



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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Congratulations to Chris and Kendall Grant on the baptism of their son, Colin James (after St. James). Colin was baptized by Deacon Terry on the afternoon of Sunday, July 12th.

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacraments for Children is through our Sunday School Program. Each of these Sacraments 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 Maher at 312-842-1919 ext. 212 or maher@stjameswabash.org



Bells from the tower of the former
St. James Church

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

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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JULY 19, 2015 · SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HALLMARKS...

The summer wears on, and with it the work on the Hall. Most of us know that the main work is being done on the basement level, and most of us never go down there from week to week to see what all is being accomplished and how much progress is being made. That is probably all to the good – nobody needs an extra weekly dose of disappointment to what life routinely offers in the course of an average seven days. Still, once in a while a progress report needs must be made, and so here is a grab bag of news items on hall-related matters.

☑ The projected completion date for the renovation work has been pushed back yet again, and the earliest the work could be completed now is late August or early September. The most recent problem has to do with the fire alarm system. Comforting as it might be to report that this is a brand new, totally unexpected problem, the truth is quite different. Almost from the beginning, well over a year ago, the company selected to do this work was dragging their feet, missing deadlines, and failing to coordinate with the contractor, architect, and construction manager. So why not bring in someone new? That was my question, and the answer is way too long and unconvincing to present here. But now the construction manager thinks we are about as well positioned as we can be on this issue, and we should know more in a week or so how long and how expensive will be the fixes needed for this particular aspect of the work.

☑ As announced a couple of weeks ago, there was a break-in and the sound system speakers and their stands were stolen. Rather than simply replace immediately what was taken, we are using the moment to reconsider what we might be able to buy that would make the system better and more secure. Obviously, just leaving the speakers out in the open in a building whose alarm system had long since become inoperable was not a good idea... or at least, it is obvious now. Dan Murphy is taking a look at the sound system and sound system security matters, and will make his suggestions soon. The replacement of the Hall security alarm system will probably have to wait until the renovation work has been completed.

☑ Some people have been downstairs to look around, and several of them have commented that the new lift, or elevator, looks too small to accommodate comfortably a funeral casket. They are right: it is too small, or at least it is too small to bear a lot of the caskets that a normal parish can expect to receive. It is fine for a child's casket, or that of a small or normal sized woman, but for larger women and even normal-sized men, it is too small. This is not an error made by either architect or contractor. Nearly two years ago, when the plans were first being drawn up, it was already clear that the changes wanted for the Hall could not be paid for with the monies that St. James had on hand. A smaller lift that what had originally been called for was suggested as a way of saving \$20,000 and this proposal was adopted. And the lift we have will work for some caskets; the ones too big for it will simply have to be carried up the steps.

Well, there it is, at least for the moment. As more becomes known, more will be reported. And if you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Bob or Dave Bowman. If we know the answer, we'll tell you, and if we don't know, then we'll try and find out.

Peace

Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2015

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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.



WEDDING BANNES

There is a promise of marriage between John Idyakunnel and Reshma Sekhar. They will be married on September 13, 2015 in Mumbai, India.

Next Sunday is St. James Day!

Bring a Friend, Celebrate Mass and enjoy the celebration following 10:30 Mass, Sunday July 26.

One Mass Only at 10:30

Social Care Board Openings

At present there are two openings on the Social Care Board. The purpose of the social care board is to provide food assistance to low income families, provide care for the elderly, and provide nutritional needs for the homeless. The board meets the third Thursday of each month except August and December. The term of each board member is two years. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact Liz Bowman at 312-842-1919 ext. 211.

TREASURE

Sunday Collection Report

July 5, 2015 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envelopes	\$1,921.00
Loose Checks & Checks	\$392.61
Electronic Giving	\$530.00
Collection Total	\$2,843.61

SUNDAY COLLECTION MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2014 & 2015	Envelopes	%	Loose	%	Electronic	%	Total
July	\$7,345.00	49%	\$4,478.40	30%	\$3,300.00	22%	\$15,123.40
Aug	\$6,080.00	51%	\$2,995.00	25%	\$2,855.00	24%	\$11,930.00
Sept	\$9,229.00	54%	\$4,390.22	26%	\$3,395.00	20%	\$17,014.22
Oct.	\$7,730.66	59%	\$1,841.84	14%	\$3,435.00	26%	\$13,007.48
Nov	\$6,468.00	48%	\$4,275.34	32%	\$2,725.00	20%	\$13,468.34
Dec	\$9,355.67	60%	\$3,762.33	24%	\$2,715.00	16%	\$15,833.00
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
	\$80,167.17	53%	\$38,240.84	25%	\$31,754.00	21%	\$150,162.01

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Finis Abernathy
Victoria Allen
Ashley Alvarez
Eric Alvarez
Dorothy Barnes
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
James Bowman
Willie B. Clay
Edwina Cook
Kathleen Foley
Paul & Jane Freeman
Cathy Garcia
Bertha Griffin
Mary Healy

Robert Helem
Elise James
Benjamin Jefferson
Mel Keys
Minnie Kimbrough
Wayne Lambert
Mary Madrigal
Latona Merchant
Paul Mesirow
Mary Moore
Kay Nachel
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
Dina Williams
Audrey Winfrey

Mass Attendance

July 5, 2015: 115(9:30 a.m.)/ 45(11:30)
July 12, 2015: 121(9:30 a.m.)/ 31(11:30)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

July 26, 2015

Lectors

10:30 a.m. Sherri Seyfried & Jim Sherman

Communion Ministers

10:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),
Verda Abernathy, Deborah Cooper,
and Josie Bertucci

Greeters

10:30 a.m. Barbara Sherman

Altar Servers To Be Announced

Mass Stipends

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.



Catholic Homeschool Conference July 24 & 25, 2015

The immaculate Heart of Mary Chicago Homeschool Conference will be held at North Central College - RRC Building, 440 Building, 440 South Brainerd Street, in Naperville, on Friday, July 24 (12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and on Saturday, July 25 (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mr. Nick Marmalejo, Mrs. Melissa Savage, Mrs. Krista Thomas, Mrs. Virginia Seuffert, and Mr. Gary Zimak!

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org, email: info@ihmconference.org, or call 540-636-1946.



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.

ST. JAMES • CHICAGO

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 7/19	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Mr. & Mrs. William Sinkenberg - request by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:00 p.m.	Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Pantry)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall)
Mon 7/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Vera Wilkins - request by Shirley Barker</i>
Tue 7/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Sr. Sandra Marie Sosnowski - request by Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth</i>
Wed 7/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Barbara DeChatelet - request by Eileen Coffey</i>
Thur 7/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Rita Sutton - request by Phillip Sutton</i>
Fri 7/24	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>For the Intentions of John & Marilyn Milks - request by David Milks</i>
	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Office open by appointment only
Sun 7/26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Robert J. Dybas by Zmek Family</i>
	10:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:00 p.m.	St. James Day Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



St. James Day

Sunday, July 26 - Mass 10:30 a.m.

Picnic to follow Mass

One Mass only — 10:30 a.m.

(Hall Grounds)

Parish & Student Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 3 - 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(IIT Campus)

October Fest

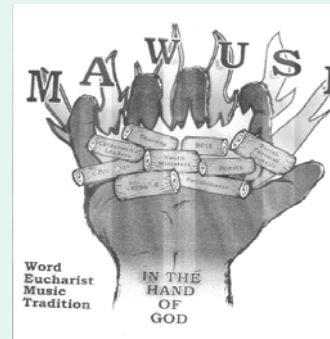
Sunday, October 4 - 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Hall Grounds)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

MAWUSI RETREAT XXII

AUGUST 7, 8, & 9, 2015



Mawusi, in Ewe, a language from Ghana and Togo, means “in the hand of God.” The Mawusi retreat is designed for those who serve, worship, experience or seek a greater understanding of Catholic spirituality from the Black perspective. This year’s retreat focus will be traditions of the Church and the African Diaspora. Through our stories, we will share the traditions: parish and Households that enrich our faith.

Registration Deadline: July 27, 2015

Late registration fee \$25.00 additional

Registration available online at

www.catechesis-chicago.org

Please make checks payable to Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry and send to:

**St. Mary of the Lake
Conference Center
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060-1174**



Above left to right: Peter, Julie and Brian Polt (friends of the Collins family), Kathy Collins (Deacon Terry's sister), Jelani Bonner (Ave Maria University basketball player who played for Deacon Terry), and Deacon Terry. Jelani spoke at both Masses about the mission of Crossroads, an organization of young people who walk across the country as a witness to the Pro-Life cause. Jelani's group was in Chicago the weekend of July 11-12. The other 11 walkers from Crossroads spoke at other parishes around Chicago.