

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, January 5, 2025 | The Epiphany of the Lord

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

Happy New Year! 2025 is an exciting year at Saint James as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary of establishment and the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of our church building. We will share more in next weekend's bulletin about our anniversary celebrations throughout the year culminating in Mass with Bishop Hicks on Sunday, October 25 at 11am. Please mark your calendars now for this special event!

Many people reflect on the past year while making resolutions for the upcoming year. I am sharing with you our parish census like we printed at the beginning of last year. You will notice signs of growth, especially with our weekend Mass attendance, as well as ongoing challenges. The Diocesan Finance and Facilities Offices has been helping me with the feasibility of an upcoming capital campaign to address our deferred maintenance needs along with aspirational items like a possible adoration chapel for the end of the National Eucharistic Revival. We will share more information throughout this year to honor our past while securing our future.

	Weekend Mass Attendance	Weddings	Funerals	O CIA	Infant Baptism	First Communion	Confirmation	School PK-8	RE
2017	1150	6	34	3	40	78	96	201	400
2018	1277	5	35	0	31	71	95	201	400
2019	1183	12	29	2	24	71	85	198	575
2020	401	2	26	0	24	67	105	204	425
2021	572	3	28	1	34	64	69	200	325
2022	667	8	31	1	28	64	71	229	353
2023	748	8	25	2	25	62	57	196	289
2024	849	3	20	3	35	54	53	211	277
2025	— ¹	4 ²	N/A	4 ³	N/A	59 ⁴	52 ⁵	203	190

¹ Counted in October ² Scheduled through May ³ Scheduled for Easter ⁴ Scheduled for March ⁵ Scheduled for May

Additionally, the Diocesan Catechetical Office (DCO) continues to meet with Laura, our parish Director of Religious Education, and myself about options for a better model or format for providing religious education to our public school families. The DCO has been emphasizing to us the need for increased parental involvement to fulfill their baptismal responsibility as the primary faith formators for their children. We hope to share more information about a new model of formation before the beginning of the next academic year in the fall.

As always, please remember our parish in your prayers. Saint James the Apostle Church has been a family of many families for the last sixty years with generations of faith. On a personal note, I want to thank you for your generosity this Christmas for the cards and gifts you gave me. I keep the stack of Christmas cards each year as a reminder of the support parishioners give their priests. I may not have the time to personally thank each of you but please know of my gratitude for thinking of me!

A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR 2025 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.

Mass Intentions & This Week at St. James | January 6 - 12, 2025

JANUARY 06/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

Betty Tabisz

REQ. BY KATHY KLEIN

JANUARY 07/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Billie Cowan

REQ. BY THE BRAND FAMILY

JANUARY 08/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Saturnino Vale

REQ. MODESTA V. BANAL

JANUARY 09/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

Margaret Zureck

REQ. BY THE O'CONNOR FAMILY

Mary DeCore

REQ. BY THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

JANUARY 10/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.

Keith and Wayne Giese

REQ. BY THE GAWRON FAMILY

JANUARY 11/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

George Paul

REQ. BY FRANCIS MOOLAYIL

JANUARY 12/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Deb Drager

REQ. BY THE CCW

People of the Parish

11:00 A.M.

**Departed Members
of the Erdos Family**

REQ. BY FAMILY

This Week@St. James

06/MONDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Basketball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

DPWW Board Mtg

7 P.M. | SBH2/3

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

07/TUESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CH

Women's Day of

Recollection

10 A.M. | CH/ALL

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Monthly Staff

Prayer Mtg

12 P.M. | CH

Lector Rehearsal

12:30 P.M. | SBH2/3

Monthly Staff

Meeting

12:30 P.M. | SBH2/3

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Basketball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

Catechist Mtg

4:30 P.M. | SBH123

Troop 352 Meeting

7 P.M. | SBH1

08/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

Young at Heart

12 P.M. | SBH1/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Basketball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

Catechist Mtg

4:30 P.M. | SBH123

Evening Rosary

7 P.M. | CHURCH

09/THURSDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Adult Faith Mtg

1 P.M. | PODR

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Basketball Practice

4 P.M. | GYM

Drama Club Reh

3 P.M. | SBH1

Choir Rehearsal

6 P.M. | CHOIR ROOM

School Board Mtg

6:30 P.M. | PODR

10/FRIDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH/ALL

A & E Water Plants

9:30 A.M. | CH

Staff Gathering

10:30 A.M. | PODR

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SBH1/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M

Basketball Games

5:30 P.M. | GYM

11/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg

7:30 A.M. | PODR/K

Drama Club Reh

8 A.M. | SBH1

Basketball Games

10:30 A.M. | GYM

Reconciliations

3:45 P.M. | CH/ALL

Crusader Cash

Sales

3:30 P.M. | CN

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

12/SUNDAY

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

Crusader Cash

Sales

10 A.M. | CN

12 P.M. | CN

Adult Rec. BBall

7:30 P.M. | GYM

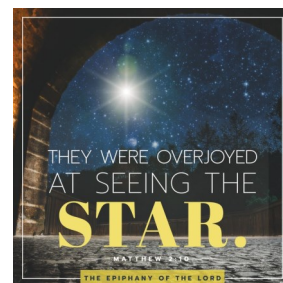
Readings for the Week | Saints and Special Observances

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Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a, 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord



We Offer Our Prayers

Our Parish Prayer List

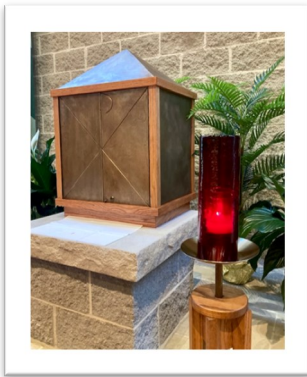
Our comprehensive parish prayer list may be found on our website:

<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.

January 6 - 12, 2025

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

For the Repose of the Soul of Billie Cowan

Requested by: The St. James St. Vincent de Paul Members

A Prayer for the New Year

*Remember us, O God:
from age to age
be our comforter.
You have given us
the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years.
Bless your children
at the turning of the year
and fill the months
with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God,
living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen!*

—from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Wishing a Blessed and Happy New Year to You and Yours from Fr. Keith Wolfe, Fr. Bill Cullen, Deacon Steve DeSitter, Seminarian Topher and the entire staff of St. James the Apostle Parish and School!

WISHING FR. BILL
A HAPPY 42ND
ANNIVERSARY OF
ORDINATION TO
THE PRIESTHOOD!



JANUARY 8, 2025

Administration Ministries

Stewardship Report

December 21/22

►Sunday Collection with EFT: \$13,626.46

Our weekly budget is \$17,115; *our shortfall is \$3,486.54*

►Preserving Our Father's House w/EFT: \$196

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: 317

Amount Pledged: \$125,217

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$122,907

Balance Due: \$2,310

2024 Rebate to Parish: \$30,315

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!

2025 Parish Calendars Available

All parish families are invited to take home a copy of our 2025 Parish Calendar. The calendars may be found in the church narthex. We would like to thank Leonard Memorial Home for their contribution towards the cost of the calendars.

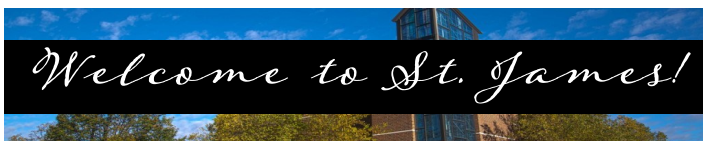


End of the Year Giving

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!!

Save the Date: Tuesday, February 26 2026 Mass Book Opens

On Wednesday, February 26, the 2026 Mass Book will open for your intentions. Please watch for more information in the February editions of the bulletin.



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 for you to join our St. James family!



Please Note: Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Beginning Monday, December 23rd, the Parish Office is closed for Christmas and New Years. The office 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.

Eucharistic Miracles Throughout History

Sometimes the veil between heaven and earth flutters, and God allows us a physical glimpse into supernatural realities. Below are some of the many amazing Eucharistic miracles that provide evidence for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Scientifically Confirmed

LANCIANO, ITALY

In the eighth century, an Italian monk had doubts while saying Mass. As he said the words of consecration, the host visibly changed into cardiac tissue and the wine became physical blood. This miracle has been studied by modern scientists, who have concluded that there is no natural explanation. DNA indicates the flesh is from the middle east, matching the genetics and blood type recovered from the Shroud of Turin.

The Waters Parted

AVIGNON, FRANCE

The Chapel of the Holy Cross had the Eucharist exposed during the massive 1433 flood. The water in the church was 4ft high, but the center aisle remained completely dry, creating a clear path to the Eucharist.

An Army, Defeated

ASSISI, ITALY

In September of the year 1240, the Saracen Army stormed the convent of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, now known as the Poor Clares. Though frail at the time, St. Clare carried the Blessed Sacrament before the army and cried out to Jesus for protection. The soldiers were struck with fear and retreated at the sight of the Sacred Host.

A Living Person

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On his 1995 visit to the United States, Pope St. John Paul II asked to visit the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary's Seminary chapel in Maryland. His security personnel brought in trained dogs to sweep the area. The dogs indicated that a living person was in the Tabernacle, and refused to leave!

Even Fish Worship Him

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA, SPAIN

In 1348, while a priest was crossing the river on his way to bring the Eucharist to some sick members of his community, he was knocked into the water by a wave, and the consecrated hosts were swept away! Horrified, he did not think they could be recovered. Some fishermen called to him from further down the river, where three fish suspended themselves almost completely out of the water, holding the precious hosts carefully in their mouths. One-by-one, they deposited the



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Scan to See the Full Exhibition!

Bl. Carlo Acutis dedicated his life to chronicling hundreds of approved Eucharistic Miracles on a website he built himself. Join us in asking his intercession for the National Eucharistic Revival, that we may be set ablaze with the same desire to make Jesus in the Eucharist better known and loved!

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Christian Service Ministries

Did You Receive/Buy a New Computer 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.

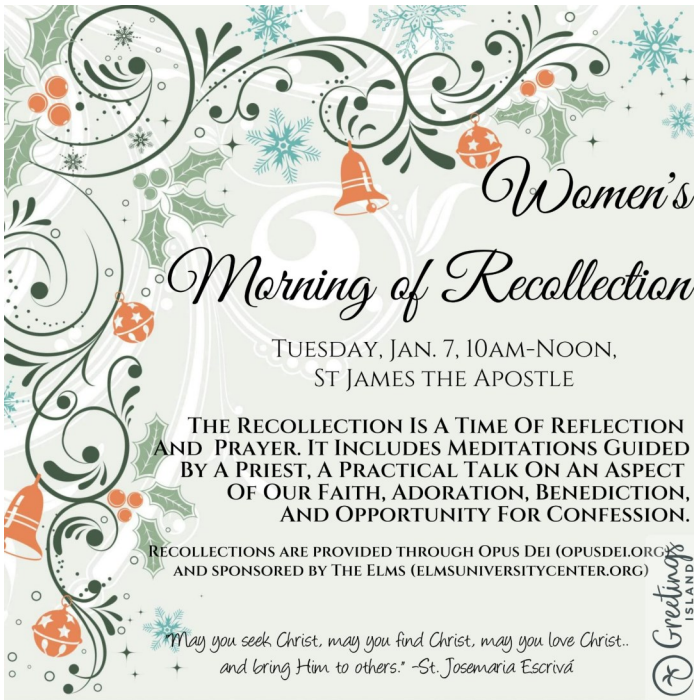


Holiday Wish List

TOP NEEDS

Boxed Cereal	Jarred Pasta Sauce
Crackers (low salt)	Canned Oranges
Canned Kidney & Pinto Beans	Coffee & Tea
Condiments: Olives/Relish/Pickles	Salad Dressings
Bottled Juices: Apple/Grape/Tomato	Canned Flavored Water

#MAKEHUNGERHISTORY



Women's Morning of Recollection

TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 10AM-NOON,
ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

THE RECOLLECTION IS A TIME OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER. IT INCLUDES MEDITATIONS GUIDED BY A PRIEST, A PRACTICAL TALK ON AN ASPECT OF OUR FAITH, ADORATION, BENEDICTION, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION.

RECOLLECTIONS ARE PROVIDED THROUGH OPUS DEI (OPUSDEI.ORG) AND SPONSORED BY THE ELMS (ELMSUNIVERSITYCENTER.ORG)

May you seek Christ, may you find Christ, may you love Christ... and bring Him to others. -St. Josemaria Escriva

Greetings ISLAND

Newly Married & Engaged Catholics

Calling all Newly Married and
Engaged Catholic Couples!

Join us for fellowship and treats after
Mass

January 11th after 5pm mass
Come in at the Parish Life Center
@ St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn

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



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Mark Your Calendar
Guests are welcome!

RSVP by January 6, 2025 to Joyce Bauer, mrsbb25@gmail.com

Speaker: Francesca Riddick, Consecrated Virgin, Diocese of Joliet



Francesca was born in Chicago where she attended Alvernia High School where she developed a love for consecrated life. She attended Northeastern Illinois University earning her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Special Education. Francesca entered the Monastic Communities of Jerusalem in Paris, France (1985) and remained there for ten years. Due to declining health of her father, Francesca returned home to tend to her father's needs. She was admitted into the Order of Virgins, becoming the first consecrated virgin in the Archdiocese Chicago by Cardinal Francis George on December 1, 2002.

In 2007, Francesca moved to Lombard, Illinois where her consecration was transferred from the Chicago Archdiocese to the Diocese of Joliet. For 20 years, Francesca worked as a special education teacher in Schaumburg, Illinois. During this time, she received certification as a spiritual director and worked as the Director of Religious Education in Sacred Heart parish for nine years. Francesca left the public-school system in 2020 and is presently working as the Special Education Coordinator for St. Isidore Catholic School in Bloomingdale, Illinois.

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

January 13, 2025

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
480 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Evening Program:

6:00 pm - Rosary

6:20 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Fellowship (in Social Hall)

7:15 pm - Dinner

7:45 pm - Updates from Officers and Announcements

9:00 pm - Guest Speaker Presentation and Q&A