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CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,
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Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need
in partnership with others.



*Saint James Church is
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Missionary Servants of
the Most Holy Trinity*



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.

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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ON THE WAY.....



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

Making an annual retreat is part of the ongoing spiritual practice of a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity. By custom the retreat should be eight days, although sometimes it is limited to five. There are two basic types of retreats. A preached retreat consists of the retreat master giving a series of conferences or talks (usually from one to three a day) about a spiritual theme to the entire group. Each retreatant will then take the input he has received and reflect in his private prayer time on how the material applies to his own life. The other type of retreat is called "directed." Each retreatant is assigned a spiritual director or guide and works with the director of the days on scriptural or other themes to promote his/her growth in the Spirit. The retreatant will have four or five private prayer sessions each with the material. He brings the fruit of his/her prayer to the spiritual director and suggestions are made for the next day's prayer. In recent years in both types of retreats there is time for faith sharing on the part of the retreatants. They gather together a few times during the retreat and bring to the group the fruit of their prayer. Since the Holy Spirit is present in the group there can be a richness in hearing how the Spirit is moving among them.

A major feature of any retreat is silence. Quieting one's external communication aims at promoting an interior dialogue with the Holy Spirit. For monks the silence is customary but for those who are in active communities this silence can be a challenge. It seems odd to be sharing a table and meal and not talking with the fellow diners. In addition, often one's fellow retreatants are friends and classmates you have not seen for years since your assignments have been to different countries or different areas in the United States. Naturally you want to catch up! But shutting out external noise from this world provides the occasion for an entry into the realm of the Holy Spirit.

The patron saint of retreats is St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. He developed a lengthy retreat that he called the Spiritual Exercises as the tool to form men into Jesuits. The Spiritual Exercises last for four weeks and consist of a series of reflections on the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Taking that intense time in prayer enables the retreatant to see things in a whole new light. The retreat ends with the retreatant praying to God: "Give me only your love and your grace. That's enough for me." Many religious traditions have used Ignatius' method as a model for their own retreats. We call ours "the Missionary Cenacle Spiritual Exercises."

My retreat this year is in Holy Trinity, Alabama. This is "Bethlehem" for the Missionary Servants. It was here that one hundred years ago Father Judge founded two religious communities, one of men and one of women. Going back there always refreshes my soul and renews my Spirit.

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

Sun 10/01	25th Sunday In Ordinary Time 2nd Collection - Zacchaeus House	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker
Mon 10/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tues 10/03	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 10/04	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 10/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 10/06	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sun 10/08	27th Sunday In Ordinary Time 2nd Sunday Pantry Donations	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † For the people of St. James



Eucharistic Adoration Friday October 6th

8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)

**Confessions available upon
request**



Father John will be in Holy Trinity, Alabama for his annual retreat September 26 to October 5. Thanks to Fr. Bill for celebrating Mass on October 1.



A Little Bit of Your Help will Go A long Way!

St. James Food Pantry is currently looking for your help. We are asking for volunteers to help on

Monday mornings between 9:00 am. & 1:00 pm. Volunteers can assist in making calls to Homebound Seniors and people who are physically challenged (there are over 300 Participants in this program). Or, you can assist with packing delivery client choice orders. (Approximately 50 families are delivered to each week). We also are looking for help delivering groceries on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Clients who participate in this service are able to request food items. So many of the seniors look forward to having their request made. However, many of the items wanted are not always donated or available through the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Items can be purchased at dollar Tree for a reasonable price of \$1.25 and a right size for our senior customers.

Please bring any of the following items to Mass every second Sunday and make the day for people who are receiving deliveries:

Ketchup, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Honey, Sugar, Syrup, Grits, Pancake mix, Instant Coffee, Sardines, Manwich, Chili, Tea Bags, Spam, Jello, Hot Chocolate Mix, Mouthwash, Body Lotion

Your time talent or treasure is very much welcome and appreciated.



Saint of the week

St. Theodora Guérin, a French immigrant to the United States, established a community of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Her congregation went on to start numerous schools and institutions as well as orphanages and free pharmacies to care for the poor and sick.



We need volunteers to help set up for Jazzin' To Feed on Oct 21st from 8 am to 12 pm. Please e-mail Peter if you are interested.

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Finance Corner

Collection Sept 17:
\$1187.10

Year to date (from January 1) 2023
\$161,865.90 .
In 2022 it was
\$145,403.97. An increase of
\$7,324.43



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



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Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

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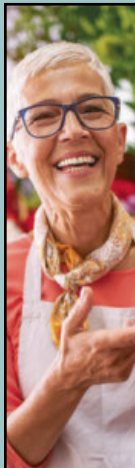
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