



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 and 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
4 p.m. in Carr Chapel at I.I.T.

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION
Confessions by appointment

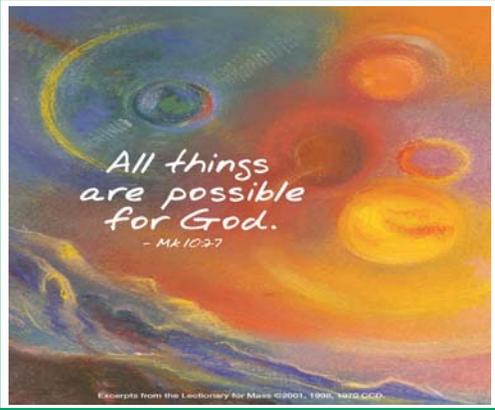
OFFICE HOURS
Monday –Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
By appointment only
Saturday & Sunday
Closed



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**First Communion &
Confirmation Preparation**
Preparation for the Sacraments for
Children is through our Sunday
School Program. Each of these Sacra-
ments 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
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WHERE ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

So, we here these two questions all the time, and we usually assume that before we can answer the second one, we have to have some sort of answer to the first one. And I guess that most of the time that is correct, a very reasonable approach. It certainly is the approach adopted by the Archdiocese of Chicago in its process of strategic planning. A part of that process was the Clergy Day held a couple of weeks ago out at

Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. The purpose of that meeting was not to make nor to announce any decisions. Decisions will be made and they will be announced, but we are months away from that, maybe more like a year. What the Archdiocese has been doing so far is using the very generously contributed services of a management consultancy firm to find out just where we are now, and how effective we are in doing what the Church is supposed to be doing. Later on will come the dealing with this so as to shape the future reality and work of the Archdiocese. Some of what the priests learned at the meeting is summarized below. As you review this, keep in mind that these are just facts – they neither are a plan nor do they demand a specific plan. They are what they are, and they cannot be changed just by wishing them to be different, but all by themselves they tell us nothing about where we are going to end up over the next few years.

As of right now, there are 560 priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago; this includes both diocesan priests and religious priests. By 2030, the best guess is that this number will be down to 400, and of that 400, the estimate is that 240 will be available to serve as pastors. The guess here is based on the usual age and rate of retirements, and an ordination class of ten new priests every year, which is the current average. If we optimistically double the size of future ordination classes, then the guess changes and in 2030 there would be 290 priests available to be pastors rather than 240.

Right now there are 363 parishes in the AOC. Of these, 63 parishes have October counts below 400. (The "October count" is the total weekend mass attendees counted in October divided by the number of Sundays in October; it is considered the parish's average attendance for a weekend.) An additional 81 parishes have October counts below 800. And 800 is being considered as the minimum for what they're calling "vibrant mission activity," i.e. the ability to provide the full range of needed parochial ministries and programs.

For purposes of comparison, the consultants presented what has recently happened in New York (which has gone from 368 parishes to 296), Boston (which went from 350 to 288), and Detroit (which cut its number of parishes from 313 to 240).

And one final fact, the only one, frankly, that genuinely surprised me: The Archdiocese of Chicago could close 140-150 of its current 363 parishes, and those closures would affect only 14% of the Catholics in the Archdiocese.

Nothing has been decided. The planning will continue. These are the facts. This is where we are.

Peace,
Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2015

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| Sunday: | Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 |
| Monday: | Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32 |
| Tuesday: | Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41 |
| Wednesday: | Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46 |
| Thursday: | Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54 |
| Friday: | Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7 |
| Saturday: | Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 |

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.

**On – Campus Mass
Sundays at 4 p.m.
I.I.T Carr Chapel (aka "God Box")**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF BR. JAMES MCDONALD, FSC



Br. James McDonald, FSC passed to eternal life Sunday morning, October 4. He was ninety years old, and had been receiving nursing care at the Bronzeville Nursing Home since November 2014. He was a longtime and very enthusiastic part of St. James before he had to go into nursing care, and he was visited by quite a few parishioners during his time there. The funeral will take place at St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church (2823 S. Princeton Ave.) on Monday, October 12. The viewing will be from 4 to 5 p.m., and the funeral mass will begin at 5 p.m. Burial will take place on Tuesday at the Brothers' cemetery in Romeoville. Please remember him in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

JAZZIN' TO FEED 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

Honoring Msgr. Michael Boland,
President and CEO of Catholic Charities of the
Archdiocese of Chicago

TREASURE

Sunday Collection Report

September 27, 2015 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Envelopes | \$1,860.00 |
| Loose Cash & Checks | \$819.57 |
| Electronic Giving | \$1,565.00 |
| Collection Total | \$ 4,244.57 |

SUNDAY COLLECTION MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

| 2015 | Envelopes | % | Loose | % | Electronic | % | Total |
|------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
| June | \$9,918.00 | 66% | \$2,694.29 | 18% | \$2,390.00 | 16% | \$15,002.29 |
| July | \$6,692.00 | 50% | \$3,337.08 | 25% | \$3,390.00 | 25% | \$13,419.08 |
| Aug | \$8,233.00 | 54% | \$4,577.54 | 25% | \$5,210.00 | 29% | \$18,020.54 |
| | \$59,564.50 | 54% | \$26,043.98 | 24% | \$24,054.00 | 22% | \$109,662.48 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Finis Abernathy
Victoria Allen
Ashley Alvarez
Eric Alvarez
Dorothy Barnes
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
James Bowman
Edwina Cook
Kathleen Foley
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Cathy Garcia
Mary Healy
Robert Helem
Elise James

Benjamin Jefferson
Mel Keys
Candace Lane
Christopher Lane
Wayne Lambert
Stephanie Linton
Mary Madrigal
Latona Merchant
Paul Mesirow
Mary Moore
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
Jennifer Warnick
Dina Williams
Audrey Winfrey

Mass Attendance

September 27, 2015: 96(9:30 a.m.)/ 35(11:30 a.m.)

October 4, 2015: 90(9:30 a.m.)/ 52(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

October 18, 2015

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Bob Gaggiano & Monique Germain

11:30 a.m. Clarissa Aljentera & Thomas Raclaw

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Cynthia Cooper (Bread),
Br. Chris Buck, Deborah Cooper,
Julia Hodges and Orean Perry

11:30 a.m. Mary Eleen Levine & Eva J. Leonard

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Tricia Koestner

11:30 a.m. James Fonder



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.



Fr. Stephen Mitten, SJ, pictured far left, was the presenter at our October 3rd day of reflection for parishioners and students held on IIT campus. Thank you to Fr. Stephen and the 12 participants.

Delivery Drivers Needed!

Each Thursday 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

St. James Food Pantry is in need of volunteer delivery persons and drivers for homebound seniors and disabled.

If you are interested, please contact Cathy Moore, at 312-842-1919 ext. 211 or email: cmoore@stjameswabash.org

PUMPKIN DAZE AT MARMION ABBEY IN AURORA....

Marmion Abbey Farms is hosting its annual Pumpkin Daze fundraiser event for the Benedictine monks of Marmion Abbey. The event runs daily (except Mondays) all the way to Halloween, with hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with hours extended on Saturdays to 10 p.m. Attractions include hay rides, a corn maze, a game zone, and a jumping pillow. The Abbey Farms is located at 2855 Hart Rd., in Aurora. For more information, call 630-966-7775 or visit the web site at www.abbeyfarms.org.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.stjameswabash.org

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LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sun 10/11 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection - Food & Toiletries for the Food Pantry |
| | 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. Mass (Hall) † <i>Eleanor Zivkovic - request by Ron Zivkovic</i> |
| | 9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| | 10:45 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. Mass (Hall) |
| | 3:30 p.m. Procession Feast of Our Lady Aparecida (Through Campus) |
| | 4:00 p.m. Mass (Carr Chapel on IIT Campus) |
| | 5:00 p.m. Party Feast of Our Lady Aparecida Patroness of Brazil (God Box) |
| Mon 10/12 | 7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Fr. Bob facilitates class: Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi |
| Tue 10/13 | 7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Kay Nachel request by Nancy McCarthy</i> |
| Wed 10/14 | 7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Rectory) |
| Thur 10/15 | 7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Ruby Coffey request by Eileen Coffey</i> 6:00 p.m. Social Care Board Meeting (Rectory) |
| Fri 10/16 | 7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) 9a.m. - 12p.m. Office open by appointment only |
| Sat 10/17 | 8:00 a.m. Second Saturday Produce Pantry (Hall grounds) |
| Sun 10/18 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. Mass (Hall) † <i>Robert B.K. Dewar - request by Virginia Picken</i> |
| | 9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| | 10:45 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. Sharing Parish Food Donation Delivery (Food Pantry) |
| | 11:30 a.m. Mass (Hall) |
| | 4:00 p.m. Mass (Carr Chapel on IIT Campus) |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fr. Bob Facilitates Class

Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi

Monday, October 19 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Rectory)

First Friday's Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 7 :00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
(Parish Hall)

Walgreens Administers Flu Shots

Tuesday, November 17 - 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
(Food Pantry)

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Oktoberfest was a great success, with over 80 present and raising nearly \$1,000.



Greetings from St. Louis to all the parishioners at St. James. I wanted to let you know of my whereabouts in case your travels brought you to St. Louis. I accepted a coaching position with St. Louis Community College and now serve in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I have been assigned to St. Vincent De Paul parish. It is run by the Vincentian fathers and serves an area just south of downtown. Like St. James, our Eucharistic celebration is the wellspring for an active outreach to the poor and homeless in this part of the city. In addition to operating a food pantry and providing lunches for the homeless, we serve hot meals the last 10 days of each month. Our Sunday Masses are 9am and 11am. Please let me know should you ever come down this way. My email is tcollins113@stlcc.edu and phone is 708-439-6806.



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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