

**Pre-Mass Announcements for
the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 29/30, 2026)**

Good afternoon **or** morning! Welcome to Saint James the Apostle Parish. This weekend, we celebrate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This morning I'm sharing our announcements as we have a few special topics:

- 1) Starting this weekend, I will be distributing Holy Communion from a new position at the front-right section, which is a larger section of pews.
- 2) This weekend we are also welcoming Seminarian Jared Beltz to St. James. From now until January 2028, he will primarily be with us on weekends and during breaks from his studies at Mundelein Seminary, where he is studying graduate theology. We now have the opportunity to welcome Jared into every aspect of parish life, accompany him in his formation, and support him with our prayers, encouragement, and witness as he continues discerning God's call. So welcome, Jared!
- 3) **[only at 11 am]** And I also want to warmly welcome Fr. Christopher Otieno, who will preside at this Mass. Fr. Topher preceded Jared as a seminarian assigned to St. James, and we are blessed to celebrate his recent ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving for his ministry today. Please join us in Sebahar Hall for food and fellowship immediately following this liturgy.

Please check the bulletin, website, and weekly FlockNotes for more parish information.

Our opening hymn is 938, *We Remember*. 9-3-8. Please stand.