



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. James Roman Catholic Church,
a diverse community rooted in vibrant Eucharistic Liturgy,
serves those in need in partnership with others.*



**Bells from the tower of the former
St. James Church**

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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION

Confessions by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

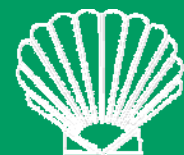
Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday

Closed



ST. JAMES PARISH

2942 South Wabash

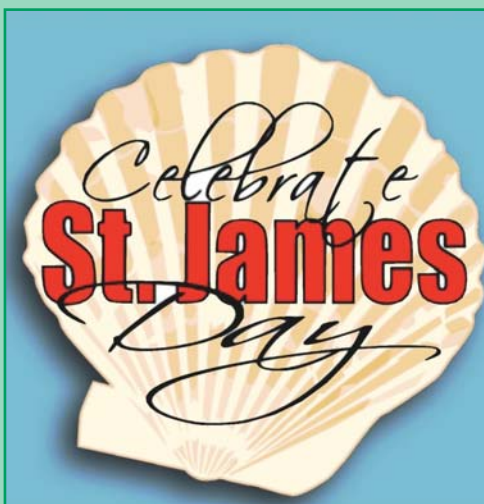
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app and it will direct you to the
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First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacraments
for Children is through our
Sunday School Program. Each
of these Sacraments is celebrated
every two

years. For
adults wishing
to receive these
Sacraments,
we provide preparation through
our adult Confirmation and
R.C.I.A. class. Contact Michael
Maher at 312-842-1919 ext. 212
or maher@stjameswabash.org



JULY 26, 2015 · SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON ST. JAMES' PARISH

A Reflection for St. James Day

It's St. James Day, and so we celebrate with a special mass and picnic and the giving of several awards to some very special parishioners. At the present moment, I suppose someone could find a lot to complain about, from the lingering effects of the teardown of the church to the uncertain future of a Michigan Avenue relocation. And yet there is a lot of hope here. St. James has been a part of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1855, and it is still doing a huge amount of good in its neighborhood and still calling forth love and dedication on the part of its members, both the new ones and the longstanding pillars of the parish.

Finis and Verda Abernathy are two such pillars. We remember Finis in prayer as he moves through his treatments, and here below, we reprint a piece by Verda on what St. James has meant to them. HAPPY SAINT JAMES DAY!!!

We've been members of St. James Church for more than forty years. We lived in Prairie Shores community and were married at St. James thirty-nine years ago on September 18, 1971. Our proximity to St. James enhanced our sense of community and we felt welcomed as a married couple.

We shared an exciting event: we participated in the 150th year celebration of our parish. We are proud to be part of a church that was described by one of Chicago's bishops as belonging to "a collection of some of the oldest Catholic communities in Chicago and that, since prior to the Civil War, has welcomed and embraced a variety of people."

We have continued to serve in ways that have deepened our sense of belonging to a very special and diverse community of young and old, many ethnicities and diverse social backgrounds. We have served as board members. We have served as Eucharistic Ministers, and have participated in the Anointing of the Sick. We have participated in evangelization efforts with the bus stop ministry, and been part of the hospitality team which welcomes new parishioners. We have served on the food distribution programs. We have enjoyed being part of scores of fundraising events over the past forty years, sharing our time, talent, and treasures.

A year after our wedding, we saw our beloved church nearly destroyed by a fire and rebuilt in a large part by the love of its parishioners. We have seen a stronger, more vigorous, diverse community continue to grow out of the ashes.

Recently we attended the Salome pancake breakfast in support of the scholarships for St. James students. We were delighted to meet a couple who joined St. James two years ago. Barbara and Ron expressed to us their feelings of having been welcomed to St. James much the same way we felt that we had been welcomed over forty years ago.

Through our worship and participation, we have grown, our marriage has grown, and our St. James friendships and connections have grown for almost four decades. The reason that we serve St. James is to help perpetuate that community that welcomed us and will continue to welcome individuals, couples, and families. We hope to continue to strengthen our commitment and efforts in support of St. James' wonderful and unique humanity.

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2015

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Pastoral Care for the Homebound



Please call 312-842-1919 ext. 201 and ask to speak to Fr. Robert Sprott, O.F.M., if any parishioners are hospitalized or homebound, so we can visit and pray for them. Hospitals do not notify us of a parishioner's admittance. Even if you do mention this at Sunday Mass, please make allowance for poor memory and call the parish offices.



WEDDING BANS

There is a promise of marriage between John Idyakunnel and Reshma Sekhar. They will be married on September 13, 2015 in Mumbai, India.



*Congratulations to
Jami & Bill Kusek
 Recipients of the 2015
 Spirit & Light Award*

*Congratulations to
Elsa McLaughlin
 Recipient of the 2015
 Rastatter Award*



TREASURE

Sunday Collection Report

July 12, 2015 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envelopes	\$1,706.00
Loose Checks & Checks	\$986.81
Electronic Giving	\$155.00
Collection Total	\$2,847.81

SUNDAY COLLECTION MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2014 & 2015	Envelopes	%	Loose	%	Electronic	%	Total
July	\$7,345.00	49%	\$4,478.40	30%	\$3,300.00	22%	\$15,123.40
Aug	\$6,080.00	51%	\$2,995.00	25%	\$2,855.00	24%	\$11,930.00
Sept	\$9,229.00	54%	\$4,390.22	26%	\$3,395.00	20%	\$17,014.22
Oct.	\$7,730.66	59%	\$1,841.84	14%	\$3,435.00	26%	\$13,007.48
Nov	\$6,468.00	48%	\$4,275.34	32%	\$2,725.00	20%	\$13,468.34
Dec	\$9,355.67	60%	\$3,762.33	24%	\$2,715.00	16%	\$15,833.00
Jan	\$5,553.50	50%	\$4,092.32	37%	\$1,134.00	13%	\$11,094.82
Feb	\$6,232.00	50%	\$2,224.07	18%	\$3,905.00	32%	\$12,361.07
Mar	\$9,585.00	57%	\$3,082.57	18%	\$41,64.00	25%	\$16,831.57
Apr	\$7,230.00	62%	\$3,287.02	28%	\$1,135.00	10%	\$11,652.02
May	\$6,381.00	55%	\$2,790.09	24%	\$2,330.00	20%	\$11,501.09
	\$80,167.17	53%	\$38,240.84	25%	\$31,754.00	21%	\$150,162.01

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Finis Abernathy Victoria Allen Ashley Alvarez Eric Alvarez Dorothy Barnes Margie Bass Barbara Bassett James Bowman Willie B. Clay Edwina Cook Kathleen Foley Paul & Jane Freeman Cathy Garcia Bertha Griffin Mary Healy Robert Helem Elise James	Benjamin Jefferson Mel Keys Candace Lane Christopher Lane Wayne Lambert Mary Madrigal Latona Merchant Paul Mesirow Mary Moore Kay Nachel Joan Noble Margaret Page Cynthia Peacock Francis Quigley Darlene Racker Daisy Keel	Sr. Barbara Rastatter David Reynolds James Reynolds Sandra Reynolds Philip Ricks Norman Rouse Mary Sanders Christine Schatte Barbara Southall Catherine Spraggins Bette Strickland Bob Swiderski Clayton & Sarah Whitlow Dina Williams Audrey Winfrey
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Mass Attendance

July 12, 2015: 121(9:30 a.m.)/ 31(11:30)
 July 19, 2015: 97(9:30 a.m.)/ 35(11:30)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

August 2, 2015

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Patrick Reichard & Melby Phillips

11:30 a.m. Clarissa Algenera & Mary E. Levine

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),
 Barbara Sutton, Br. Chris Buck,
 Abigail Searles and James Panek

11:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman &
 Michael DeAndrea

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Julia Hodges

11:30 a.m. James Fonder

Altar Servers To Be Announced

Mass Stipends

A way of helping St. James is to send offerings to celebrate Holy Mass. These offerings are called "Mass Stipends" and are offerings to the parish for the priest to celebrate Holy Mass for a particular intention. The normal offering in our Archdiocese is \$10. We never have enough stipends for each daily Mass so we are happy to have more.



Blessings in a Bag Help Families who are Food Insecure!

- Dear St. James Parishioners,
- Over 1200 families who are food insecure received help from your St. James Food Pantry last month. Thank you for your donations.
 - Please continue to help our neighborhood families with toiletry donations this August.
 - St. James Food Pantry is very low on all hygiene items in both travel size and family size. Families can not purchase toiletries with their food assistance cards. The need is great! All toiletry items will be appreciated
 - Nest Sunday, **August 2, 2015**, I am asking that you take a shopping bag with the donation list attached to it from the back of the hall after Mass. Please fill your donation bag with the following items:
 - **Razors, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, tissue, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, and Body Wash,**
 - Bring your donations back to Mass, next **Sunday, August 9.**

Thank you in advance for blessing those who need services at St. James Food Pantry.

Cathy



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 7/26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † Robert J. Dybas by Zmek Family
	10:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:00 p.m.	St. James Day Picnic
Mon 7/207	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Carmella Dongarra - request by Josie Bertucci
Tue 7/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Sr. Sandra Marie Sosnowski - request by Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth
	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Bob facilitates class on T.S. Eliot
Wed 7/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Sr. Sandra Marie Sosnowski - request by Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth
Thur 7/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 7/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Paul Lucas - request by Sr. Tess
	9a.m. - 12p.m.	Office open by appointment only
Sun 8/02	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection - Sharing Parish St. Agatha	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † Mr. James Zivkovic by Ron Zivkovic
	10:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:00 p.m.	St. James Day Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 4 - 7:00 p.m. to 12:0 a.m.
(Parish Hall)

Parish & Student Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 3 - 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(IIT Campus)

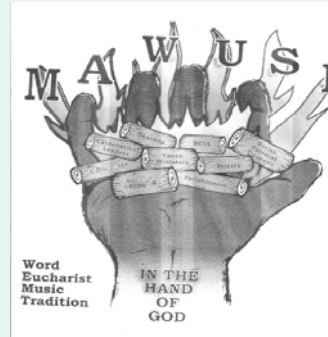
Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 4 - 12:45p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Hall Grounds)

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

MAWUSI RETREAT XXII AUGUST 7, 8, & 9, 2015



Mawusi, in Ewe, a language from Ghana and Togo, means “in the hand of God.” The Mawusi retreat is designed for those who serve, worship, experience or seek a greater understanding of Catholic spirituality from the Black perspective. This year’s retreat focus will be traditions of the Church and the African Diaspora. Through our stories, we will share the traditions: parish and Households that enrich our faith.

Registration Deadline: July 27, 2015

Late registration fee \$25.00 additional

Registration available online at

www.catechesis-chicago.org

Please make checks payable to Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry and send to:

St. Mary of the Lake
Conference Center
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060-1174

**A Second Sunday Mass is
being offered at 11:30 a.m.
in addition to the 9:30 a.m. Mass**



All are welcome every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
to purchase fresh produce at
2600 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.
The last Market will be held on October 25.

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