

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.

Learn more at:
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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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Monday - Thursday	8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
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Sunday, November 24, 2024 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

Many Americans will gather with their family and friends on Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving. Our civic holiday has religious origins even before the Pilgrims celebrated the generosity of local native tribes and their faith in God. Abraham Lincoln established the civic commemoration of Thanksgiving during the Civil War explicitly to encourage gratitude to God. His proclamation acknowledged the “gracious gifts of the Highest God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.” Unfortunately, our society has distanced itself from both the grateful purpose and religious meaning of Thanksgiving.

Corporatist consumerism has diminished the significance of Thanksgiving by encroaching on the day itself with unrestrained consumerism. The night before Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for alcohol sales even more than New Years Eve. Black Friday deals for shopping interrupt family dinners. Small Business Saturday promotes local shopping after Black Friday. Cyber Monday advertises online shopping. The advertising sprint ends with Giving Tuesday for charities. How do we reclaim the fourth Tuesday in November for gratitude?

I encourage every household to include in their dinnertime two practices to reclaim the meaning of Thanksgiving. First, you can begin your meal with a prayer to thank God for the blessings your family and friends received over the last year. Second, you can invite each person to share one thing for which they are thankful. Scripture reflects these two suggestions with praise, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136). Gratitude is the beginning of generosity!

After Thanksgiving, my most ardent suggestion is preserving the integrity of Advent by avoiding the Christmas creep of music, decorations, shopping, etc. The Liturgical Season of Advent begins next weekend with the end of the Liturgical Year. Advent is not Christmas. We celebrate the Liturgical Season of Christmas from Christmas Eve (December 24, 2024) through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 7, 2025) with some European cultures continuing until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2, 2025). Once again, Advent is not Christmas.

Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas by penance much like Lent penitentially prepares for Easter. If you feel inspired to reclaim the meaning of Advent, then I invite you to join us for our Advent events listed in next weekend’s bulletin. Please save this schedule as a reminder throughout December. In particular, I invite you to attend the **Advent Holy Hours on Thursday, December 5 and 12 at 7pm with Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**. Additionally, please mark your calendars for **Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday of Advent at 4:30pm on Sunday, December 1, 8, 15, and 22**.

As an aside, I thank you in advance for your support of the Seminarian Endowment for the Diocese of Joliet. We are blessed to welcome seminarian Joshua Solarz at all the Masses this weekend to speak about his vocation story. Your generosity directly impacts the future of our Church by supporting the formation of future priests. He will be speaking after Communion. Please extend to Josh a warm welcome. Long live Christ the King!

Christmas Basket Program



We are thrilled to announce this is the 60th year of the St. James the Apostle Christmas Basket Program benefitting our DuPage County neighbors who are served by Catholic Charities, as well as by our St. James St. Vincent DePaul Society!

It is our hope you will consider adopting a family for Christmas. Our goal is to serve over 200 families again for Christmas of 2024. Family selection will begin the first weekend of November, and will continue throughout that month until all families are claimed.

We invite you to get creative this year and think about possibilities outside the box. Have you even considered joining with members of your book club, scouting troop, workplace or extended family to adopt a large family together? 2024 may be the right year to begin this kind of wonderful new tradition to bless others in our local community!

QUESTIONS?

Call Mike Progar
at 630-740-3025

—OR—

visit us at the
Christmas Basket
Program Table after
weekend Masses
beginning
November 9th & 10th



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Gifts are due on Friday, December 6th

We Offer Our Prayers

Please Pray for:

Kayla Castco

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/>

How to Add a Person to Our Prayer List

If you would like to add a person to our parish prayer list, please contact Rubi at:
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 arrange to have a qualified and trained St. James lay parishioner bring Communion to YOUR home, please contact Rubi at the St. James Parish Office: Call 630-469-7540, ext. 201 or Email rubi@stjamesge.org

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.

We are now offering the opportunity to offer these Flames of Faith burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention. The cost of the candle is \$30. It will burn for one week. The dedication will be published in the bulletin.



Please stop by or contact Rubi at the Parish Office, (630) 469-7540 or rubi@stjamesge.org to inquire about open dates and to obtain a card you may share with the person being honored or with the family whose loved one is being remembered.

November 25 - December 1, 2024

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

Ray Martinez and Prayers for the Martinez Family

Requested by: Chris and Cathy Raymond

Welcome to St. James!

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!

Administration Ministries

Stewardship Report

November 16/17, 2024

►Sunday Collection: \$30,740

Our weekly budget is \$17,115; our surplus is \$13,625

►Preserving Our Father's House: \$1,690

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.



2nd Collection: Seminarian Endowment

This weekend we welcome seminarian Josh Solarz who will speak at all weekend Masses. In addition, we will have a second collection for the Seminarian Endowment Fund. Envelopes are available in the hymn racks in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CMAA: Your Gift Makes a Difference!

An Update on Our Parish Progress

Our Parish Goal is \$79,600

Donor Count: 310

Amount Pledged: \$121,729

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$118,015

Balance Due: \$3,714

2024 Rebate to Parish: \$26,891

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!

Early Bulletin Deadlines from our Publisher

Our bulletin publisher has sent us early deadlines for printing due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please note all articles for November 30/December 1 edition were due Wednesday, November 20th.

Worship Ministries



We Give Thanks!

As you make your plans for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28th, we invite you and your family to start your holiday celebration at our 9:00 A.M. Mass.

Our offertory collection on Thanksgiving is the primary source for the outreach done by our St. James the Apostle St. Vincent de Paul Society all year long. Please be as generous as you are able.

Any donations of non-perishable food may be brought to the containers located inside each set of exterior doors of the church.

Our Parish Office will be closed beginning Wednesday, November 27th and will reopen on Monday, December 2nd. Please note that on Friday, November 28th, our facilities will be closed and there will be no Mass in the morning.

Limited Number of Advent Booklets Available This Weekend

Prepare your heart to welcome the Prince of Peace. We will have a limited number of pocket-sized Magnificat Advent Companion booklets available on a table in the narthex after each Mass this weekend. The booklet follows a practical, page-a-day format and features original meditations on each day's Gospel by one of twenty gifted authors. The suggested donation is \$5 per booklet and there will be a basket on the table for your free will offering.



2025 Parish Calendars Available Beginning Next Weekend in the Narthex

Beginning next weekend, our 2025 parish calendars will be available in the narthex. Each parish family is invited to take one home for your use.

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > November 25-December 1, 2024

NOVEMBER 25/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

Mary Ellen Finnane

REQ. BY THE HENSELER FAMILY

NOVEMBER 26/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Dorothy Sledz

REQ. BY ST. JAMES STAFF

NOVEMBER 27/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Art & Environment Volunteers

REQ. BY ANONYMOUS

Billie Cowan

REQ. BY MARY GLAUDELL

NOVEMBER 28/THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 A.M.

Adrienne McCormick

REQ. BY MARYANN OBLAK

NOVEMBER 29/FRIDAY

NO MASS TODAY

NOVEMBER 30/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

Anthony Rivecco

REQ. BY RICHMOND FAMILY

DECEMBER 01/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Bill Weirath

REQ. BY WEIRATH FAMILY

People of the Parish

11:00 A.M.

Ed Coman

REQ. BY ST. JAMES YOUNG AT HEARTS

This Week@St. James

25/MONDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Gym Floor

Resurfacing

8:30 A.M. | GYM

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

26/TUESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Gym Floor

Resurfacing

8:30 A.M. | GYM

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CH

Boy Scout Mtg.

7:10 P.M. | SBH1

27/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Gym Floor

Resurfacing

8:30 A.M. | GYM

Evening Rosary

7 P.M. | CH

28/THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

29/FRIDAY

—NO MASS—

Gym Floor

Resurfacing

8:30 A.M. | GYM

A & E Water

Plants/Staging for

Advent Setup

9:30 A.M. | CH/SBH1

30/SATURDAY

KC Blood Drive

7:30 A.M. | GYM

Cursillo Mtg

7:30 A.M. | PODR/K

Gym Floor

Resurfacing

8:30 A.M. | GYM

A & E Setup Advent

9 A.M. | CH/SBH1

Reconciliations

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

CBP Family

Selection

3:30 P.M. | CN

Crusader Cash

3:30 P.M. | CN

Dist. of Parish

Calendars

3:30 P.M. | CN

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

01/SUNDAY

Gym Floor

Resurfacing

8:30 A.M. | GYM

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

CBP Family

Selection

10 A.M. | CN

12 P.M. | CN

Crusader Cash

10 A.M. | CN

12 P.M. | CN

Dist. of Parish

Calendars

10 A.M. | CHPKLOT

12 P.M. | CHPKLOT

Advent Vespers

4:30 P.M. | CH/ALL



EUCCHARIST MEANS THANKSGIVING

Join us for Mass at 9:00 A.M. as We Offer Our Thanks to God

Readings for the Week | Saints and Special Observances

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle
 Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

give thanks

TO THE LORD,
 FOR HE IS GOOD;
 HIS LOVE ENDURES
 FOREVER.

Christian Education Ministries



St. James
the Apostle Catholic School

End of Year Giving Opportunity

Your help is needed. For the 2024-25 academic year, we have the need to raise \$75,000 in scholarships. It costs approximately \$6600 per year to attend St. James the Apostle School.

Please consider funding a child in need at St. James the Apostle School.

Make your end of year gift count! To give a child a Catholic School education at St. James, please use the QR code below or link to the Give Central website to make your donation today:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1441>



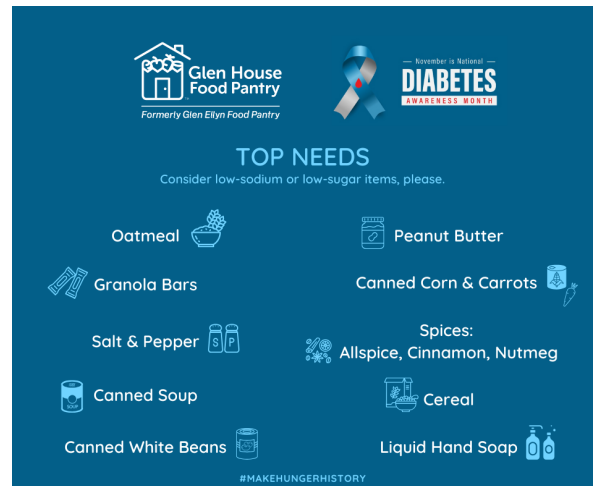
St. James Apostle School Mission

At St. James the Apostle School, we are called to grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically as members of our school, parish and the greater community.

By combining our Catholic beliefs, strong academics, Christian service, liturgy and prayer, we will become people of faith and lifelong learners who serve the broader community.

For more information, contact Principal Paul Kirk: pkirk@stjamesge-school.org
630.469.8060

Christian Service Ministries



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.

Buying a New PC for Christmas?

Are Is your PC/Laptop running Windows 11? As of Oct. 2025, Microsoft is dropping support for Windows 10 and many PCs do not have the hardware to run Windows 11.



It's time to donate your old PC. 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 in their language. Each refurbished PC has links to help students with home work, links to organizations, Google translate and other helpful information. We request a \$20 contribution come with each PC so that we can include additional memory, faster SSD drive 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

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

Fall Into Giving

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER**

30

7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Please bring photo ID.



Call (630) 723-2589 with eligibility questions.

**BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED BY ST JAMES
THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**BE A HERO THIS NOV AND DONATE BLOOD!
EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

St James Hall
480 S. Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn

Appointments appreciated; Walk-ins welcome!
To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code.----->

As a thank you, all attempting donors with a valid email will receive a \$15 e-gift card.



St. James the Apostle Young at Heart
**JOIN US FOR LUNCH & AN
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**Music, Memory and the Brain:
a Neurological Perspective**

featuring Mary Ellen Ekstam

CERTIFIED MUSIC THERAPY & DEMENTIA PRACTITIONER



Wednesday, December 11th

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Sebahar Hall: Enter Door 10

Please park in North Lot on Park Blvd.

COST IS \$15 AND PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

PLEASE RSVP TO LISA ORWIG

ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

lisa.mirabella007@gmail.com or 630-559-5500



*To all in the Diocese of Joliet,
As we conclude our anniversary celebration,
you are cordially invited to join us at the*

*The Diocese of Joliet
75th Anniversary Jubilee Liturgy*

*Sunday, December 8, 2024
4pm*

*Cathedral St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 N Raynor Ave
Joliet, IL 60435*

*A reception will follow in the Joyce Center.
Seating is VERY limited. Please respond
on or before November 18th.
by scanning the QR code*

*Reservations will be taken on a first
come first serve basis.*

