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9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

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Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
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HOURS**

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he
found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
- Jn 9:35

I AM
THE GOOD
SHEPHERD.
A GOOD
SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN
HIS LIFE FOR
THE SHEEP.

- JN 10:11

MARCH 19, 2023

ON THE WAY.....



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

I recently came across this (edited) article in the Catholic World Report (dated March 6, 2023) and found it interesting. Thought you might as well: How many laywomen have been recognized as saints or blessed by the Church? Unfortunately, that's a complicated question, but clearly not because the Church has been slow to recognize laywomen as saints. It is impossible for us to know exactly how many men, women, and children have died as martyrs for their faith in Christ. Although the Church's official liturgical calendar of saints includes names and numbers for many large groups of saints, there are sixty groups of martyrs also recognized, but whose names we do not know. Many of those martyrs doubtless were laywomen.

In the Church's calendar, there are many women who entered religious life and are now recognized as saints or blessed. That total number includes eighty-one abbesses, 241 nuns, 446 religious sisters, and 146 virgins. While Saint Agnes of Montepulciano (1268-1317) talked her parents into letting her go a Franciscan convent when she was only nine years old, Saint Theresa of Portugal (1178-1250) didn't become a Cistercian nun until after she had become a grandmother and a widow. The Church recognizes ten female hermits.

Many people are surprised to learn that one of the greatest female saints in the history of the Church was a laywoman: Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) was a Dominican tertiary. Although she and the other tertiaries in her Italian town wore a distinctive habit, they were technically laywomen who were also members of the Dominican third order. There are sixty-three holy women in the Church's calendar who were members of a third order. There are also eight women who lived as oblates and are now considered saints. These women never took religious vows, but lived near a religious community.

But the vocations we most associate with laywomen are the vocations of wife and mother. The Church recognizes 155 wives, eighty-two mothers, and eighty-two widows as saints or blessed. A total of 468 female saints and blessed lived as laywomen for all or most of their lives. This number includes great queens such as Saint Clotilda of France (475-545), who married a pagan king and converted him to the faith. It also includes Saint Zita of Lucca (1218-1278), a holy woman who served as a humble housekeeper all her life. The total includes Saint Monica (d. 387), who prayed her wayward son, the future Saint Augustine of Hippo, into the Church. It also includes Saint Gianna Molla (1922-1962), who chose to refuse medical treatment to protect her unborn child, although at the cost of her life.

All the holy laywomen of the Church are great inspirations for those of us with families and children. They remind us that we are all called to holiness in the messiness of daily life, whether that be in monotonous chores or momentous medical decisions, in the daily grind or great trials. And it is possible for us to be holy women, as they were holy women. That's because God continues to grant the gift of extraordinary faith even to ordinary women, if we will only ask.

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

Sun 03/19	4th Sunday of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>James LeRoy Farrell, Jr. and Trinity Missions donors</i>
Mon 03/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Ellen Noble by Eileen Coffey</i>
Tues 03/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet by Sister Bernadette</i>
Wed 03/22	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Bible Study (On-line)
Thurs 03/23	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Joseph Eaton by Sister Bernadette</i> Want to Talk? (On-line)
Fri 03/24	7:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Soups & Stations (Church & Online)
Sun 03/26	5th Sunday of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Jerry McDonough by Sister Bernadette</i>

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It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.





Friday, March 24th

Soup & Salad
from 5:30-6:30PM and 7:30 - 8:30PM
St. James lower level

Stations of the Cross
6:30PM
St. James Church and Zoom

Catholic Men's Spirituality

Men from around the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather for good speakers, good food, to grow spiritually, and enjoy great fellowship with other men for the 19th annual Bishop Perry's Chicago Catholic Men's Forum. Saturday 15 April, 2023 at the new Saint John Neumann – North Parish (Anne Church/Hall) in Hazel Crest Illinois, sponsored by Catholic Men Chicago Southland Apostolate. More information and registration at forum.cmcsmen.net

Resources:

Art graphics for bulletin inserts, social media sharing, and parish newsletter designs, and more:

Link: https://c.mail.com/@649610657095754826/eLqGVCHPRTmj18_QeOTP7Q

Registration Form Direct Link:
www.forum.cmcsmen.net

The Catholic Men Chicago Southland (CMCS) website: www.cmcsmen.net



Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dearborn Homes

Please support the annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dearborn Homes by making a financial contribution or donation of coloring

books, crayons, and storybooks for African-American children ages 3 to 10.

The annual Easter egg hunt at the Dearborn Homes is sponsored by Saint James Parish. Donations should be dropped off in the collection box at church by April 2nd. Please contact Peter Wawire with questions. Make checks out to Saint James Parish. If you are interested in volunteering please email Peter at pwawire@stjameswabash.org

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.

Amen.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:
 Judy Archer
 Margie Bass
 Paul Freeman
 Juanita James
 Barbara Southhall
 Dina Williams

Our Sick:
 Victoria Allen
 Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham
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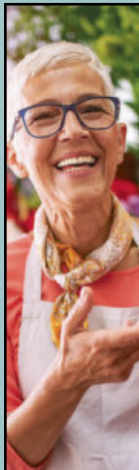
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