, and reserve judgment about their opinions. Some people might be ready to discuss the spiritual life after only a conversation or two, while for others it might take more time.



STEP 4

Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her:



Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit to invite him or her to a concrete next step in fostering a personal relationship with Jesus and the Church.

It is important to remember that it may not be easy to invite a person to come to Mass, particularly someone who has been away for some time or someone who has had no religious formation. It may be better to begin with an invitation to a parish small group experience, a service opportunity, or a social event. For those who need healing or an experience of God's merciful love, an invitation to accompany them to the Sacrament of Reconciliation could be appropriate.

If you discern that inviting the person to Mass is the best next step, encourage them to come with you and your family or with a group of friends. Your invitation could be as simple as: "Our family/my friends and I always look forward to celebrating Sunday Mass. It is a source of strength and hope for us, and it reaffirms our trust in Jesus. My family/friends and I would love for you to come with us. We are going to the 10:30 am Mass at St. John Parish on Sunday, and you are welcome to come with us to Mass and to lunch afterwards. If you need a ride, let me know!"



If the person shuts down the conversation, do not take it personally. Maybe they are not yet ready. Follow up with a statement that keeps the door open. "I understand. Thank you for talking with me about this. If you ever want to talk about your faith, I am always here for you." No matter what the outcome is, keep persevering in your friendship and ask the Lord to continue to guide you. After every encounter, thank God for the conversations that you have been having and remember to keep this person in your prayers.

We Offer Our Prayers

Please Pray for:

Donna Adler
John Hyde
Robert Nowakowski
Maria Rodgers
Mary Will

Guidelines for Our Parish Prayer List

- 1) Persons may be added to the prayer list for a time period of two weeks.
- 2) After two weeks have passed, the name will be removed from the list.
- 3) After a time period of three months, you may request the person be added again for another two week period.
- 4) If you prefer to pray from a more comprehensive list, we encourage you to visit our comprehensive prayer list on our website:

<https://stjamesge.org/our-comprehensive-parish-prayer-list/>



We Make House Calls!

—Communion for the Homebound—

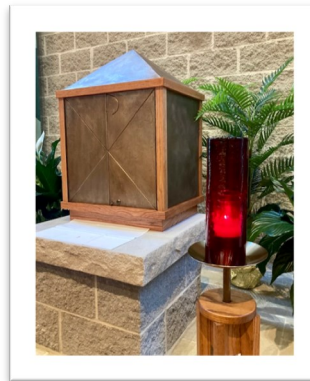
If you or a loved one are temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to attend Mass, the St. James Ministry of Care can bring Holy Communion to your home on a regular basis. To have a qualified and trained St. James lay parishioner bring Communion to YOUR home, please call Rubi at the St. James Ministry Center, 630-469-7540, ext. 201 or email rubi@stjamesge.org

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



Joseph Dispensa, Jr.,
husband of Marie

Joseph L. Sheehan,
father of Maureen and Tim



ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH *Flames of Faith*

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor.

September 23-29, 2024

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

For the Intentions of Bob Galgan

Requested by: Phyllis Sansone

What is a Mass Intention?

If you do not yet already know, you can request a Mass to be said for a particular intention! This is most often for the repose of the soul of a beloved family member or friend, but it can also be for living people (*such as on a birthday, or an anniversary, or for healing, or just because they could use the prayers*). The stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10. You can simply call or stop by the Parish Office, and our Parish Secretary, Rubi, would love to assist you in scheduling such a Mass!

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > September 23 - 29, 2024

SEPTEMBER 23/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

Giving Thanks

REQ. BY STEVE & JUDY GAWRON

SEPTEMBER 24/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Int. of David & Polly Rausch on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary

REQ. BY THE PUGLIESE FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 25/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Marian Keefe

REQ. BY MICHAEL & CARLA SCALZO

SEPTEMBER 26/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

Paily T. Puram

REQ. BY FRANCIS MOOLAYIL

Rebecca Lasek

REQ. BY NANCY ARANGO

SEPTEMBER 27/FRIDAY

4:00 P.M.

Janie Froncek

REQ. BY JOAN FRONCEK

SEPTEMBER 28/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

Rich Hallman

REQ. BY CAROL HALLMAN & FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 29/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Lawrence Runnion

REQ. BY FR. KEITH & ST. JAMES FAMILY

People of the Parish

11:00 A.M.

Beatrice Neurauter

REQ. BY THE NEURAUTER FAMILY

This Week@St. James

23/MONDAY*

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Cheerleading

Practice

3 P.M. | SBH123

Volleyball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FR. BILL CULLEN!

24/TUESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Lector Rehearsal

12:20 P.M. | CH

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Volleyball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

RE Prayer

4:30 P.M. | CH/ALL

RE Classes

4:30 P.M. | RERMS/

SBH123

Boy Scout Mtg.

7:10 P.M. | SBH1

25/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Young at Heart

Luncheon & Event

12 P.M. | SBH1/K

Faculty Meeting

3 P.M. | SBH2/3

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Volleyball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

RE Prayer

4:30 P.M. | CH/ALL

RE Classes

4:30 P.M. | RERMS/

SBH123

Evening Rosary

7 P.M. | CH

26//THURSDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH/ALL

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Drama Club Reh.

3 P.M. | SBH1

Volleyball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

Volleyball Games

6:30 P.M. | GYM

AOH Mtg.

7 P.M. | SBH2/3

27/FRIDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

A & E Water Plants

9:30 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Volleyball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

Volleyball Games

5:30 P.M. | GYM

28/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg

7:30 A.M. | SBH2/3

Drama Club Reh.

8 A.M. | SBH1

Reconciliations

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

29/SUNDAY

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

Hospitality

10 A.M. | SBH1/K

12 P.M. | SBH1/K

SJA Ath. Event

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

Adult Rec. BBall

7:30 P.M. | GYM

WE WISH FR. BILL CULLEN A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Readings for the Week | Saints and Special Observances

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/ Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4/ Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17/ Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio)
Thursday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damien
Friday:	St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday:	St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Sunday:	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Pray,
Hope
and
Don't Worry



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Worship Ministries



The St. James the Apostle Altar Server Ministry Needs You!

- **Are you a current student in 5th - 8th grade?**
- **Do you attend St. James School or R.E.?**

Then we want **YOU** to join us in serving at the Altar of our Lord as an Altar Server! We are in need of faith-filled kids to help us continue building up this important ministry of service!

Fr. Keith and Mrs. Geissal, our Coordinator, will be speaking to all 5th through 8th grade students during school and R.E hours over the next couple of weeks. Please keep your eyes out for registration forms and training dates in the weeks to come.

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

Anointing of the Sick

**COMMUNAL CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 5:30 PM**

The communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick is a good practice in that it unites the community to pray for its sick members. Anointing of the Sick can be administered to any Catholic who has reached the age of reason and is awaiting serious surgery, suffers from serious illness or is weakened by old age or affected by some serious forms of mental illness.

Please save the date to join us in the church on Saturday, October 19th at 5:30 P.M. for our next communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.



Administration Ministries

Stewardship Report

September 14/15, 2024

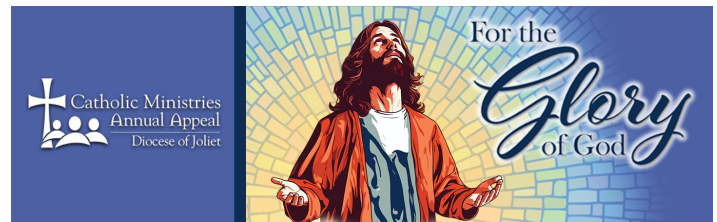
➤ Sunday Collection with EFT: \$22,031.30

Our weekly budget is \$17,115; our surplus is \$4,916.30

➤ Preserving Our Father's House w/EFT: \$1,907

➤ Tuition Assistance Collection: \$2,460

Thank you to our parishioners for continuing to be good stewards. As you try to live within your household budget, please consider helping St. James live within theirs.



CMAA: Your Gift Makes a Difference!

An Update on Our Parish Progress

Our Parish Goal is \$79,600

Donor Count: 294

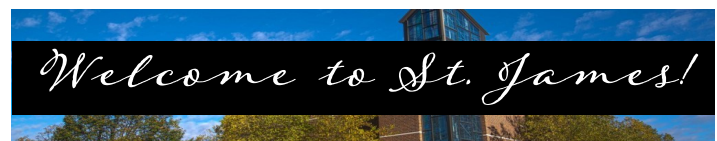
Amount Pledged: \$115,303

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$108,418

Balance Due: \$6,885

2024 Rebate to Parish: \$20,173

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!



We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. James to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you would like to register as a new parishioner, you can either stop by the Parish Office for more information or visit our website to download a fillable registration form: <https://stjamesge.org/become-a-member-of-st-james/>

We would love you to join our St. James family!



Formerly Glen Ellyn Food Pantry

Thank You from the Glen House Food Pantry

September 2024

Dear St. James Parishioners,

Once again, you have proven to be such ardent supporters for those in need! In August, which is the “Back to School” campaign to support the Glen House Food Pantry, you rallied with an outstanding response! St. James Parish collected and donated 581 pounds of food along with \$800 in generous contributions! The timing of this “Back to School” campaign is significant as it involves requests for needs associated with this important time of year.

As I stated in my letter of request, we are seeing some positive changes in the economy, however, the pantry is experiencing a record number of clients over last year’s totals! Your generosity truly is a blessing to those clients that rely on the pantry weekly to sustain their family’s needs.

The Glen House Food Pantry has just celebrated a year in our new location at 55 Park Avenue, Glen Ellyn. You are always welcome to visit, or inquire about volunteering. Whatever assistance you have given or can offer, helps to ease the burdens for members of our community at risk.

Please continue to drop off contributions in the bins at the entrance doors. Your generosity is SO greatly appreciated!

With sincere gratitude and blessings for your assistance,

Christine Bollettino

Parishioner and Glen Ellyn Pantry Board Member



St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #9806 will be soliciting funds outside the church after all Masses this weekend as part of their ID/Tootsie Roll Drive. All proceeds from this event go to support programs that assist the Intellectually Disabled (ID) in our community and throughout the state. Thank you for your support!

Glen House Food Pantry Top Needs

Thank you for taking care of our neighbors in need. For more information, about this week’s top needs, visit the food pantry’s website: <https://www.glenhousefoodpantry.org/>

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.

Unfortunately, donations of unused food containers and plastic utensils cannot be accepted by the Glen House Food Pantry. Thank you for your understanding and support.

