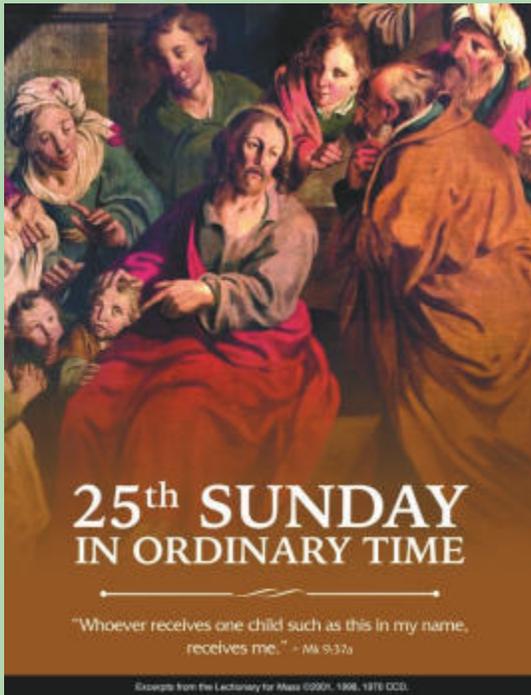


# Saint James

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# CATHOLIC CHURCH



*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.*

**September 19, 2021  
TWENTY-FIFTH 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**

**Bookkeeper:**

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**Director of Religious Education:**

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**Religious Education Secretary:**

**Maria Lopez**

**Music Director:**

**Christopher Aune**

**Maintenance:**

**Joe Nolan**

### **Parish Office**

**(815) 547-6397**

Parish Fax

(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](http://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, September 18, 2021—Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 pm The People of St. James

**Sunday, September 19, 2021—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 am Patricia Askin Gravunder

10:00 am Joan Dobson; Bryent Smothermon

12:00 pm Reimundo Gomez

**Monday, September 20, 2021—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

7:30 am The Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph† & Marie† Rollins

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021—Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

7:30 am Laverne Nelson†

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021—Weekday**

7:30 am Lorraine Doran† (Anniversary)

**Thursday, September 23, 2021—Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

7:30 am Jerome Kramarczyk†

6:30 pm Special Intention for Guadalupe Nunez

**Friday, September 24, 2021—Weekday**

7:30 am Special Intention for Serafin Tinajero; Msgr. Thomas Brady†

**Saturday, September 25, 2021—Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 pm Anna Mae McMorris

**Sunday, September 26, 2021—TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 am The People of St. James

10:00 am Marvin Wilson

12:00 pm Blanca Rosa, Cedillo Blaños, and Teresa Zepeda



God calls to us, each of us, to seek holiness, so that we might know, love, and serve Him in this world and enjoy eternal life with Him in the next. It is the very reason for our existence. How do we get to know this God with the intimacy with which He longs to know us? The means have not changed, but they are ever new to an open heart. Come, be refreshed in the Faith as Fr. Geary shares at 6:30 PM on Tuesday night in Connolly Hall. The topics covered each week will benefit *everyone* – whether you are just now exploring the Catholic Faith or have been part of the family for many years. Please join us.



Jesus tells us to do unto others as we would have done unto us. When we are in need and receive help in those times, we come to understand how grateful we are to receive from others. We are humbled at the outpouring of support from others we do not even know sometimes. Here at the St. James SVDP Council, we are so thankful to all those who continue to support the SVDP cause to help those in need. Without your generous donations we would struggle to be a light to those who are in darkness. Your SVDP Council would like to offer our deepest gratitude to all of you for allowing us to help those of Boone County in their time of need. May God bless you abundantly!

Please feel free to join us at our next meeting in Connolly Hall on October 7th at 6:30 pm.



*Life Chain*

**Join the 25th Annual Belvidere Life Chain! Sunday, October 3, 2021, From 2:00—3:30 PM Downtown Belvidere on the Main Street Bridge**

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! You will be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! **Bring your whole family! Rain or shine!** Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers are welcome. Stand 25-30 feet apart. Please do not park in front of an open business. Please social distance and wear a mask.

**Life Chain** is a peaceful, prayerful witness of pro-life individuals standing in honor of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations, and for an end to abortion. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Sullivan at (815) 793-1386.



**PLEASE PRAY . . .**

*For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Are you considering becoming Catholic?

Are you a Catholic interested in being Confirmed?

Are you a Confirmed Catholic who is ready to explore your faith anew?

Each year men and women embark on an exploration of the Catholic faith. Some are deciding if they are called to the Catholic Church; others have been Catholic all their lives and are now interested in discovering what this really means. Together we witness to the fact that our search is a lifelong journey, a journey on which we make the most progress when we walk it with others and with intention.

*Tuesday Evenings ~ ~ ~ September through Easter ~ ~ ~ 6:30—8:00 p.m.*

*St. James Church—Connolly Hall (Church Basement)*

If you are a Confirmed Catholic, consider joining RCIA and renewing your Confirmation at Pentecost. You can also serve as a sponsor of candidates or assist with hospitality for the weekly meetings. You will derive a special satisfaction from sharing the RCIA candidates' journey in faith.

To sign up or for more information complete the form below or contact Fr. Geary at the parish office at 815-547-6397 or through our web site at

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am considering . . . (check one):

Being Baptized

Becoming Catholic

Being Confirmed

Exploring my Catholic Faith

I am currently . . . (check all that apply):

Not Baptized

Baptized

Roman Catholic  Practicing  Not Practicing

Faith Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the parish office or mail to St. James Church, Attn.: Rev. Brian A. Geary, 402 Church St., Belvidere, IL 61008



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners of St. James:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Jesus asked a probing question to His disciples in this Sunday's gospel as they were discussing among themselves who was the greatest: "What were you arguing about on the way?" (Mk 9:33). They were reduced to silence because they were arguing about who among them was the greatest. The disciples tried to assert their rights and perceived prerogatives over each other. God was displeased.

Being argumentative arises from selfishness. A person who argues is not at peace with himself. "Wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant and full of mercy" (Js 3:17). Do we find ourselves arguing with others? It is time to look within our hearts. Do we insist on our own way? Do we want others to see things the way we see things? Do we look down on others who have different opinions than we have?

"The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace" (Js 3:18). Are you a person who is at peace with himself? A good way to measure your heart before God is to look at whether you are at peace with others.

God bless you,

Fr. Geary



### Join the Choir for the Christmas Season

We are looking to have additional voices bolster the choir for the duration of the Advent and Christmas Seasons (1st Sunday of Advent until the Baptism of the Lord). This is a great opportunity for those who love Christmas music, want to be able to sing in the choir but are unsure if they have time to commit to sing in the choir throughout the year. Please consider lending your voice for the glory of God. You may contact Music Director, Christopher Aune, after any weekend Masses by coming up to the choir loft, leave him a message at 815-547-6.397, or email at: [c.aune@stjamesbelvidere.org](mailto:c.aune@stjamesbelvidere.org).

**Project Rachel: Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**  
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[ProjectRachelRockford@gmail.com](mailto:ProjectRachelRockford@gmail.com)

[www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org)

*All inquiries are confidential. Peace starts here.*

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Our Lady of  
Fatima

Pilgrim Statue

The Daytime **Legion of Mary** group will be offering to bring our Virgin Pilgrim of Fatima statue back into the homes of the Saint James families starting in October 2021.

If you would like to host the statue, and have us pray the rosary with your family, please contact Jennifer Paul, 815-621-3957, for more information.

### UNITED FOR CHRIST & LIFE

Friday, October 8th  
6:00—7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy  
3445 Elmwood Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61101

Please join us for an inspiring evening to learn the tremendous opportunities and challenges we pro-life Christians face as we unite for Christ and Life. There will be two encouraging speakers followed by prayer, fellowship, and desserts.

**Savannah Dudziks**—Savannah is a Communications Assistant at *Illinois Right to Life* and a crisis pregnancy counselor at *Let Them Live*.

**Father Carl E. Beekman**—Fr. Beekman is Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sycamore, and a passionate speaker who will offer words of encouragement and direction as we unite together for love of Jesus Christ and His children in the womb. Together we can make a difference and share the Gospel of Life.

**Please join us as we create a vision and pray together on how we can truly unite for Christ & Life.**

### Money Matters

Weekend of September 12, 2021, Contribution: .....\$11,685.82

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

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)\*."

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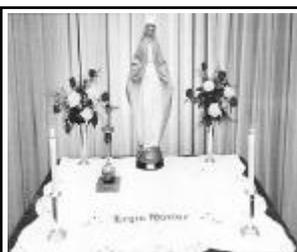
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

### ~ Men of St. James ~



We are meeting each Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. in Conolly Hall for a time of growing together in study and prayer. Led by men with topics that matter to men. Please join us and invite a brother to join you!



**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.



**Fall Into Love All Over Again!**  
Remember why you fell in love and get the tools you need to keep your marriage on the right path.

- ◆ Sign up today to attend an in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 15-17 in Madison, WI. There are virtual experiences thru October 4; November 13-14, and Dec. 4-5.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://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.



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Have you ever heard the term, "To Jesus through Mary" and wondered what it means? Do you want to learn how to evangelize to others?

The Legion of Mary teaches you how to get closer to Jesus by going through His Mother. Our Lady invites each of us to come to her so she can lead us closer to her Son and bring Him to others.

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 Wednesday afternoon meetings at 1:00 pm contact: Dee Sternhagen at 815-312-8703 or Wednesday evening meetings at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Joyce Wilson at 815-547-6683.

**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.

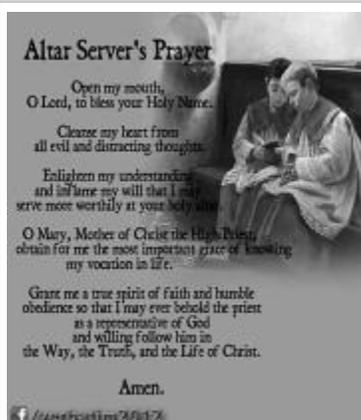
Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory. **Start giving online today!** Visit our church website at [www.stjamesbelvidere.org](http://www.stjamesbelvidere.org) 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**ST. JAMES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL !**



**~ New Altar Boys Needed ~**

St. James is looking to train new altar boys to serve at all weekend Masses and holy days. 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](mailto:c.aune@stjamebelvidere.org) or contact him via the church office at 815-547-6397 to inquire about server training times or for additional information.

**"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe."**

~ St. Augustine



**Fulfilling Our Promise Campaign  
As of September 13, 2021**

Amount We Still Owe.....	\$ 852,399.65
Interest We Have Paid.....	\$ 973,285.50
Principal We Have Paid.....	\$ 3,457,104.35
<b>Total Interest + Principal We Have Paid.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,430,389.85</b>

**"Peace begins with a smile."**

~ Saint Mother Teresa



**RESPECT LIFE  
BABY  
SHOWER**

Throughout the month of October the Respect Life group will be holding their annual **"Baby Shower"** for women of our Diocese who find themselves in untimely pregnancies. A crib with a list of needed items will be located in the narthex, near the Baptismal Font, for donations.

**Thank You for reaching out to help others in need!**



"There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.  
~ St. Thomas Aquinas

**The Knights of Columbus Annual**



**Tootsie Roll Drive**

for persons with Intellectual Disabilities is taking place this weekend, September 18th & 19th.

Representatives from the Knights of Columbus will be at various locations in Boone County and outside church after all Masses this weekend distributing Tootsie Rolls. All proceeds benefit local organizations.



All St. James parishioners have free access to these and all 5,000 plus great Catholic titles on FORMED. Don't miss the opportunity to get to know these Saints more as the Church celebrates them in the coming days.

**September 18th—St. Joseph Cupertino**—Full length feature film on this humble saint, available in English and Spanish. Search: "Cupertino"

**September 23rd—St. Padre Pio**—Several options on the life of this humble saint who received many extraordinary graces. Search: "Padre Pio"

**September 30th—St. Jerome**—"The Early Church Fathers"—Download this audio book and listen on your commute, daily walk or even while making dinner to get to know the Church Fathers and the tremendous spiritually rich patrimony they have bequeathed to us. St. Jerome is one of several covered in this veritable treasure chest from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

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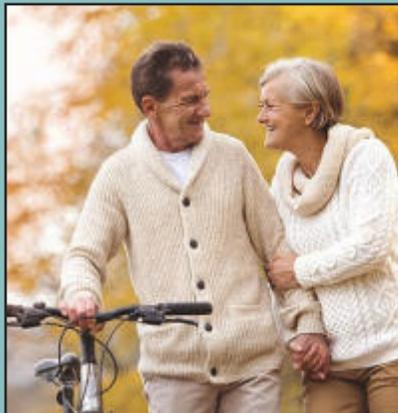
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