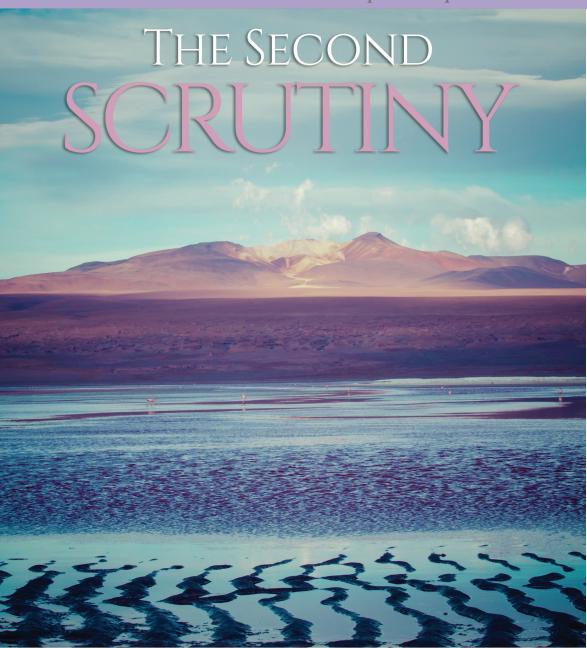


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



Saint James Church is staffed by the priests and brothers of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity

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



They said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." - Jn 9:10-11

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Presentation Hall

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. Tolton Chapel (Parish Rectory)

RECONCILIATION

Confessions at St. James on the first Friday of the month, 7:30pm- 8:30pm, or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm

Friday

9:00am-12:00pm By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday Closed

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ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

"Rejoice." The Fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally called "Laetare Sunday," a name that comes from the entrance antiphon assigned for this day taken from the prophet Isaiah (66:10-11). "Rejoice" (in Latin "Laetare") "Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast." We are in the middle of Lent but the Church reminds us that joy can characterize even the seriousness of the penances and practices of this season. We are, after all, on the road to Easter, the season of joy. We can anticipate that joy even in a time of fasting and repentance. Rose colored vestments are worn as a first glimpse of the explosion of celebration which will occur during the Pascal Season.

Today we also celebrate the Second Scrutiny, another step on the road for ThiThi and Genevieve on their entry into the Church. The Gospel that is used on this occasion tells the story of the Man Born Blind found in St. John's Gospel. The Gospel proposes the theme that the Sacrament of Baptism leads to enlightenment. As the Preface for the Mass puts it: sin is darkness and we are led into the "radiance of faith"... "through the waters of regeneration." The elect will be baptized and/or received into the Church and all of the faithful will renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil. The motifs of the Scrutiny and the Gospel are designed to ready all of us for a deeper entry into our Baptismal Vocation in living out the Pascal Mystery.

On another note, being half-way through Lent provides the occasion to reflect on the practices we have adopted during the penitential season. Many in the Parish are using the small card board boxes (Operation Rice Bowl) provided by Catholic Relief Services as a way of giving alms. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we share the journey of Lent with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need. Approximately 14,000 parishes across the United States participate in Operation Rice Bowl. When we give to those who have less than we do, we honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors, and we share the gifts we have received.

Here is a prayer to help us reflect on the significance of Operation Rice Bowl:

As we continue our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting on what it means to be companions on the journey to encounter our global human family. How may this encounter with our neighbor transform our own lives? How may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities? We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

In the Most Holy Trinity, Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES....

Knights of Peter Claver

Ladies Auxiliary Northern District St James Court 129

Present:



FISH FRY + MOVIE NIGHT

@ St. JAMES

March 16th 2018

From 5 to 8 pm

Doors open at 4:00 pm

St. James Church on Wabash

(Church Basement)



Free event!
Donations are welcome.

DONATE AN ITEM TO BE AUCTIONED AT THIS YEAR'S JAZZIN' TO FEED EVENT



ITEMS TO DONATE INCLUDE:

GIFT CERTIFICATES,
EVENT/SPORTS TICKETS, GIFT
BASKETS AND ART ITEMS.

PLEASE CONTACT PETER WAWIRE (312-842-1919 EXT. 213) OR TALK TO LIZ BOWMAN IF YOU WANT TO DONATE OR NEED MORE INFORMATION.

MAMMAMMAM



Please stop by the basement for special Irish and Italian treats after mass on March 18th in honor of St. Patrick s and St. Joseph s days.





TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Bible Study
"The Gospel of John"
Mondays, 1-2:30pm
or 7-8:30pm,
Feb. 26 – Mar. 12, 2018

St. James Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash Ave. Fr. John Edmunds, S.T., is offering a FREE Bible Study course on the Gospel of John. The sessions are on Mondays in the rectory. Choose the time that works best for you... and bring a snack! All are welcome!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT				
JANUARY 1— FEBRUARY 25				
SUNDAY	<u>2018</u>	2017	<u>CHANGE</u>	
ENVELOPES	\$13,103.00	\$11,340.00	\$1,763.00	
LOOSE CHECKS	\$3,394.00	\$3,627.00	(\$233.00)	
LOOSE CASH	\$1,984.55	\$2,064.89	(\$80.34)	
ON-LINE	\$9,275.00	\$8,272.00	\$1,003.00	
TOTAL SUNDAY	<u>\$27,756.55</u>	\$25,303.89	\$2,452.66	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE SHARING	\$438.00	\$304.00	\$134.00	
DONATIONS	\$1,213.84	\$549.93	\$663.91	
TOLTON				
CANONIZATION	\$409.93	\$507.34	(\$97.41)	
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,061.77	<u>\$1,361.27</u>	<u>\$700.50</u>	
TOTAL GIVING	\$29,818.32	\$26,665.16	\$3,153.16	





Our Home Bound:
Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Margaret Frazier
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Juanita James

James Kennard
Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Bette Strickland
Dina Williams
Our Sick
Aayliah Cooper

Sandra Davis
Louie Lee
Joan Noble
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Philip Ricks
Kimberly Starr
Sarah & Clanton
Whitlow

Mass Attendance

February 25, 2018: 107(9:30 a.m.)/62(11:30 a.m.) March 4, 2018: 111(9:30 a.m.)/59(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 03/11	Fourth Sunday of Lent Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry Second Collection for Zacchaeus House		
	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School Mass	
Mon 03/12	7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory)	
Tue 03/13	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)	
Wed 03/14	7:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) Deanery Penance Service (Presentation Hall)	
Thur 03/15	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) Social Care Board (Rectory)	
Fri 03/16	7:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) Fish Fry & Movie Night (Hall Basement)	
Sun 03/18		Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Children's Liturgy of the World Sharing Parishes Food Delivery Sunday School Mass	



There will be a Deanery wide Penance Service to be held here at St. James on March 14





Save the Date Saturday May 26th Raffle tickets are available!! Please pick them up from Peter today! Calling all students to a showing of "The Shack" at IIT on.....



Friday,
March 23rd
at 7PM.
Details will
follow soon!

Pastoral Care for the Homebound



Please call 312-842-1919 ext. 201 and ask to speak to Fr. John Edmunds, S.T. 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.