

**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*



# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

## **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

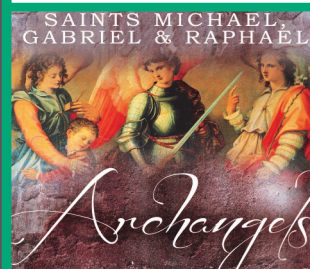
Saturday & Sunday  
Closed

## **LOCATION**

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**SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## ON THE WAY....



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

God can redeem everything. God took even something as terrible as the crucifixion of Jesus and transformed it into the act of salvation for the world. God can turn Good Friday into Easter Sunday. As we are confronting the horror of clergy sex abuse in the Catholic Church we must continue to have faith that God can redeem even this. Maybe one way that God can take this terrible situation and use it for some good end is to wake up the country of the wide-spread nature of the sexual abuse of a child. A priest abusing a child is devastating. It impacts the survivors' ability to trust in God. But sexual abuse by any individual can be soul-robbing to a child. The Church is of necessity looking long and hard at our structures and personnel to ensure that sexual abuse of a child never happens again. Perhaps we can take this opportunity for a national self-examination on how we as a country have ignored the problem of childhood sexual abuse in society at large.

Here are some sexual abuse statistics gleaned from the internet:

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old.
- Over 58,000 children were sexually abused last year. Only 914 of that number were abused by priests according to the bishops-accountability website.
- 8.3 % of reported child abuse cases were sexual abuse.
- 34% of people who sexually abuse a child are family members.
- 12.3% of girls were age 10 or younger at the time of their first rape/victimization, and 30% of girls were between the ages of 11 and 17.
- 27.8% of boys were age 10 or younger at the time of their first rape/victimization.
- 96% of people who sexually abuse children are male, and 76.8% of people who sexually abuse children are adults.
- 325,000 children are at risk of becoming victims of commercial child sexual exploitation each year.
- Caregiver alcohol or drug abuse is a child abuse risk factor putting kids at much higher risk for being abused.
- National Sexual Assault Online Hotline -- 800.656.HOPE (4673)
- As many as 40 percent of children who are sexually abused are abused by older, or more powerful children.
- Eighty-four percent of sexual victimization of children under 12 occurs in a residence.
- In 98 percent of child abuse cases reported to officials, children's statements were found to be true.

We have a major problem in the Church that sexual abuse has been ignored for so long. The wounds of the victims are long lasting. We must continue to reach out to them with a word of healing. The Archdiocese of Chicago in its Office for Protection of Children and youth welcomes you to report historical abuse, by calling OPCY at 312.534.5254. Even though one child harmed is one too many, the steps the Church has taken to deal with the problem of clergy sex abuse seem to be paying off in the diminishing number of accusations. However, we also have a major problem in society that children are experiencing abuse in their homes, schools, and playgrounds. Perhaps God wants us to confront this societal problem with the same passion with which we are dealing in the Church.

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

## AT ST. JAMES....

2nd Gifts From Liam

### Diaper Drive

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK  
September 24 30, 2018

Please help with this special need by donating diapers, wipes and/or creams. Especially needed are diapers sizes 3 and larger.

Collection Dates: **Sept. 23 through Sept. 30, 2018. Please place donations in the collection bins at St. James church.**

**A cause you can really get behind.**



You can also donate by ordering through Gifts From Liam's Amazon Wishlist:  
[Tinyurl.com/GFLwishlist](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/Tinyurl.com/GFLwishlist)

Drive info: [GFL2ndDiaperDrive.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/GFL2ndDiaperDrive)



*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.*



We have a new library please feel free to come visit in the east vestibule and check out a book or two.

### 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

### Let Us Break Bread Together

Mon, 1-2:30pm or 7-8:30pm Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, 2018

A Latin axiom asserts *lex orandi, lex credendi*: the way that we pray determines how we believe. In October Fr. John will examine the principal prayer of the Church, the Mass, and how it shapes who we are as Catholics. The classes will look at the biblical origins of the Mass and at the historical developments which shaped our worship. A careful examination of the current structure of the Mass will help to develop a deeper understanding of the Church at prayer. All are welcome!

Contact Amy to register for the class:

apellettiere@stjameswabash.org



### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— SEPTEMBER 9

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$54,509.00	\$57,754.41	(\$3,245.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$14,802.25	\$16,749.00	(\$1,946.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$9,085.55	\$8,920.89	\$164.66
ON-LINE	\$42,585.00	\$38,159.00	\$4,426.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$120,981.80</b>	<b>\$121,583.30</b>	<b>(601.50)</b>
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$2,165.80	\$2,014.00	\$151.80
SHARING			
DONATIONS	\$5,090.26	\$3,522.85	\$1,567.41
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,167.23	\$1,077.69	\$89.54
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$8,423.29</b>	<b>\$6,164.04</b>	<b>\$1,808.75</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$129,405.09</b>	<b>\$128,197.84</b>	<b>\$1,207.25</b>

In Our Prayers



#### 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**  
Aaylia Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham

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

#### Mass Attendance

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

September 16, 2018: 138(9:30 a.m.)/63(11:30 a.m.)

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

Sun 09/23	25th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Seminary	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass <i>Bill Dunavant - requested by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School (Hall Basement) Mass Mass (Godbox @ IIT)
Mon 09/24	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana</i>
Tue 09/25	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. †	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry) <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana</i>
Wed 09/26	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana</i>
Thur 09/27	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana</i>
Fri 09/28	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana</i>
Sat 09/29	10:00 a.m. †	Parish Retreat (Presentation Hall) <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana (Mercy)</i>
Sun 09/30	26th Sunday In Ordinary Time Stewardship Sunday	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass <i>Ellen Nobel - requested by Eileen Coffey</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. †	Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School (Hall Basement) Mass <i>The Intentions of Victoria Fain - requested by Augustine Atangana</i>

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**

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>

