



# 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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Scan this QR code with your smart  
phone's barcode scanner app and it will  
direct you to the parish webpage.



**1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Today, Sunday, October 4**  
**Enjoy Food, Music,**  
**Fellowship, & Beer!**

## 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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**OCTOBER 4, 2015 · TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Fall is here, September is done, and another October has arrived – another “Respect Life Month” is upon us. This has been happening for quite a few years now, by decree of the U.S. bishops, with the first Sunday of October receiving special emphasis as “Respect Life Sunday.” For most parishes, and I suppose this includes our own, this doesn’t involve much more than slanting a couple of the petitions in the mass’s Prayer of the Faithful to reflect the observance, working the topic into some of the month’s homilies, and trying to do all this in a way that doesn’t sound too political.

After all, we wonder, what more can we do? 1973 and the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision is a long time ago, and nobody and nothing has been able to make much of a dent in that. Physician assisted suicide is now the law in several states, and it is being seriously discussed in a lot more, and (most significantly) it *always* receives favorable coverage in the press whenever it is mentioned. The infamous Planned Parenthood videos – hour after hour of tape that reveals that private agency’s oh so casual disregard both for the law against making a profit on aborted babies’ body parts and for basic human decency – these videos have had zero impact on our representatives in Washington and in their longstanding policy of giving millions of dollars to that organization every year. And the beat goes on and on, and there are so many other examples that could be brought forward to show that just about everything on the life issues is headed in the wrong direction, and there really is not much that any of us can do.

There is something to that, but rather than acting as an argument for giving up on life matters and Respect Life Month, I think they provide us with reasons why this month ought to be a key part of the Church’s year of celebrations and seasons, and how we can make good use of it. When a horrible injustice has been around for more than a generation, as has been the case in the U.S. with legal abortion even into the last month of pregnancy, which we have had since *Roe*, then there is the tendency to settle into the attitude that this can’t really be a big deal and we will all just have to get used to it. Respect Life Month, even if it does nothing else, reminds us of the truth that the taking of innocent life is wrong, and it remains wrong even if it is done a lot. And so perhaps even more importantly, Respect Life Month can work to untie the mental knot that most of us have that joins the words “America” and “justice” together as an unbreakable unit.

Of course, we all are aware of the injustices that are a part of American history, and we could all recite the usual litany: slavery, the treatment of American Indians, racial discrimination, the internment of those of Japanese descent during World War II. And there are others. Yet with all that, we want to believe that America, with all her faults, has always been about a struggle for greater justice, greater equality, greater equity. What has been going on with abortion and with others of the life issues poses a serious challenge to that notion; it makes us ask What are we doing? and How could a just people let this go on for so long? Such questions will not be answered until they are asked, and there is the real value of this month. It calmly, relentlessly, presents us with these questions, and then waits patiently, relentlessly, for our answers.

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



## AT ST. JAMES

# Readings



### FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2015

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

### 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

I.I.T Carr Chapel (aka “God Box”) Sundays at 4 p.m.

### NOTE TODAY ONLY:

Today, Sunday, October 4, Mass will be moved to St. James Parish Hall

### Free Flu Shot offered at St. James



St. James Social Care & Walgreens have partnered to offer clients and parishioners free flu shots. A Pharmacy Manager from Walgreens will be back at St. James Food Pantry Tuesday, October 6 from 9—12:00 p.m. and a future date in November to administer another round of free flu shots to help keep lives protected.

Above Pharmacy Manager Lisa Paturzo from the 47th & Pulaski store administered vaccines to 37 patients at St. James Food Pantry on 9/22.

On Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the Hall, we will have a production of “Living Water” a play about a parish that came back and rebuilt after the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. It’s a freewill offering for entrance.



## 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 20, 2015 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Envelopes	\$841.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$594.83
Electronic Giving	\$385.00
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,820.83</b>

### 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
	<b>\$59,564.50</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>\$26,043.98</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>\$24,054.00</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>\$109,662.48</b>

## 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 20, 2015: 107(9:30 a.m.)/ 56(11:30 a.m.)  
September 27, 2015: 96(9:30 a.m.)/ 35(11:30 a.m.)  
September 27, 2015 : 24(4:00 p.m. IIT Carr Chapel)

## NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**For Sunday**

**October 11, 2015**

#### Lectors

9:30 a.m. Virginia Piecuch & Michael McLaughlin  
11:30 a.m. Eva J. Leonard & Marian Jones

#### Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),  
Sherri Seyfried, Warner Seyfried,  
Josie Bertucci and Abigail Searles  
11:30 a.m. Clarissa Algenera & Mary Ellen Levine

#### Greeters

9:30 a.m. Liz Bowman  
11:30 a.m. Irma 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.



### SOLEMN CHORAL VESPERS ON OCTOBER 3....

Holy Cross Benedictine Monastery (at the corner of Aberdeen and 31st St. in Bridgeport) begins its 2015-16 season on October 3 at 5:15 p.m. with a special Vespers service of prayer for the upcoming synod of the family meeting in Rome. The prayer features both plainchant by the monks and Renaissance polyphony by the Schola Laudis under the direction of Kevin Allen. The service is free, but donations will be welcome.

### A CASKET OPEN HOUSE....

Well, it does sound a bit odd, but Holy Cross Monastery (corner of Aberdeen and 31st St. in Bridgeport) is hosting an open house today, October 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level of the monastery. The purpose of the open house is to introduce the public to their line of Abbey Caskets, handcrafted wooden caskets and cremation urns which, as they say, "are expressions of our Christian care and concern for the dead and of those who love them." There is no law or requirement that a funeral casket or urn has to be purchased from a funeral home, so this is a real possibility, for ourselves or loved ones. For more information, call Holy Cross Monastery at 773-927-7424 x206 or check out their web site: [www.chicagomonk.org](http://www.chicagomonk.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](http://www.abbeyfarms.org).



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [www.stjameswabash.org](http://www.stjameswabash.org)

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 10/04	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Second Collection - Sharing Parish St. Agatha</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Deceased Members of Griffard Family - request by Virginia Picken</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:30 a.m.	Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting (Office)
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall)
	12:45 p.m.	Oktoberfest (Hall Grounds)
	4:00 p.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
Mon 10/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Margaret Knudizon request by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Bob facilitates class: <b>Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi</b>
Tue 10/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Kay Nachel request by Nancy McCarthy</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Walgreens to administer free flu shoots (Food Pantry)
	7:00 p.m.	Production of Play "Living Water" (Hall)
Wed 10/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Rectory)
Thur 10/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 10/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9a.m. - 12p.m.	<b>Office open by appointment only</b>
Sat 10/10	8:00 a.m.	Second Saturday Produce Pantry (Hall grounds)
Sun 10/11	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Collection - Food &amp; Toiletries for the Food Pantry</b>	
	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)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### Procession Feast of our Lady Aparecida

*Sunday, October 11 - 3:30 p.m.*

(I.I.T. Campus Grounds)

#### Feast of our Lady Aparecida

*Sunday, October 11 - 5:00 p.m.*

(I.I.T. God Box)

#### Fr. Bob Facilitates Class

**Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi**

*Monday, October 12 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Blessings in a Bag Help Families who are Food Insecure!



Dear St. James Parishioners,

Over 1500 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 October.

Children are back in school. They need a healthy breakfast to start the school day. We need breakfast items!

St. James Food Pantry is also 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.

Today, **October 4, 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, Toothbrushes, Oatmeal, Cold Cereal, and Dry Milk**

Bring your donations back to Mass, next **Sunday, October 11, 2015**.

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

*Cathy*

**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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