

**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.



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



*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take  
up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

**SUNDAY MASS**

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

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
Tolton Chapel  
( Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash)

**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

**LOCATION**

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**MOST HOLY NAME OF**



**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## ON THE WAY....



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

*This article is adapted from an article by Michael D. Guinan, OFM,:*

Lamentation, a prayer for help coming out of pain, is very common in the Bible. Over one third (50 or so) of the psalms are laments. In his agony on the cross, Jesus makes his own the words of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me...?"

When we feel blessed in life, when we experience goodness and wholeness, we turn to God in praise and thanksgiving. But what happens when we experience just the opposite? What happens when we are overcome by the presence of chaos, brokenness, suffering and death, or by a sudden sense of outrage, as in the clergy sex abuse crisis? When we hurt physically, we cry out in pain; when we hurt religiously, we cry out in lament. Lamentation can be described as a loud, religious "Ouch!"

Laments we find in Scripture are addressed directly to God. We ask heartfelt questions: "How long, O Lord? Will you utterly forget me?" (Psalm 13:2), which implies: I am at the end of my rope, and I cannot hold on much longer; and, "Why, O Lord, do you stand aloof? Why hide in times of distress?" (Psalm 10:1), which implies: "I do not understand what is going on; this makes no sense. How long? Why?" These are not requests for information, but cries of pain.

In the Scriptures, faith is not simply an intellectual assent to some statement about God. It is the trusting of our entire selves to God. At times, we do experience God's absence; we do feel alone and confused, and we doubt.

Lament is not a failure of faith, but an act of faith. We cry out directly to God because deep down we know that our relationship with God counts; it counts to us and it counts to God. Even if we do not experience the closeness, we believe that God does care.

In lamenting we cry to God, "Why, O Lord?" Our suffering is so big; it does not make any sense; it lacks meaning. The desire to find meaning is a strong one.

Lament teaches us that there are indeed things we do not understand; in fact, we cannot understand. God does not say, "Do not fear; you will understand everything and have all the answers." Our human mind can take us only so far. At times we can do no more than speak our confusion to God, and lament tells us that we should do no less.

Lament counters a false view that everything is lovely, that we never get upset. This is unreal. Negativity, injustice, hatred, brokenness are part of our lives and part of our world. Lament suggests that it is all right to express our uncensored feelings before God.

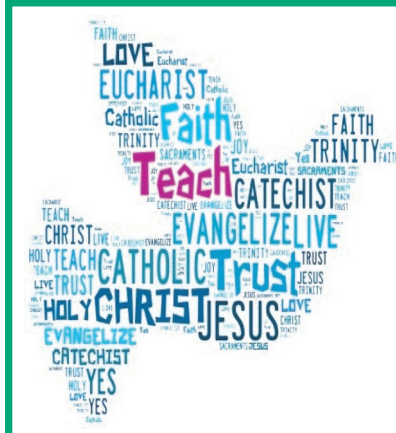
Only after we lament, after we face and express the pain and negativity and get it all out, that healing can begin. In more theological terms, we can say that it is only by facing and going through the death that we can come to new life, to resurrection.

We have structures and models to allow us to express and acknowledge our grief, our pain, our confusion and our anger available to us in the psalms, the prayer of our Scriptures.

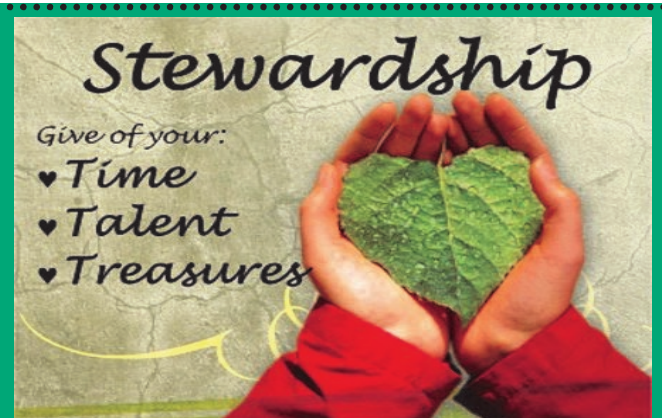
**In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T**



## AT ST. JAMES....



Today is the start of Sunday School and RCIA. We will be blessing the Catechists today to show our support and faith in the journey they will take this year with their students. Special thanks our Catechists for all they do.



*St. James thrives because so many people generously offer their time and talent to various aspects of parish life: liturgical ministry, faith formation, food pantry, senior ministry and more. September 30 is "Stewardship of Talent" Sunday where we will invite you to participate.*

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ELECTION TIME

Interested parishioners 18 years & older are encouraged to apply for membership on the St. James Parish Council. We are accepting applications through September 30. Applications are available in the church, pantry, rectory and website. Elections will take place the 1st & 2nd Sunday in November. The term begins January 10, 2019.



## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

The St. James choir has been included in a new exhibit at The Art Institute of Chicago. The exhibit, created by artist James Webb called "Prayer," runs through December 31st. The exhibit focuses on many interpretations of worship. Visit the Art Institute website for more information:

<http://www.artic.edu/exhibition/james-webb-prayer>

# Prayer



## SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— SEPTEMBER 2

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$52,771.00	\$55,176.41	(\$2,405.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$14,455.25	\$15,557.00	(\$1,101.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$8,914.20	\$8,714.64	\$199.56
ON-LINE	\$39,880.00	\$36,379.00	\$3,501.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$116,020.45</b>	<b>\$115,827.05</b>	<b>193.40</b>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$2,120.80	\$1,939.00	\$181.80
SHARING DONATIONS	\$4,979.26	\$3,143.35	\$1,835.91
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$1,147.23	\$1,077.69	\$69.54
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$8,247.29</b>	<b>\$6,160.04</b>	<b>\$2,087.25</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$124,267.74</b>	<b>\$121,987.09</b>	<b>\$2,280.65</b>



### Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer  
Margie Bass  
Barbara Bassett  
Altee Clark  
Edwina Cook  
Paul & Jane Freeman  
Juanita James  
James Kennard

Sr. Barbara Rastatter  
Norman Rouse  
Geraldine Scudder  
Barbara Southhall  
Bette Strickland  
Dina Williams  
**Our Sick**  
Herbert Cobbs  
Aayliah Cooper

Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Nancy McCarthy  
Joan Noble  
Barbara Radizwon  
Sandra Reynolds  
Kimberly Starr  
Sarah & Clanton Whitlow

### Mass Attendance

September 2, 2018: 108(9:30 a.m.)/57(11:30 a.m.)

September 9, 2018: 100(9:30 a.m.)/59(11:30 a.m.)

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 09/16	24th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Building Maintenance Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of Catechists	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
		† <i>Betty Noonan - requested by Dot Nachel</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parish's Food Delivery (Pantry)
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Hall Basement)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 09/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 09/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9:00 a.m.	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 09/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 09/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (Rectory)
Fri 09/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sun 09/23	25th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Seminary	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
		† <i>Bill Dunavant - requested by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Hall Basement)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Mass (Godbox @ IIT)

# SAVE THE DATE

On October 20 St. James will hold a Liturgical Ministers Workshop for all current and prospective lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and alter servers.



## DAY OF REFLECTION LIVING THE WAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

Transforming our hearts, our minds, our culture  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2018 10AM—3PM  
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2912 S. Wabash

Cost: Free will donation - Lunch included

In this retreat we will explore how we can live the way of non-violence as Jesus presented in the Sermon on the Mount. See flyers at St. James for more information.

**RSVP to [apellettiere@stjameswabash.org](mailto:apellettiere@stjameswabash.org) by 9/22**