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St. James Roman Catholic Church,
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SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

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

LOCATION

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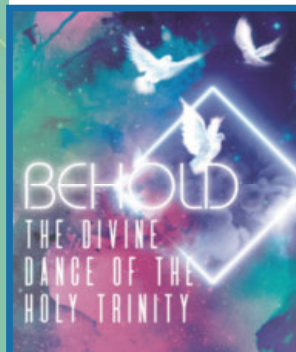
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 4, 2023



ON THE WAY.....



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

If your family is anything like mine, many of your relatives are abandoning the practice of the faith. The younger cohorts (Millennials and Gen Z) have stopped going to Church (Catholic and Protestant) in record numbers. The researchers have discovered that even with this wide-spread rejection of religious practice the vast majority (80%) of the younger cohorts want to grow spiritually. The problem, at least from a Church point of view, is that they do not see their spiritual hunger being fed by God as traditionally preached. One line that particularly struck me from the research: "People today don't just need to be convinced that Christianity is true, but also that it is good." That makes sense when you examine the checkered history of Christianity throughout the ages. Alas, we have not lived up to the ideals that Jesus proclaimed and into which we have been baptized. There is much to repent of. However, I believe that the truth is important – and not just something that every individual can create for him or herself.

The truth that God is Triune is important. That truth tells us that the source of all that has been or ever will be can only be understood in relationship. Since God is Trinity the idea of some lone figure making their own way has been shown to be, at the most basic level, false. Relationship has been built into the very fabric of creation. God cannot be God except as a relationship of Father, Son and Spirit. That tells us that the only genuine way to live in this world is by acknowledging the relationships which define us. To imagine that world is transactional, that I can focus solely on what's in it for me, is to disrupt the way that things were meant to be. When the truth of the Trinity is lost, humanity becomes a dog eat dog world and devil take the hindmost.

The truth that Jesus is truly God and truly human is important. Acknowledging the two natures of Christ tells us something vital about what it means to be a human being. Every single individual just in being human has the potential to bear divinity since we have a familial relationship with Jesus. If Jesus is just a nice guy or a good teacher like so many other spiritual leaders through the ages we could lose the radical re-orientation of our identity and destiny as human beings. Because of who Jesus was every person is precious, made in God's image and worthy of infinite respect.

That truth that the Holy Spirit has been planted in our hearts is important. We are not here struggling in this world with only our limitations to rely upon. We have the very Spirit of God with us in all things and through all things. We can rely on that Spirit to help us make decisions. We can call on that Spirit to strengthen us throughout life. The Spirit of God assures us that no matter how things seem to be going God continues to work in us and with us.

The challenge today – to translate those truths into action so that every generation will recognize that living the Christian life is what makes it possible for us to be good in ourselves and to spread that goodness around to change the world.

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

Sun 06/04	The Most Holy Trinity	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>
Mon 06/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tues 06/06	7:30 a.m. † 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Clara Phillips by Phyllis Woods</i> Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 06/07	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 06/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 06/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 06/11	The Most Holy Body & Blood Of Christ	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Sister Claudette Schiratti by Sister Marissa Butler</i>

Join us for an evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

Taize Prayer

St. James on Wabash
21 East 29th Street

Wednesday, June 14, at 7pm
Free and open to all

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My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Do you want a better understanding of your faith or beliefs? Do you want to learn what it means to be Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic, seeking to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation?

...Join us on our next journey together. A new session will begin in the fall.

Please contact the coordinator of Faith Formation at faithformation@stjameswabash.org

or call 312-842-1919 Ext. 207 for more information.



Congratulations to Imani Griffin who graduated 8th grade on Sunday May 21, 2023 from St. Therese Chinese Catholic School. She now eagerly looks forward to starting Mother McCauley High School in the fall. With the prayers from her St. James family, may this achievement be just the beginning of many more in her future!



Calling all artists!

St. James is hosting its second Treasures of St. James Art Exhibit on October 8th. All artists in our parish are invited to present their artwork. We'd like to get an idea of how many artists want to participate and ask that you indicate as much on the forms in the vestibule or at <https://bit.ly/SJTREASURE>. For more information see Amy Pelletiere or Liz Bowman.



ST. EDNA'S HERE WE COME!

Sunday

June 11th

Depart St. James Rectory

at 10AM

Return at 3PM

Reserve your seat today at bit.ly/SJSTEDNA



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

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 Paul Freeman
 Juanita James
 Barbara Southhall
 Dina Williams

Our Sick:

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 Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham
 Patsy Cunningham
 Marvelean Doss
 Claude Fisher
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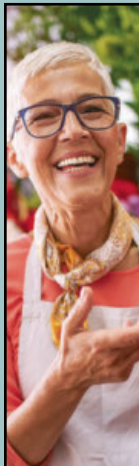
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