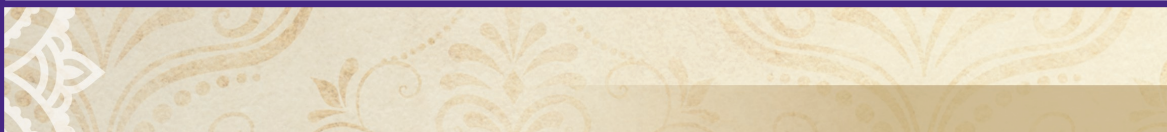


Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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the Most Holy Trinity*



3rd Sunday
O F L E N T

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have
come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found
none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

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Annunciation
OF THE LORD

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

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MARCH 24, 2019 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

ON THE WAY.....



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

Renew My Church (RMC) is the major initiative of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The news media has covered the most visible part of the initiative, the reconfiguration of parishes. Our neighbor, St. Lucy, will be merged into St. Jerome parish this summer. Other parishes are being created by merging several parishes together. St. Katherine Drexel parish has been formed out of a merger of St. Ailbe, St. Joachim, and St. Felicitas churches. There has been plenty of grieving as people have lost the parishes which meant so much to them.

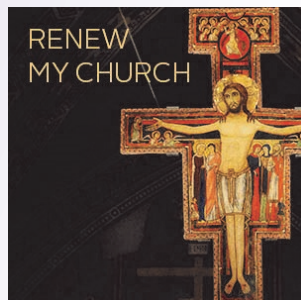
However, for Cardinal Cupich the reorganization is the least important part of the RMC process. He wants to make sure that we are not in the same position of closing churches in the future. That means we must change the way we do parish today. We must not be content in simply caring for the people who are coming. We must have an evangelizing mindset of reaching out and inviting others to experience the faith.

Here at St. James the Evangelization Committee takes this challenge to heart. In our meetings we discuss what the parish needs to do in order to inform others about St. James, invite others to come and see who we are, include them when they come through our doors, and involve others in our prayer and service opportunities. But of course these things are not simply the responsibility of the committee. Every parishioner should have an evangelizing mindset. The founder of my religious congregation, Fr. Thomas Judge, C.M., put it this way: Every Catholic is called to be an apostle.

The Evangelization Committee has been exploring ways to create a new evangelizing program in the parish. In looking for a tool in spreading the word the Committee came across Alpha. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. The process has three key elements: food, a talk and good conversation. This seemed the right sort of program for our community. It creates a "soft entry" into the parish – no pressure to learn the catechism or to sign on the dotted line. Rather, everyone can bring their own questions into the group and, without judgment, the group explores together possible responses. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. Alpha has two presumptions: that radical hospitality is needed in a hyper-individualized world and that the Holy Spirit is still active and alive in our midst. Many parishes have found Alpha to be effective for them.

In the coming weeks the Evangelization Committee will introduce Alpha to the parish. We would like to begin a pilot project to see if it might be a good fit for our evangelization efforts. That way when it comes to St. James' turn, to be part of the RMC process (scheduled for us in 2022) we can bring our experience to the table.

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



AT ST. JAMES....



Bible Study: The Prophet Isaiah

**Mondays 1-2:30pm or 7-8:30pm March 25,
April 1, April 8 @ St. James Rectory**

Isaiah is quoted more than any other author in the New Testament. St. Jerome called him an "evangelist," so influential were his writings in helping the Church understand the meaning of Jesus. We will read this book carefully with a particular concentration on the Suffering Servant poems.

Choose the time that works best for you... and bring a snack! All are welcome!!



Family Service Retreat

**Saturday March 30
10 am - 1 pm**

All children, whether or not they are in our Sunday School program, and

their families are invited to a service retreat where we will learn about and live out our call to serve others. Activities for the day will include creating rosaries and cards for delivery to homebound people served by St. James. Lunch is included. Required for all Sunday School participants. Please sign up in advance so we have enough food for all! All are welcome!!

Please fill out a form in the back of the church to register and contact Amy if you have any questions.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

First Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dearborn Homes

The Peace and Justice Committee is looking for donations of plastic eggs, decorations, and financial contributions/gift cards (checks can be made out to the St. James Peace and Justice Committee) for our first ever Easter Egg Hunt at the Dearborn Homes. Donations should be dropped off in the collection box at church by April 14. Please contact Cheryl Bynum and Janet Mryan with questions. Thank you for helping to make this event a success!



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— MARCH 17

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$16,392.75	\$17,479.00	(\$1,086.25)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$5,268.00	\$4,534.00	\$734.00
LOOSE CASH	\$3,594.37	\$2,520.60	\$1,073.77
ON-LINE	\$15,150.00	\$13,835.00	\$1,315.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$40,405.12	\$38,368.60	\$2,036.52
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$735.00	\$820.00	(\$95.00)
SHARING DONATIONS	\$1,644.62	\$1,834.53	(\$189.91)
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$315.30	\$409.93	(\$94.63)
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,694.92	\$3,074.46	(\$379.54)
TOTAL GIVING	\$40,106.58	\$37,271.90	\$1,656.98



Our Home Bound:

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

Sr. Barbara Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick

Victoria Allen
Aayliah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Nancy McCarthy
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

March 10, 2019: 112(9:30 a.m.)/47(11:30 a.m.)
March 17, 2019: 121(9:30 a.m.)/59(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 03/24	3rd Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 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 03/25	7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Bible Study (Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 03/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Wed 03/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Thur 03/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 03/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sat 03/30	9:30 a.m.	Family Service Retreat (Presentation Hall)
Sun 03/31	4th Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 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

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



ITEMS TO DONATE INCLUDE:
RESTURANT GIFTCARDS,
EVENT/SPORTS TICKETS, SERVICES
AND ART ITEMS.

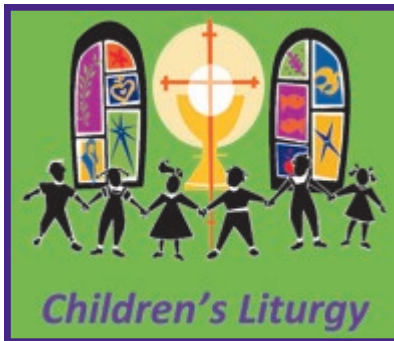
WE ESPECIALLY NEED RESTURANT GIFTCARDS!!

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

This year we will not automatically mail out tax giving statements. If you want a statement on your giving for your tax returns please e-mail Cathy Moore between January 15th thru April 15th 2019 at cmoore@stjameswabash.org.

Please call Cathy if you have any questions.

312-842-1919 x211



On April 7 at the 9:30 mass will be led by the children and the young adults in the parish. If your child or young adult would like to participate or if you have any questions please contact Amy.