

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.

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15



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

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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SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THE WAY....

AT ST. JAMES....



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

"Anger, shock, grief, shame. What other words can we summon to describe the experience of learning about the devastating revelations of sexual abuse — and the failures of bishops to safeguard the children entrusted to their care — published in the Pennsylvania grand jury report, released Tuesday?" These were Cardinal Cupich words in response to the truly horrifying news that we reported last week. After the initial reactions like those of the Cardinal a second feeling was "When is the Church going to get this right?"

Some background: in 1984 the first reports of clergy sexual abuse hit the public media in Louisiana. I happened to be stationed there at the time and it was dreadful. Then every few years another scandal would break until the major blow up in Boston which led to the bishops in the United States (the USCCB) finally responding with what became known as the Dallas Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Charter has several parts: prevention - making sure that priests and others who work with children and young people have nothing in their background or personality which might cause them to be a danger to children; training implementing strict guidelines on appropriate behavior; responses to allegations - conducting investigations into an allegations and alerting civil authorities of the allegation; care for the victim – providing ongoing emotional, therapeutic and spiritual support; dealing with the perpetrators – having procedures in place to eliminate the possibility of offending again. This is the "zero tolerance" provision of the charter – that someone who offends is removed from ministry and is not allowed to present himself as a priest. This process is seemingly straightforward but as the example of Cardinal Bernardin demonstrated, there are such a thing as false allegations which complicate the process.

Of course, since the report from Pennsylvania covers more than 70 years, going back to the 1940's, the provisions in the Charter were not in effect for most of the period covered. What the report makes clear is that until the Charter care for the victim was not a priority for the Church. The bishops sought to "re-habilitate" offending priests and then often sent them back into ministry. All too often the offender was not re-habilitated and more victims were created. This is completely unacceptable and only causes victims more pain. One can only hope that the "antiseptic" of bringing these stories to light will help the victims find healing, give an opportunity for justice, and provide mechanisms to guarantee (as far as possible) that there will be no more victims of sexual abuse in the Church.

How do we move on from here? If the Church does not want to spend another thirty-five years with the constant drip-drip of reports like that of Pennsylvania coming out complete transparency will be required. I hope the bishops heed that call. Let me add that if you or anyone you know has been the victim of abuse please report it. If you don't know what to do I am

more than willing to be your champion. And continue to pray that God will bestow genuine healing on all those impacted by this horrible crime.



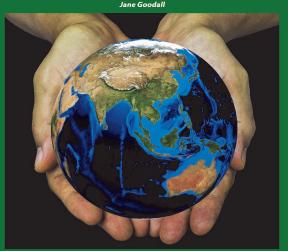




This Sunday, September 2, a representative from Arise! Chicago will speak after Mass to remind us of the importance of Labor Day.

Eucharistic Adoration 1st Fridays of Each Month Next Adoration is on September 7, 2018 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Confession from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."



If you'd like to see a recycling program reinstituted at St. James and are willing to help make that happen, please contact Amy @ 312-842-1919 or apellettiere@stjameswabash.org.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ELECTION TIME

St. James Parish Council is announcing the application period (September 1 thru September 30) and is inviting Parishioners 18 years & older to apply for membership on the

St. James Parish Council. Applications will be 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



Nancy McCarthy has been in the hospital since July 22nd but now is recovering and residing at Plymouth Place, 315 North LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park, IL 60526.

Bet she would love cards!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT			
JANUARY 1— AUGUST 19			
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$49,815.00	\$52,689.41	(\$2,874.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$13,683.25	\$14,407.00	(\$723.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$8,328.01	\$8,082.40	\$245.61
ON-LINE	\$38,085.00	\$34,033.00	\$4,052.00
<u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u>	<u>\$109,911.26</u>	<u>\$109,211.81</u>	<u>\$699.45</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$2,028.80	\$1,781.00	\$247.80
SHARING DONATIONS	\$4,505.91	\$3,078.35	\$1,427.56
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$1,107.23	\$1,077.69	\$29.54
TOTAL OTHER	<u>\$7,641.94</u>	<u>\$5,937.04</u>	<u>\$1,704.90</u>
TOTAL GIVING	\$117,553.46	\$115,148.85	\$2,404.35



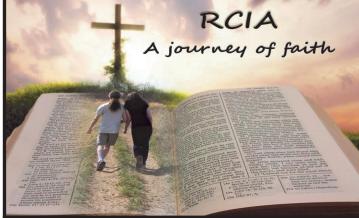
Our Home Bound: Judy Archer Margie Bass Barbara Bassett Altee Clark Edwina Cook Paul & Jane Freeman Juanita James James Kennard Sr. Barbara Rastatter Norman Rouse Geraldine Scudder Barbara Southhall Bette Strickland Dina Williams Our Sick Herbert Cobbs Aayliah Cooper Patsy Cunningham Marvelean Doss Nancy McCarthy Joan Noble Barbara Radizwon Sandra Reynolds Kimberly Starr Sarah & Clanton Whitlow

Mass Attendance

August 12, 2018: 91(9:30 a.m.)/73(11:30 a.m.) August 19, 2018: 92(9:30 a.m.)/57(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 09/02	22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Zachaeus House			
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Children's Liturgy of the World Mass		
Mon 09/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)		
Tue 09/04	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)		
Wed 09/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)		
Thur 09/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)		
Fri 09/07	7:30 a.m. † 7:00 p.m.	Ceil Gadzala - requested by Dot Nachel		
Sat 09/08	8:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)		
Sun 09/09	23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry			
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. † 9:40 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Mass Bill Dunavant - requested by Ron Zivkovic Children's Liturgy of the World		
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The journey begins on September 16th!

If you know someone who might be interested in exploring their spirituality, or you wish to accompany inquirers as a sponsor, please contact Brother Kent Connolly @ kentfsc@sbcglobal.net.



The Parish Council thanks you for completing the survey. We received 43 responses. We are particularly grateful for your candid responses to the questions pertaining to the vision of St James. Here is a brief summary of the results:

1. Everyone is pleased with the Mass experience, particularly the music.

2. Our Priest is awesome! Our location is very strategic, though the physical appearance of our church is limiting.

3. Parishioners are drawn to the diversity, warmth and friendliness at St James.

4. We could do a better job with our community outreach beyond the food pantry.

5. We are lacking in our youth and family offerings.

6. Parishioners would like more social interactions (apart from Sunday fellowship).

7. We should use all available tools to communicate our message and keep parishioners informed.

What's next, you might ask? As previously stated, we are in the process of developing the strategic plan for St. James. Though there were no big surprises from the survey results, this information will be used to guide and inform our discussion and planning. The Parish Council will be working on developing the plan this Fall. Please reach out to any Council Member for more details.