

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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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, December 22, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

We will celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Families and friends will gather together to exchange presents. Businesses and government offices will close in observance of the holiday. Even the pews in our Church will be fuller than any other day of the year aside from Ash Wednesday and Easter! People still remember Christmas no matter how secular our society becomes.

Jesus will be born to us as an infant. Divinity will humble himself to be born into humanity like us in all things but sin. We will acknowledge the infant Jesus as the Light of the World. The light of his birth will shine through the darkness of secularism. The lights adorning each home and tree will remind us of His light. As we prepare for the birth of Christ Our Light, I encourage everyone to consider these words from the late Pope Benedict who expressed this truth with a warmth and truth far better than my own reflection:

In this last week of Advent in particular, the liturgy accompanies and sustains us on our inner journey with repeated invitations to welcome the Savior and to recognize him in the humble Child lying in a manger. This is the mystery of Christmas, which a wealth of symbols helps us to understand better. These include the symbol of light... Christmas coincides with the days of the winter solstice, after which the daylight time gradually lengthens, in accordance with the sequence of the seasons.

This helps us understand better the theme of light that overcomes the darkness. It is an evocative symbol of a reality that touches the innermost depths of the human being: I am referring to the light of good that triumphs over evil, the light of love that overcomes hatred, the light of life that defeats death. Christmas makes us think of this inner light, the divine light that returns to propose anew to us the proclamation of the definitive victory of God's love over sin and death.

Modern, consumerist culture tends to do away with the Christian symbols of the celebration of Christmas... as we look at the streets and squares of the cities decorated with dazzling lights, these lights refer to another light, invisible to the eyes but not to the heart. While we admire them, while we light the candles in churches or the illuminations of the crib and the Christmas tree in our homes, may our souls be open to the true spiritual light brought to all people of good will. The God-with-us, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, is the Star of our lives!

I hope your Advent was different this year than in the past as you may have increased your prayer, adoration, and devotions. The more time you may have spent with our Eucharistic Lord prepared you for the Christmas miracle this week. On this fourth and last weekend of Advent, on behalf of Fr. Bill, Dcn. Steve, Seminarian Topher, and our Staff, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

OH COME LET US ADORE HIM

Celebrate Christmas With Us

–CHRISTMAS EVE–

Tuesday, December 24th

3:00 P.M. (*Church and Parish Hall*)

5:30 P.M.

10:00 P.M. | *Carols by Choir*

10:30 P.M.

–CHRISTMAS DAY–

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

*The Parish Offices will be closed
beginning on Monday, December 23rd.*

We will reopen on Monday, January 6th at 8:30 A.M.



Mass Intentions & This Week at St. James | December 23 - 29, 2024

DECEMBER 23/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

John Leen

REQ. BY LEEN FAMILY

DECEMBER 24/TUESDAY

NO 8:00 A.M. MASS TODAY

3:00 P.M. (CHURCH)

Int. of the Art & Environment

Volunteers

3:00 P.M. (SEBAHAR HALL)

People of the Parish

5:30 P.M.

Frank & Louise Salerno

REQ. BY PHYLLIS SALERNO SANSONE

10:30 P.M.

For all St. James Priests, past & present, living & deceased

DECEMBER 25/WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M.

Cozzi Family

REQ. JOAN COZZI

11:00 A.M.

Darlene Galgan

REQ. BY PHYLLIS SANSONE

DECEMBER 26/THURSDAY

NO 8:00 A.M. MASS TODAY

DECEMBER 27/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.

Cathy Gawron

REQ. BY GAWRON FAMILY

DECEMBER 28/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

Deb Drager | REQ. BY CCW

DECEMBER 29/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Antonio Caputo

REQ. BY CARLA CAPUTO

People of the Parish

11:00 A.M.

Stephanie Koziol

REQ. BY RICHMOND FAMILY

This Week@St. James

23/MONDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Basketball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

24/TUESDAY

Christmas Eve

Mass

3 P.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Mass

3 P.M. | SEBAHAR HALL

Christmas Eve

Mass

5:30 P.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Mass

10:30 P.M. | CHURCH

25/WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day

Mass

9 A.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Day

Mass

11 A.M. | CHURCH

26/THURSDAY

(Facilities Closed)

27/FRIDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH/ALL

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CH

28/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg

7:30 A.M. | PODR/K

(No Confessions)

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

29/SUNDAY

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

Adult Rec. BBall

7:30 P.M. | GYM



O Come let us adore Him

Readings for the Week | Saints and Special Observances

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Wednesday:	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Tuesday:	Christmas Eve
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Friday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday:	The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Sunday:	The Holy Family



Help fill God's House with *Radiance & Light* for Christmas 2024

CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME?

On Sunday, December 22nd, following the 11:00 A.M. Mass, the Art & Environment Committee will prepare God's House for the Celebration of Christmas. We need many helping hands to make this happen!

Please consider joining us for just one hour after the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 22nd, as a family or individual. No experience is necessary.

Sandwiches, chips and treats will be available to take home or eat onsite after we have finished.

Questions? Contact Peg:
pegs@elmhurst.edu

We Offer Our Prayers

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



Mary De Core,
mother of Theresa and Dana

James Mulcare,
husband of Pat

Our Parish Prayer List

Our comprehensive parish prayer list
may be found on our website:

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

If you would like to add someone to our
parish prayer list, please contact Rubi at:
rubi@stjamesge.org
and provide her with the name. Thank you!

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.

December 23-29, 2024

This week our St. James Flames of Faith are offered:
In Memory of Anthony Caputo
Requested by: Carla Caputo

Please Note: Changes to Our Liturgical Schedule during the Week of Christmas

Please note that the week of Christmas there will be
no daily Mass at 8 A.M. from Tuesday - Thursday.
We will resume on Friday, December 27th at 8 A.M.

NO RECONCILIATIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

On Saturday, December 28th there will be no
confessions at 3 P.M. The next opportunity to
celebrate the Sacrament will be on Saturday, January
4th from 3 - 3:45 P.M.

Administration Ministries

Stewardship Report

December 7/8, 2024

► Sunday Collection with EFT: \$17,007.85

Our weekly budget is \$17,115; *our shortfall is \$107.15*

► Preserving Our Father's House w/EFT: \$650.24

► Retirement Fund for Religious: \$12,486

► Immaculate Conception: \$2,972

*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.*

End of the Year Giving

Please note that all 2024 Weekly, Christmas and
additional offerings received in the Parish Office
after December 31st, will be credited to your 2025
parish contribution account. Thank you for your
continued generosity!!

Please Note: Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Beginning on Monday, December 23rd, the offices
closed for Christmas and New
Years. They will reopen on
Monday, January 6th at 8:30 A.M.

Emergency calls for the Anointing
of the Sick may be directed to our
emergency line: Please call 630-469-7540 and follow
the prompts to leave a message.



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

Buying a New PC for Christmas?

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

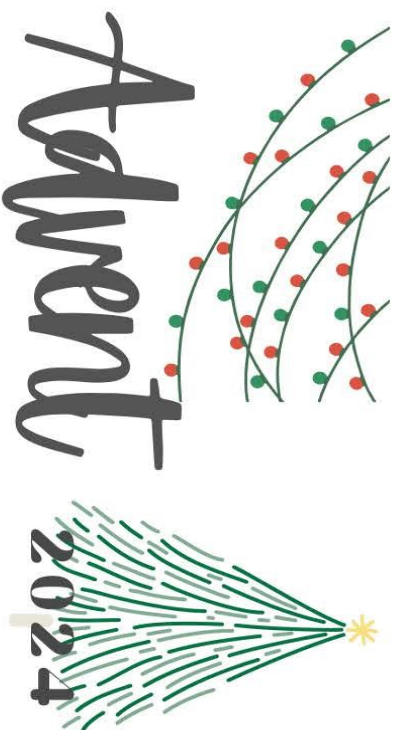
Glen House Food Pantry Top Needs

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.





Collect grocery items each day during Advent. Your donations will help neighbors in need who live, work, or attend school in DuPage County.



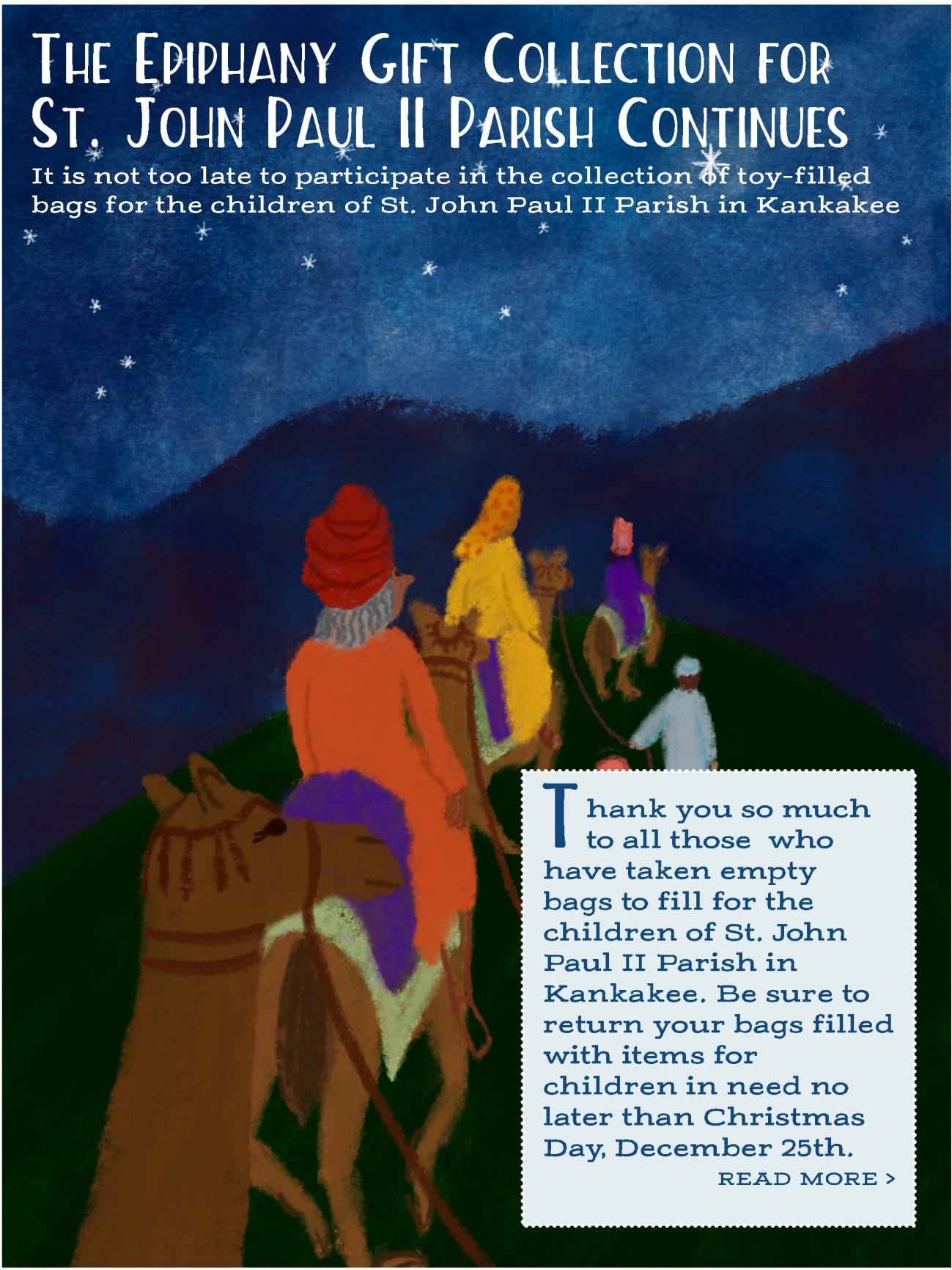
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 coffee
2 cooking oil	3 instant or flavored rice	4 boxed pasta	5 pasta sauce	6 peanut butter	7 jelly	8 paper towels
9 canned fruit	10 bottled fruit juice	11 ketchup/mayo	12 dried/canned kidney beans	13 oatmeal packets	14 bar soap	15 canned tuna or chicken
16 boxed pancake mix	17 syrup	18 mac & cheese	19 canned vegetables	20 sugar	21 liquid laundry soap	22 tea
23 flour	24 gravy					

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THE EPIPHANY GIFT COLLECTION FOR ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH CONTINUES

It is not too late to participate in the collection of toy-filled bags for the children of St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee



Thank you so much to all those who have taken empty bags to fill for the children of St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee. Be sure to return your bags filled with items for children in need no later than Christmas Day, December 25th.

[READ MORE >](#)

EPIPHANY GIFT BAG COLLECTION

for children in need

Please return bags to the church alcove opposite the National Eucharistic Revival Wall on or before Christmas Day. St. James families will deliver the bags to Kankakee during the week after Christmas. If you were unable to pick up an empty bag, but would still like to donate, please fill any sturdy shopping bag with toys and staple a note on the front stating the age range and gender of the child you created it to go to.

Can't fill a whole bag? We'll take single items!
Got a whole bag of the same thing? We'll take that too!

New, unwrapped items only, please. Gift suggestions are only a guideline.

CHILDREN AGES 0-5

TOYS: blocks, Duplos, Legos, puzzles, stuffed animals, dolls, musical toys, educational toys, board games, balls. **ARTS/CRAFTS:** (4-5) play dough, crayons, craft sets, paints, markers **BOOKS:** Bible stories, story books, early readers, coloring books. **CLOTHING:** Fleece/knitted blankets, warm socks, mitten/hat sets, scarves

CHILDREN AGES 6-12

BOOKS: Age-appropriate books, comic, puzzle, riddle or coloring books. **TOYS:** Board games, card games, Legos, blocks, puzzles, dolls, stuffed animals, or handheld games. **ARTS/CRAFTS:** Markers, play dough, craft sets, art sets, drawing sets, crayons, art pads, sketch books and pencils. **SPORTS:** soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, Nerf toys. **CLOTHING:** socks, gloves, hats, scarves, age-appropriate sized t-shirts/sweatshirts.

CHILDREN AGES 13-16

BOOKS: Age-appropriate books, comic, puzzle or riddle books. **TOYS:** Board games, card games, Legos, handheld games, soccer balls, basketballs, football. **ARTS/CRAFTS:** Drawing sets, craft sets, art sets, sketch books and pencils, jewelry making sets. **CLOTHING:** Sports theme or teen theme t-shirts/sweatshirts, socks, gloves, scarves or hats. **PERSONAL:** Nail polish, lotion, cologne, jewelry sets for teen girls - sports soaps, deodorant, shaving and cologne sets for teen boys. (Please keep all cosmetic items in the original package and/or place in Ziploc bags to avoid leaks)

Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as well as your prayers.
If you have questions or **would prefer to make a monetary donation**, contact Doris Barrera at 630.260.9276—OR—dorisavon@ameritech.net

St. James the Apostle Young at Heart

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



—DON'T GET SCAMMED!—

The Latest in Senior Scams

featuring Officer Alisson Ramirez

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE GLEN ELLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, January 8th

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 MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD

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

St. James the Apostle Parish Glen Ellyn

Christmas Basket Program



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS!

A Recap of Our 60th Annual Christmas Basket Program

We concluded the Parish's 60th Annual Christmas Basket Program. My wife, Kristin, and I had the privilege of organizing the program. However, we are extremely grateful for the assistance of the Knights of Columbus Council #9806, which provided more than 300 hours of volunteer service. In addition to several parishioners, we were also fortunate to have the assistance of several of the young men and women in the eighth grade and their parents.

This year, we received 201 families who are clients of Catholic Charities of DuPage County. All the families whom we received are homeless, on the verge of homelessness, or in transitional housing. Some live in their cars. Those 201 families consisted of a total of 754 persons, with several babies on the way.

It is always a pleasure to meet these people. Many are used to the indignities that often accompany poverty and homelessness, and are appreciative of the generosity of our parishioners, as well as the dignity and respect they receive from those who work in the program.

In addition to sponsoring families and providing them with Christmas gifts and food items or gift cards, the program received donations of cash and gift cards totaling \$14,560 dollars. Those donations allowed the program to provide these families with the ability to purchase Christmas gifts for their children, food, household items such as bedding, and clothing such as winter coats and other items.

According to Catholic Charities, the generosity of the members of St. James the Apostle Parish is without precedent. Each year, our parishioners support more than twice as many families as the next highest parish in its service area.

Mike Progar

A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

We invite you to save the date for some of our upcoming parish events. Some are a continuation of our parish's participation in the three year National Eucharistic Revival. Others are in celebration in 2025 of our 60th Anniversary as a parish and our 25th Anniversary in our church.

JANUARY 2025

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD | JAN. 1 AT 9 A.M.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | JAN. 3 FOLLOWING 8 A.M. MASS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JAN. 4 AT 4 P.M.; JAN. 5 AT 9 AND 11 A.M.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JAN. 11 AT 4 P.M.; JAN. 12 AT 9 AND 11 A.M.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEKEND | JANUARY 25/26

FEBRUARY 2025

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | FEB. 7 FOLLOWING 8 A.M. MASS

LENTEN ADULT FAITH PROGRAM BEGINS | FEB. 27; DETAILS TO FOLLOW

MARCH 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5; DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | MARCH 7 FOLLOWING 8 A.M. MASS

EVENINGS OF PRAYER & REFLECTION | MARCH 13, 20, 27 AT 7 P.M.

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATION | SATURDAY, MARCH 15 AT 4 P.M.

APRIL 2025

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | APRIL 4 FOLLOWING 8 A.M. MASS

EVENINGS OF PRAYER & REFLECTION | APRIL 3 & 10 AT 7 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 12 AT 4 P.M.; APRIL 13 AT 9 AND 11 A.M.

HOLY WEEK | BEGINS APRIL 14; DETAILS TO FOLLOW

EASTER | VIGIL ON APRIL 19 AT 8 P.M.; APRIL 20 AT 7, 9 AND 11 A.M.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION | APRIL 27; DETAILS TO FOLLOW

MAY 2025

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | MAY 2 FOLLOWING 8 A.M. MASS

MASS IN THE GRASS, MAY CROWING & PIZZA PARTY | MAY 4 AT 11 A.M.



Jubilee of Young People **PILGRIMAGE** *to Rome*

JULY 27 - AUGUST 4, 2025
with Optional Italy Pre-Tour



Starting at \$4,499 from Chicago - \$1,200 additional for the Italy Pre-Tour

For information or to make a reservation, contact:

Penny Borello | Inteletravel.com | 630-309-1851 | pborello@gmail.com

Anyone registering must be turning 18 by July 1, 2025 and not older than 39 years old by the time of travel to participate in the Jubilee events.