



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*



6th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not take a false oath, but make
good to the Lord all that you vow."

- Mt 5:33b

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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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ON THE WAY.....

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

A recent meeting of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago reminded us that we live in an age when the traditional practice of the faith is waning quickly. All of the mainline churches are experiencing this and the Catholic Church is particularly impacted. We all know this from our families but the national statistics are daunting:

- Only one in five children who are baptized make first communion.
- Only two in five of the children who are baptized are confirmed.
- 85% of those who are confirmed stop practicing the faith by age 21.
- 60% of the Baby Boom Generation practice the faith... and they provide 90% of the financial contributions.
- 33% of GenX practice the faith.
- 16% of Millennials practice the faith.

Various questionnaires have been developed to help Church leaders understand what is happening. One example would be the Disciple Maker Index which asks questions such as:

1. Attitude and Belief Questions: Stage and pace of spiritual growth, personal beliefs.
 - Which of the following best describes where you are on your Catholic journey?
 - I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life
 - I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend
 - I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple
 - My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life
2. Participation Questions:
 - How frequently do parishioners participate in various parish activities
 - How often have you over the past year...shared your personal witness story with another person?
 - How often did you over the past year...participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
3. Relationship/Satisfaction Questions: Parishioners' satisfaction with their parish, pastor, and parish activities
 - My parish helps me grow spiritually as a Catholic
 - I would recommend my parish to a friend
4. Demographic Questions Gender, age, ethnicity, etc to understand who is responding
 - Is this parish your primary place of worship?
 - What best describes your approach to providing financial support for your parish?

One thing all of the research has demonstrated is that current spiritual seekers are looking for:

1. Presence: real relationships, a sense of being known and valued.
2. Authenticity: a genuine encounter with believers that nourishes one's spirit.
3. Impact: how are believers relevant to the needs and reality of the nation and world.

All of this is a challenge to St. James. We cannot maintain the status quo but must find new ways to convey the importance of belief in human life with everyone we are in contact with. Radical Hospitality is an initial step. Are we willing to step?



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

AT ST. JAMES....



Our Jazzing to Feed fundraiser is approaching. Although it is four months away, May 30, 2020, the time quickly flies. In the past we made over \$11,500 on the silent auction. We need

over 100 items in order to do this. Popular items for the silent auction are gift cards – restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, and department store gift cards. Theater tickets – live and movie are also popular. Also art work, gift baskets, new small household appliances, sports items and tickets, especially White Sox and are very popular. Bring items to church or drop them off at the Parish Office, 2907 Wabash. It would be great if they could be brought in sooner rather than later so we can begin processing



LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to address racism in your community, but you don't know where to begin? Do you long for a space to ask hard questions about race and privilege? Do you want to learn how to advocate for racial equity within your family, church and community?

The St. James Evangelization Committee is offering the JustFaith Ministries' "Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege" program during Lent. This is an eight-week module in their Just Matters series that awakens individuals and groups to racial injustices within our political and economic systems that empower some and oppress others. It includes grounding in Scripture, conversation on specific issues related to power and privilege, wisdom from community advocates, and tools to discern action steps to combat racism.

Beginning with an all-day retreat on February 22, the program will continue on Tuesday evenings from March 3 through April 21. Sessions will be held in the rectory from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration will be limited to 15 participants, and a commitment to as much of the program as possible is required. There is a \$25 registration fee (financial assistance is available) to help cover retreat and program costs.

You can register on forms available at the church information desk, or by contacting Amy Pellettiere (apellettiere@stjameswabash.org) or Jim Boyd (jfboyd@hotmail.com).



Next week is the African American Heritage Mass. There will only be ONE mass at 10:30 on Feb. 23rd!!!

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

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COME, FOLLOW ME...
and heal our world

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment

Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me... and heal our world," was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus' call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our parish and our archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— FEBRUARY 2

SUNDAY	2020	2019	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$5,435.00	\$6,619.00	(\$1,184.00)
CHECKS	\$2,210.00	\$1,762.00	\$448.00
CASH	\$1,295.22	\$1,258.84	\$36.38
ON-LINE	\$5,655.00	\$6,895.00	(\$1,240.00)
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$14,595.22	\$16,534.84	(\$1,939.62)
SHARING	\$1,087.65	\$678.00	\$409.65
MAINTENANCE	\$454.00	\$268.00	\$186.00
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$329.00	\$290.30	\$38.70
TOTAL OTHER	\$1,870.65	\$1,236.30	\$634.35
TOTAL GIVING	\$16,465.87	\$17,771.14	(\$1,305.27)



Our Home Bound:

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

Sr. Barbara Rastatter
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

February 2, 2020: 125(9:30 a.m.)/61(11:30 a.m.)
February 9, 2020: 116(9:30 a.m.)/58(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 02/09	6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Annual Catholic Appeal	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Kid's Word (Church Lower Level)
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parish Delivery (Pantry)
	10:40 a.m.	Sunday School (Church Lower Level)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Student Mass (IIT God Box)
Mon 02/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Benjamin Galtzer-Levy - requested by Dennis Barrett</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectorry)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectorry)
Tue 02/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Carmen Bertucci - requested by Paul & Leslie Gaggiano</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Committee (Rectorry)
Wed 02/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Cyrilla F. Zaneck - requested by Sri Cyrilla Zaneck</i>
Thur 02/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (Rectorry)
Fri 02/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Sun 02/16	7th Sunday In Ordinary Time African American Heritage Mass	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	11:30 a.m.	African American Luncheon (Hall Basement)

St. James Lenten Day of Reflection Surprised by God: Noticing God in Everyday Moments



Saturday, March 7, 2020
10AM—3PM
(lunch included)
Registration/Hospitality
begins at 9:30AM
Cost: Free will donation

Sign up for the Retreat by March 1st, email
Amy at apellettiere@stjameswabash.org,
call at 312-842-1919 ext. 212





Your St James Parish Council held its first meeting of the year on January 8, 2020, at 7pm. This years council consists of 7 returning Members and 2 newly seated Candidates Gisela Quinones and Rachel Carlson. Returning members are Augustana Atangana, Phyllis Barker, Dave Bowman (On site architect/building Manager) Mary Ann Feliciano (Co Chair) Darren Haley, Ruelyn Howard, and Rene Rouse (secretary) . We are so grateful for the time and ideas shared by outgoing members Camille Hamlet/Amegah, Leona Martin and Sherri Seyfried.

News to share Ask a council member about the “Just Roots” project which may use our open land to grow and provide vegetables for the Community and pantry. Some Parish Council members met with Old St Mary Parish Council to see how we and our committees might work in tandem to best serve our elderly, homeless and unchurched communities . I am so proud to report that our small Parish continues to carry out the Mission of serving our community thru Social Justice, On going Faith sharing meetings, Our IIT Students, Bereavement committee, and open discussions on immigration and security discussions. Please search out a Parish council member and share your ideas or thoughts. We have much to accomplish and we can do anything when we work together. Eager to serve, Mary Ellen Levine (Chair)