

Saint James

CATHOLIC CHURCH



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

*The community of Saint James,
in the spirit of hope and joyful love,
unites to provide a Catholic model
of serving God by worshipping,
evangelizing, educating and
ministering to the needs of all.*

July 11th, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon James Olson
Deacon Steven Johnson
Deacon Stewart Dobson

Parish Secretary:

Diane Johnson

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Barbara Graybiel

Religious Education Secretary:

Maria Lopez

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Maintenance:

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(815) 547-0607

Religious Education Office

(815) 547-7633

Religious Education Fax

(815) 544-2294

Catholic Charities—Belvidere Office

(815) 544-5434

St. Vincent de Paul Help Line

(815) 547-7429

Parish website:

www.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, July 10, 2021—Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm The People of St. James

Sunday, July 11, 2021—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am Respect of All Life from Conception to Natural Death

10:00 am Manuel and Jorge Perez, and Teresa Gallardo

12:00 pm Braulio Rosillo Hernandez (Anniversary)—SP

Monday, July 12, 2021—Weekday

7:30 am Members of the C.C. Mullane Family; Helen Watt†

Tuesday, July 13, 2021—Saint Henry

7:30 am The Poor Souls in Purgatory; John† & Hariett† Segal, Don Kelly†

Wednesday, July 14, 2021—Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:30 am Gary Stamm†

Thursday, July 15, 2021—Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am The Members of the Giraldo Monsalve Family

6:30 pm The Holy Souls in Purgatory†-SP

Friday, July 16, 2021—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 am Carl Johnson†(Anniversary)

Saturday, July 17, 2021—Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm Clarence, Genevieve, George & Robert Russell

Sunday, July 18, 2021—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am The People of St. James

10:00 am The Holy Souls in Purgatory; Manuel Gomez

12:00 pm Soledad Moreira, Petra & Jilberto Mendoza—SP



BOONE COUNTY FAIR

St. James Church needs volunteers!
Please consider working a two-hour shift at our booth during the fair.

We need assistance from August 10th thru 15th, 2021. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church for your convenience.



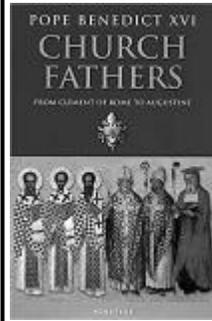
Ministry
to the Sick

Do You Feel Called to Bring Jesus to our Homebound Brothers and Sisters?

We are looking for additional Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to our St. James family members who are homebound. There will be a training session with Deacon Jim Olson soon to train new people who would like to bring the joy of receiving Our Lord to those who are not able to attend Mass at this time.

Please call the parish office at (815) 547-6397 to learn more about this very rewarding ministry and/or sign up for the training session. If you are already a minister, feel free to attend the training session as a “refresher” or to have any questions answered. Thank You for your consideration!

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Origen, Cyprian of Carthage, the Cappadocian Fathers, as well as the giant saints John Chrysostom, Jerome, and Augustine. This book is a wonderful way to get to know the Church Fathers and the tremendous spiritually rich patrimony they have bequeathed to us. Use the Search function on **FORMED** by typing in the words: *Church Fathers* and clicking on the image that matches what you see here. This great read requires over six hours of reading time, but you can listen in your browser, or download to the **FORMED** app to listen while you commute or travel, do the dishes, go for a walk, or workout! Not on **FORMED**? Follow these steps to register for free:

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SEARCH

St. James is opening our hearts and our doors to be that place where one is free to ask and to explore, to confront their doubts, and to embrace their deepest longings. We welcome anyone seeking truth and community among others looking for the same.

Most people searching for truth do not know what questions to ask, and unless they are invited, they are not likely to look for the answers they seek inside the doors of the Church. This can be a bit scary to consider because we *all* know someone who is in this place. Sometimes people just need a little help in forming their questions, and it is only then that the answers can begin to make sense. **The SEARCH** does just that! By challenging ourselves to ask the hard questions about life, existence, meaning, and purpose, we can come to know that our questions are good questions, and that there are answers that can satisfy us. Perhaps, most importantly, we can discover that we are not alone in this search.

Wherever you fall on the spectrum in searching for the meaning of life, we invite you to join us at St. James Church in Connolly Hall on the Tuesdays of August at 6:30 PM (August 3, 10, 17, 24) *and* on Zoom for three Thursdays: August 5, 12, 19); seven sessions in all. **The Search** is for everyone, so if you are one who feels you have a good handle on all of this, please come to accompany others, in particular our adult catechumens and candidates as they begin their journey to the sacraments. Help them to feel welcomed at St. James and at the same time revisit the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic Faith for yourself.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners of St. James:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Through the extraordinary generosity of a parishioner's estate we are able to finish the remaining work on our expanded church dedicated in December, 2014. The bequest directs our parish to fix the remaining stained glass window coverings, (and repairs to the windows) and to construct and install the steeple designed for the new addition which is now the main entrance of the church.

In the coming months construction will begin to remove and replace the existing plexiglass coverings on the stained glass windows of the old church to match the plate glass coverings on the new. Also, the new steeple is under construction and should be installed by September of this year. The construction will not affect anything inside the church but you may notice some scaffolding during the next few months.

Please pray in thanksgiving to God and this generous family for allowing us to beautify even more our beloved church here at St. James!

God bless you,

Fr. Geary



Legion of Mary COVID-19 Recovery Support Mass

Saint James invites everyone to attend the upcoming Mass in loving memory, and support of all our parish families impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. We invite everyone to join us at the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 25th, in this "coming together" of our community, to encourage and uplift us all heading into the future. Anyone who has been affected by this virus can hope to be renewed and comforted by this Mass of remembrance and unity.



MISA DE ANIVERSARIOS DE BODA DE PLATA Y ORO

Las parejas que en 2021 celebran aniversarios de boda de 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 o más años, están invitadas a una misa especial que el obispo David J. Malloy presidirá en honor a ellos, en la parroquia Santa Maria en Huntley, Illinois; el domingo 22 de agosto a las 2:30 p.m. Después de la misa habrá una recepción con pastel y poche. ¿Estás celebrando este hito especial? La Oficina de la Vida, la Evangelización y la Familia te invita a inscribirte hasta el 10 de agosto, por teléfono en el (815) 399-4300 o en línea www.rockforddiocese.org/aniversario. Pre regístrate para recibir tu certificado conmemorativo de esta ocasión especial.



Don't take a vacation from your marriage!

Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives.

Fill Your Marriage with Joy!

Sign up today to attend an in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 20-22 in Madison, WI, or September 17-19 in Geneva, IL. Virtual experiences are being offered September 13 to October 4, and November 13-14.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653. Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250

Money Matters

Weekend of July 4, 2021, Contribution:\$14,279.39

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

Religious Education Help Needed!

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH? THEN TEACH!

Anyone who has ever helped with Religious Education will tell you that one of the best ways to learn is to teach. While it is important that you have a basic knowledge and grasp of the teachings of the Church before you begin, you are not expected to have all the answers.

The resources and materials you will be exposed to as a catechist will refresh and expand your own knowledge and invite you to a deeper spiritual life.

No experience or prior education is required to be a catechist/teacher for our youth. The most important quality of a catechist is that they are a Catholic who faithfully practices their faith and have a desire to share that faith with young people. You may find that sharing your faith by teaching is a distinct and irreplaceable way you are meant to answer God's great commission.

If you are interested in learning more and feel God is calling you, contact Barb Graybiel in the Religious Education Office at (815-547-7633).

Help is needed in the following classes:

Sunday – 8:45- 9:45 am

4th Grade—Catechist
5th Grade—Catechist

Wednesday – 4:30-5:30 pm

Kindergarten Grade—Catechist
4th Grade—Catechist
5th Grade—Catechist
6th Grade—Catechist

First Year Preparation (1st Communion)
Second Year Preparation (1st Communion)
(6 through 9th Grade)

Monday Evening (6:00-7:30 pm)

First Year Preparation for Confirmation
Second Year Preparation for Confirmation



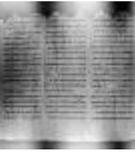
LEGION DE MARIA

Lunes 10:00—11:30 a.m. y viernes 7:00—8:45 p.m. en español. Vaya y aprenda que es la Legion de Maria. Personas de 18 años en Adelante son bienvenidas. Comuniquese con Teresa Gonzalez (815) 904-4393 ó Alejandro Ochoa (815) 980-3594.

LEGION OF MARY

Monday 10:00—11:30 a.m. and Friday 7:00—8:45 p.m. in Spanish.

Come and learn what the Legion of Mary is all about. All practicing Catholics 18 years of age and older are welcome! For information, contact: Teresa Gonzalez (815) 904-4393 or Alejandro Ochoa (815) 980-3594.



Men's Group: First discovered in 1947, and without question the greatest archeological find of the 20th century, the Dead Sea Scrolls give amazing insights into the world Jesus Christ lived and died in—and into the New Testament, early Church, and the Catholic faith today.

Men of St. James and beyond: Join us as we begin an 8-week video study with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, (The Wild Goose), and Dr. John Bergsma to discuss the fascinating history of this discovery and its implications, *Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls*. We meet on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in Connolly Hall.

This new series will begin July 17th. Join us for one of them or for all of them.



Rosary Makers

The July **Rosary Makers** meeting will be held in Connolly Hall on Tuesday, July 13th, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Supplies will be available, and all who would like to help make rosaries for the missions are welcome. We make cord rosaries and are glad to teach anyone interested in helping.

If you are unable to make a daytime meeting but would like to learn and help, please call: Maria Krzczkowski at (815) 800-1069 or Ruth Haberstick at (815) 218-2362 and we can work out a time to demonstrate. Most rosaries are made at our leisure at home and then brought in to distribute to the missions.

Masks at the meeting are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. Thank You!



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th or more wedding anniversary?

Bishop Malloy and the Life & Family Evangelization Office would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL, on Sunday, August 22nd, at 2:30 p.m., celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300, or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

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 and click on the online giving link.

1. Create an account
2. Schedule your recurring gifts.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER

ST. JAMES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL !

Religious Education Registration 2021-2022

- Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 3:00—6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 18, 2021 from 1:00—3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 3:00—6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 from 3:00—6:00 p.m.

Registration is also available by calling the RE Office and setting up an appointment.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE YOUR CHILD'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EVEN AFTER CHILDREN RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO CONTINUE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES. FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION THE CLASSES BELOW ARE OFFERED. (OLDER CHILDREN, AFTER RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION, WILL BE PUT IN THE GRADE LEVEL CLASS THEY ATTEND AT SCHOOL)

- 3RD GRADE – CONTINUED STUDY ON THE BASIC TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
- 4TH GRADE – BASIC TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH FOCUS OF STUDY ON THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
- 5TH GRADE – BASIC TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH FOCUS OF STUDY ON THE 7 SACRAMENTS.
- 6TH GRADE – CONTINUE STUDY OF THE FAITH THROUGH UNDERSTANDING WORSHIP, SCRIPTURE, AND PRAYER



The Secular Discalced Carmelite Order

Do you feel the call to a life of deeper relationship with our Lord? If so, consider visiting our Secular Carmelite community of the Order of Carmelites Discalced founded by St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross. We meet once a month at St. Rita Church in Rockford, IL. Please email Paul Sanderson at:

paulsandersonocds@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 815-904-11841 for more information. God bless you in Carmel!



*The Wisdom of God's Little Flower
Women's Day Retreat*

Saturday, July 31, 2021
Time: 8:00 am—3:00 pm
Registration Fee: \$25.00

The retreat will be a reflection on the wisdom and spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux. Father Geary will give one of the talks, as will newly-ordained priest, Fr. James Linkenheld. There will be the opportunity to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The day will conclude in time for Confession and the 4:00 pm Mass. You are encouraged to attend this Mass as a conclusion to the retreat. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

REGISTER at the table in the church narthex after English Masses this weekend. You may also register with the office through July 23, 2021. Registration fee is due at the time of registration. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you. If you would be willing to help in even a "little way," it would be appreciated in a "big" way. Please contact Stacy Wendt at 815-543-4738.

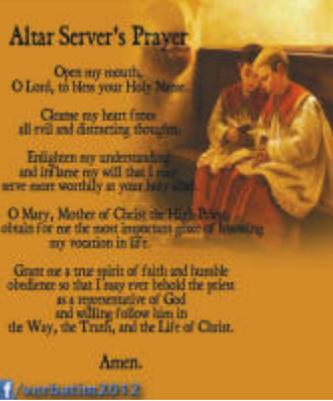


SAVE THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Some powerful Members of Congress want taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion for poor women. To offer a woman a government-funded abortion, but not the resources she needs to care for her child, is not "choice" but coercion. Government money would be better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers

than paying to end the lives of their children. Tell Congress to save the Hyde amendment:

<https://bit.ly/no-taspayer-abortion-action>



~ New Altar Boys Needed ~

St. James is looking to train new altar boys to serve at all weekend Masses and holy days as we move into full re-opening of our Catholic churches. Any Catholic boy is eligible after having made his First Holy Communion. Servers are put on a rotating schedule which is sent to them approximately every eight weeks.

Serving at Mass is a privilege which every Catholic boy should have the experience of doing. Please email Christopher Aune at c.aune@stjamebelvidere.org or contact him via the church office at 815-547-6397 to inquire about server training times or for information.



SAVE THE DATE!

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