

# Saint James

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CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.  
- Mk 9:7-8

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of serving God by worshipping,  
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**February 28, 2021  
2nd Sunday of Lent**

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Saturday

7:30 am (First Saturdays Only)  
4:00 pm

#### Sunday

7:30 am (Without Music)  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm (Spanish)

Rev. Brian Geary, Pastor

Rev. William Schuessler - In Residence

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Deacon Steven Johnson

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Religious Education Fax (815) 544-2294

Catholic Charities—Belvidere Office (815) 544-5434

St. Vincent de Paul Help Line (815) 547-7429

Parish website

[stjamesbelvidere.org](http://stjamesbelvidere.org)

### Sacrament of Penance

#### Saturday

2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

5:30-6:15 p.m.

#### First Saturdays

8:00—9:00 a.m.

or by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents need to be registered members of the parish, should be faithful in attending Mass, and are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. The classes are offered in Connolly Hall (Church Basement) at the following times:

~ **First Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in English** (please, no children at the class).

~ **Fourth Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Spanish** (Please, no children at the class).

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the following days:

~ **Third Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in English**

~ **Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Spanish**

Please call the Parish Office to register for the class and Baptism.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance of the proposed date. Wedding dates cannot be scheduled over the phone. Couples must meet with the parish priest to set their date and are required to participate in a marriage preparation program.

**The Rosary is prayed each morning, Monday through Saturday, at 7:00 am (before the daily Mass).**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 27, 2021—Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm The People of St. James

### Sunday, February 28, 2021—Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Scott Zwielfelhofer

10:00 am Ivan Schrader; Pat Gravunder

12:00 pm Edgar Jimenez; Roberto Lopez, and Julio Galvan—SP

### Monday, March 1, 2021—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Alfonso Perez†

### Tuesday, March 2, 2021—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Frank Kennedy†(Anniversary),  
Maria Marx†

### Wednesday, March 3, 2021—Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:30 am Leonard†, Anna†, & Joseph Wilocki†

### Thursday, March 4, 2021—Saint Casimir

7:30 am Special Intention for  
Deacon James Linkenheld

6:30 pm Jesus Anguiano†-SP

### Friday, March 5, 2021—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Aide Valdez†

### Saturday, March 6, 2021—Lenten Weekday— First Saturday

7:30 am Special Intention for Evelyn Milich in  
Celebration of her 98th Birthday

4:00 pm Pat Gravunder

### Sunday, March 7, 2021—Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am The People of St. James

10:00 am Clarence, Genevieve, George, &  
Robert Russell

12:00 pm Antonio Luevano Reyes &  
Maria Dionicia Garcia—SP



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days for fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.**

**FASTING** is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by all, 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. (CCL, Nos. 1251-1252)

**Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



**During these trying times, please pray the following prayer to St. Rocco, Patron of Contagion, Epidemics, and Illnesses.**

This prayer invokes the aide of St. Rocco, a Catholic Saint and Confessor who was born in 1348 in France. He traveled to Italy during an epidemic of a plague and prayerfully effected numerous and miraculous healings throughout many cities in Italy. August 16th is his feast day; he was a Third Order of St. Francis member whose intercession was invoked especially during the Black Death period.

### Prayer to St. Rocco

**O great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech thee from the scourges of God; through thy intercession, preserve our bodies from contagious diseases, and the contagion of sin. Obtain for us salubrious air, but above all, the purity of heart. Assist us to make good use of health, to bear suffering with patience, and after thy example, to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which thou has merited by virtues, of being with Christ, our Savior, in Heaven.**

**St. Rocco, pray for us. St. Rocco pray for us,  
St. Rocco pray for us.**



### ALMSGIVING DURING LENT

In reference to sacrificing and “Almsgiving,” Lent is a good time to bring to mind the seven *Corporal Works of Mercy*. In the Lenten weeks ahead, look for items here on the works of mercy and sacrificing to help enable us to be the stewards God intended.

Suggestions from the USCCB:

**Visit the Prisoners**

“People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

See if you can get involved in a parish prison ministry.

Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give gifts at Christmas time to children whose parents are in prison.”

~ <https://www.uscb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-corporal-works-of-mercy>



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**“This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him.”**

Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners of St. James:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We continue our reflections on St. Joseph, borrowing from the excellent book, *Consecration to St. Joseph* (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate, 2020). The fact that he was called a "just man" in the Scriptures signifies his excellent character before God and men (Mt. 1:19).

St. Joseph was filled with a sense of his own unworthiness and, at the same time, a deep reverence for God. He feared offending Our Lord and Our Lady so much that he was more than willing to separate himself from the great mysteries surrounding him (Mt. 1:20). He humbly regarded others as greater than himself. He refrained from suspecting others of wrongdoing choosing rather to withhold his own judgment in favor of God's.

St. Joseph joined great humility with great obedience. He promptly obeyed the voice of the Lord when the angel directed him to take Mary into his home. The Scriptures say he, "Did as the angel of the Lord commanded" (Mt. 1:24). St. Joseph teaches us to reserve judgment (even for a long time!) in situations which we cannot comprehend. The Lord will reveal His will for us in His time according to His Word. We have to remain faithful in the face of uncertainty knowing the Lord is fulfilling His will in our trials.

May the good St. Joseph be our example and guide in trusting God. If we are just and righteous in God's sight, He will use us to bring greater glory to Jesus and Mary and, thereby, bring salvation to those who seek it.

God bless you,  
Fr. Geary

*"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."*

~ Pope Benedict XVI



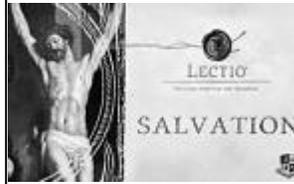
**Stations of the Cross will be held in St. James Church each Friday during Lent through Friday, March 26, 2021.**

**Stations in English at 5:30 pm  
Stations in Spanish at 7:00 pm**

## PLEASE PRAY . . .



That every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord.



Lectio Salvation Session 2 meets this Monday at 6:30 PM on Zoom. The series addresses many common misconceptions about salvation as a means of arriving at a greater understanding of why we profess that it was for us men, and our salvation, that Christ came down from heaven.

This week: **"Salvation: Not Just Fire Insurance"**

If you would like to attend any or all of the sessions, it is not too late. Text 815-543-4738 with the word: "Salvation," your name and email address to register for links to join.

**Save the date:** March 15<sup>th</sup>—Fr. Geary will join us for an in-person session at 6:30 PM in Connolly Hall. We cannot serve or share food, but we will be doing a "Bring In Your Own Take Out Night." Stop by your favorite restaurant or pack your own dinner. All are welcome. Masks will be required except when you are eating. Please text 815-543-4738 to say you are coming so that we can be sure not to exceed properly practiced social distancing.

## Money Matters

Weekend of February 21, 2021, Contributions:.....**\$8,821.48**  
Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Contributions:..**\$3,348.86**

**Thank You and God Bless You for your generous support of St. James Church!**

### Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-15a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-3a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Observances for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent  
Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
Thursday: St. Casimir  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



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This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day in your inbox you will receive a short video (2–3 minutes) which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life—Available for free on FORMED. Register at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent). If you already receive daily reflections from FORMED, you do not need to register, you are automatically opted in for this 40-day Holy Spirit-led journey to grace and glory!

While fasting this Lent, you can feast on the best in Catholic movies, audios, video studies, documentaries, audio dramas, ebooks and more, over 4000 titles on FORMED, for free, for all ages, with many Spanish titles, too. Go to: [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup), enter our zip: 61008, click on the parish name and complete the registration. View on any browser, Apple TV or download the app onto your phone or tablet.

*“The patient and humble endurance of the cross - whatever nature it may be—is the highest work we have to do.”*  
~ Saint Katharine Drexel



Our Men’s Study Group will meet in person in Connolly Hall on Saturday, March 6th, at 6:30 AM, to start a new study:

**True Reformers**, a look at the great Saints who God has used to reform the Church, particularly as a response to the protestant breaking away led by Luther. God is raising up new saints now, too, in this time of great need in our Church to restore a moral voice to our society, and to cling fast to and proclaim **Truth**. Are you one of them? Please join us. Social Distancing practiced. No food or beverages may be served or shared so please do bring your own coffee if desired.

## ONLINE GIVING

With so much uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus, and increasing recommendations to avoid crowds and take proper safety precautions, we wanted to remind you that Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the church. This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory. **Start giving online today!**

Visit our church website at [www.stjamesbelvidere.org](http://www.stjamesbelvidere.org) and click on the online giving link.

1. Create an account
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Online Giving is provided by *Our Sunday Visitor*, a Catholic not-for-profit organization serving parishes for more than 100 years.

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**PLACEMENT EXAM**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 13

TIME: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM (ARRIVE BY 7:45 AND CHECK IN AT STUDENT ENTRANCE (DOOR 01))

Don't miss Boylan Catholic High School's final placement exam (incoming 2021-2022 freshmen must take the placement assessment to determine appropriate courses).

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
Questions? Contact Emily Schubert at [eschubert@boylan.org](mailto:eschubert@boylan.org).

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**EXAMEN DE NIVEL DE PREPARATORIA**  
SÁBADO, 13 DE MARZO

HORARIO: 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM (LLEGUE A LAS 7:45 AND REGISTRARSE EN LA ENTRADA DEL ESTADANTE (PUERTA 01))

No se pierda el examen final de Nivel de Preparatoria de Boylan Catholic High School! Los estudiantes de primer año entrantes de 2021-2022 deben de tomar el examen de nivel de preparatoria para determinar los cursos apropiados.

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When honored, the unitive and procreative purposes of Holy Matrimony between a man and a woman, are the most sincere expressions of obedience to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> commandments possible. To abandon them is to set oneself up for grave transgression. Father Geary will be teaching and leading us in Connolly Hall on this topic this Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Social Distancing Practiced. Masks Required.

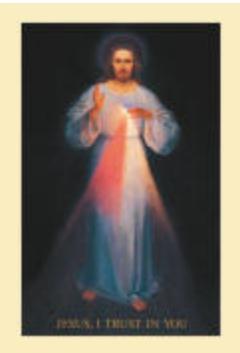


Questions about preparing for any of the sacraments of initiation for adults? Call the church office at 815-547-6397.



## Respect Life

Due to ongoing restrictions because of COVID-19, in lieu of the "Baby Bottle" campaign held during Lent each year, this year the Respect Life group welcomes monetary donations in a slightly different way. When donating, please put your donations in a sealed envelope marked "Respect Life" which can either be placed in the Sunday collection baskets during Mass or dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Checks may be made payable to "St. James Church" with "Respect Life" noted in the check's memo section.  
Thank You!



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If you would like a free 10" x 18" canvas Divine Mercy Vilnius print, please call the parish office at 815-547-6397, and we will take your name and telephone number and notify you when the prints are available.

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Come to a Legion of Mary meeting to learn more. Both men and women are invited. We have two groups that normally meet in Connolly Hall weekly at St. James Church, and we are looking for new members!

For Monday morning meetings at 8:30 a.m. contact: Dee Sternhagen at 815-312-8703 or Wednesday evening meetings at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Joyce Wilson at 815-547-6683.

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