

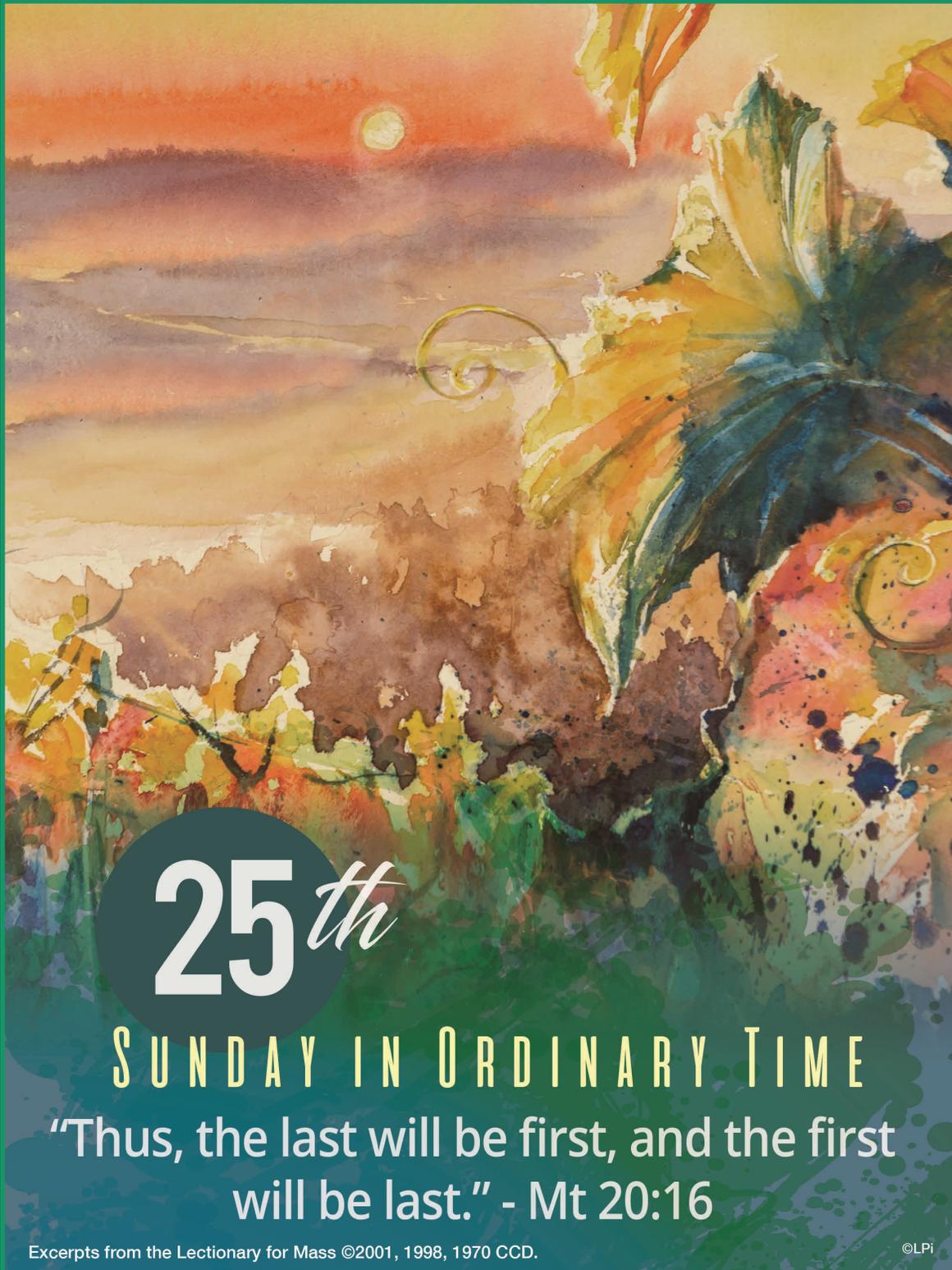
Saint James

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*



25th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last." - Mt 20:16

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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign
Up & On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign
Up & On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

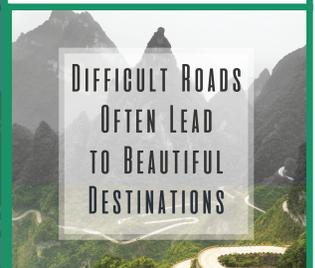
Monday - Sunday
Closed until further
notice

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

Below find a document from Contemplation and Political Action: An Ignatian Guide to Civic Engagement. I thought it particularly apt during this election season:

"It would be hard to share a more countercultural message than the one Pope Francis offered during a 2013 homily: "Good Catholics meddle in politics, offering the best of themselves, so that those who govern can govern," he said. "Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good. I cannot wash my hands, eh? We all have to give something!" Consider what Pope Francis is proposing here: Political participation is not merely worthwhile, but one of the "highest forms of charity." Charity, or the Latin caritas, is the highest theological virtue and a word for what we more commonly call "love." So, Pope Francis is saying that politics is an important way of loving God by loving our neighbor in an incarnational, concrete way. Catholics are called to get involved in politics — to "meddle," even! — instead of disengaging and avoiding the messiness of political life. There's quite a contrast between the Holy Father's encouraging tone and some of the adjectives often paired with the word "politics" today — descriptors like polarized, dysfunctional, ugly, vitriolic or even irredeemable. It would be fair to wonder if Pope Francis really meant what he said. In fact, Pope Francis' positive view of what politics can be isn't new from a Catholic perspective. It echoes a theme found throughout papal writings over the past 125 years, such as St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life"): "By virtue of our sharing in Christ's royal mission, our support and promotion Christ's royal mission, our support and promotion of human life must be accomplished through the service of charity, which finds expression in personal witness, various forms of volunteer work, social activity and political commitment" (no. 87). Their shared vision of politics as a worthwhile good reflects Catholic teaching on the essential role of governments at every level to protect human dignity and to promote the well-being of all. Plus, Pope Francis and his predecessors have worked with a broad definition of "politics" that transcends partisan brawling. Instead, they are referring to the ways local, national and even global communities come together to make decisions about their shared life. Despite the generally sad state of our shared political life today, bringing our voices of faith to the public sphere through activities like issue-based legislative advocacy, community organizing and voting is essential to following Jesus as disciples. Why? Because civic participation is one powerful way we can work to uphold Christ's Gospel mandate to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and care for the ill and imprisoned with compassion (cf. Matthew 25:31-46). We feed the hungry through direct service, meeting individual needs as they arise. But we also go to the root of social ills and try to change systems and structures so people won't go hungry anymore. This latter work requires getting involved in politics.

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

Sun 09/20	25th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parish Delivery (Pantry)
Mon 09/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Tues 09/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Wed 09/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Thur 09/24	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Fri 09/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Sun 09/27	26th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147

Join the Ellis family as we celebrate the life of LoRoven Ellis, long time parishioner and father of Diana, Renee, Jackie and Kathy passed away Monday the 14th.



We keep the family and LoRoven Ellis in our thoughts and prayers. More details to follow.

St. James Fall Retreat 2020



Trusting God in Trying Times

Saturday, October 3, 2020

10AM—1PM

Via Zoom

Many questions have been raised for us in the past few months as we've experienced the coronavirus that range from "What's that?" to "What is this going to mean for my life?" to "Where is God in this?" Anger, loss, lament and grief are common experiences as the virus touches all aspects of our personal and community life. This virtual retreat day will address the questions and the feelings as we explore, through shared experience and Scripture reflections, how this can be a time to renew our trust in a God who loves us and calls us to move forward in hope. Join us for prayer, input, reflection and sharing.

Facilitator: Sister Janice Keenan, OSF, Retreat Program Manager at the Portciuncula Center for Prayer, Frankfort, IL



All are welcome! Please RSVP here before Sept. 30th



Greetings from the St James Parish Council.

The Parish Council (PC) is an Advisory committee that consults with Fr. John on issues that affect the life and future of St James.

The Parish Council consulted with Fr. John on implementing the Archdiocese pandemic guidelines. We called Parishioners to gain insight on their feelings regarding returning to in-person worship. The Parish Council will help to provide leadership when St. James enters into the Renew My Church process.

Think you might like to get involved?

Usually, we elect Member Candidates each September, but due to the pandemic the Parish council has decided to delay elections until later in the year which gives us and you more time for consideration. Look for future messages from the PC on how YOU can help.

Want more information now?
Contact Mary Ellen Levine at:
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708- 466-9133 or
visit the St James Website .
Stay posted, More to come.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT!

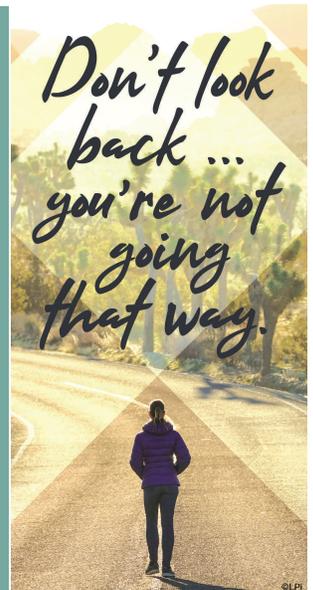
Parishioner Engagement Survey



St. James seeks YOUR input to help inform our Fall planning and ensure we are best serving the needs of our community. Please reply to this survey by visiting: <https://bit.ly/2ZmfkMU> or scanning the QRcode above.

Survey responses are anonymous and should only take ~10 minutes to complete (~35-40 questions). Please complete this survey by Monday, September 28th, 2020.

One reply per person please. Thank you in advance for your input!



Coming to Church

Advance sign up for all masses and events is required.

You can access all sign-ups for masses and events, including Eucharistic Adoration through [Sign Up Genius](#) or on the Sign Up Genius tab on our website. If you do not have access to the internet you may call Amy at 872-703-4337.

Participants must follow ALL safety guidelines.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Altee Clark
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
James Kennard
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

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