

St. James Community

428 N 2nd Street
Rockford, IL 61107

Our Mission Statement

*We, the Parish of St. James,
are a family of faith,
who worship together
and serve God's People
through works of
compassion, education,
justice and peace.*

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY:

8:00 AM, Monday through Friday

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 8:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:15 AM

HOLY DAYS:

See bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, or by
appointment. First Friday 8:30 AM to
9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

4th Sunday of the month at 12:15 PM.

Inquire at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made **6 months
in advance** to allow for adequate
preparation and instructions

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM Rosary & Divine
Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 8:30 AM Stations of the Cross &
Holy Hour

First Friday of each month Healing Service
& Holy Hour

STAFF

Reverend Leonard Jacobs
Pastor

Mr. Bill Dean
Deacon

Mrs. Kim Carlson
Business Manager

Mrs. Cathy Trefilek
Bookkeeper

Mrs. Phyllis Grisanzio
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Mr. Dale Sanders
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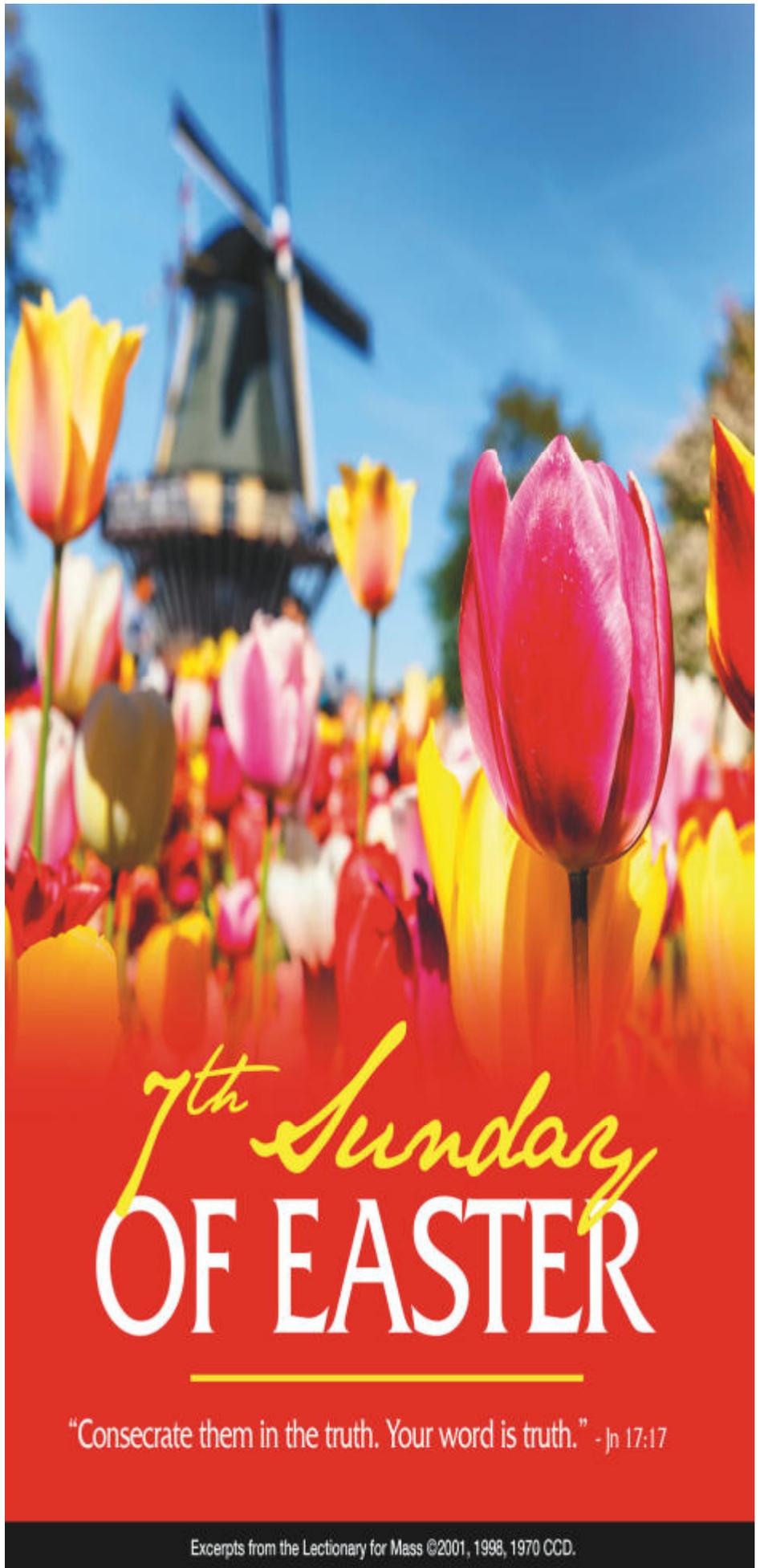
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PARISH EMAIL ...parishoffice@stjamesrockford.org

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ALL SAINTS ACADEMY815-962-8515



7th Sunday OF EASTER

“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” - Jn 17:17



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, May 17: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM + Mary K. Connors

TUESDAY, May 18: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM + Rose Antosch (Sheila & Jerry Antosch)

WEDNESDAY, May 19: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM + Jerry & Betty Weightman (Teresa Moore)

THURSDAY, May 20: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM + Msgr. William Clausen (Teresa Moore)

FRIDAY, May 21: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM + Phyllis DiGellonardo (M & J DiGellonardo)

SATURDAY, May 22: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM + John Nash (Pat Levins)
4:00 PM + Joe & Betty Enna (Family)

SUNDAY, May 23: Pentecost Sunday
8:30 AM + Dennis Cash (Family)
11:15 AM The People of St. James Parish



St. James Community welcomes new members Kimberly Tassoni and fiancé Andrew Hooker and children Marissa Tassoni and Robbie Tassoni to our parish community.

Save Time and Donate Online! Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website and click on online giving. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office.

An update on the project to refurbish the church doors, we have received \$2,700 of the \$4,500 needed. Thank you for your generosity.



WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

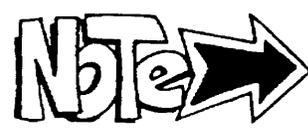
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| BUDGET NEEDED | \$ | 7,200.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS: | \$ | 11,116.21 |
| SURPLUS/DEFECIT | \$ | 3,916.21 |
| FUEL ENVELOPE | \$ | 295.00 |

St. James Prayer Chain

Would you like prayers for someone who is ill or dealing with serious problems?

Call Diane Roman at 815-566-9746 or email dicanread@aol.com to make your prayer requests.

Due to Covid restrictions we are requiring people to sign up in advance for the Mass time that you would like to attend. Please call the parish office to reserve attendance at a Mass or use the online reservation system, **Sign Up Genius**. You can find a link to this on our St. James website, stjamesrockford.com, or on My Parish App.



To all the Ladies of the parish: I am trying to start a new Seven Sisters Apostolate at St. James. If you would like to know more about it call or text me, Kathy Wilson, at 815 505-1377. It involves a prayer commitment at a church.

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"
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All Saints Catholic Academy is now accepting registration for the upcoming 2021 -2022 school year! We offer a half-day 3 and 4-year-old program and full-day 4-year-old preschool through 8th grade. Please call 815-962-8515 to set up a private tour. Come see what All Saints has to offer your child.



Please keep the following parishioners and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with their illnesses:

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| Karen Harding | Michael Smith |
| John Smith | Loretta Reif |
| Marsha Newburg | Ricky Lind |
| Camryn Guinta | John Zuba |
| Lucille Jens | Rolleen Cerio |
| Jacki Lindquist | Rose Mary |
| Ruth Szleszinski | Christine Labella |
| Justus Nicaloa | Mary Ann Dion |
| Marcia Chiodini | Linnea Lundy |
| James Macdonough | Gregory Hartman |
| Dorothy Canode | Sharon Enna |
| Michael Serrano | John Barton |
| Paula Scwitters | Joan Sprague |
| Don Sawyer | Mary Ann Knighton |
| Terry Torrez | |

May they keep their faith in getting stronger every day.
Call the parish office 815-962-1214 to add or remove a name.

Last month, one of our St. James-St. Vincent de Paul home visitors, answered the call of a young woman who recently arrived in Rockford with her five-year-old son and her three-year-old daughter, having fled domestic abuse. She found a place to live through a local agency, but it was unfurnished and other than a few clothes, and three blankets, they had nothing to put in it.



Our SVdP volunteer found a man who was willing to donate and deliver a recliner, a kitchen table, and a love seat. Then, using funds donated by people like you, he purchased and had delivered three beds, mattresses, and box springs. The young mother excitingly called him, to thank SVdP and to tell him how thrilled the children were to finally be able to sleep in real beds. We also familiarized her with agencies like St. Elizabeth Center that could help her with children's clothing.

If you have donated to SVdP in the past, our heartfelt thanks on behalf of those we help. We are funded by private donors, primarily St. James' parishioners. This young mother is so appreciative of what we have done for her and her children. So much more needs to be done for so many others. Please pray for our ministry and possibly consider joining us in our mission. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me".



A friendly reminder. St. James Altar and Rosary is accepting membership at this time. Dues are \$10.00 per year. There is no need to attend meetings to be a member, but we would be happy if you

did! You may drop your membership off in the collection basket on Sunday in an envelope marked: Altar and Rosary. Be sure to include your name and phone number. You may also send it to the church office. (428 N. 2nd St. Rockford, IL. 61107) Please add Attn: Altar and Rosary on the envelope. Thank you!

Wanted: part-time custodian for St. James Church. Primary work hours are from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Duties include floor care, general cleaning, virus sanitizing, and some snow shoveling. Interested parties should contact Dale Sanders at 815-222-6884.

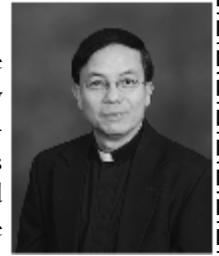


DONATE

It's time to renew Formed and we are asking for donations to help reduce the cost to St. James Parish. We were able to negotiate the cost down to \$1,350. **Thank you to all of those who have donated so far! The remaining balance for the annual subscription is \$877.00.** FORMED is an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks on Demand anytime, anywhere! Formed is used by our Religious Education program, RCIA, Bible Study and more. Every St. James family is able to set up an account for free and access all materials in their home. For more information on the FORMED program, please visit the St. James Parish website or call the Parish Office. If you would like to donate please mark your donation FORMED and send to the Parish Office. Any money received will go directly to offsetting the cost of the program. Thank you for your support!

Dear Parishioners,

On May 13, Thursday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, a holy day of obligation when we commemorate the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. This is meaningful to us because it signifies the end of His earthly works and how He is with the Father to prepare a place for all of us, His followers in His Father's house.



Being now with his Father's side, He shares in His standing, authority and splendor as King of Heaven and Earth. As His followers we have to celebrate His Ascension with great jubilation because His life of struggle and immolation are over and being rewarded by the Father. His passion and death have ended and now He is the Lord of the whole universe.

His Ascension is our hope for us who await for the time when we end our earthly pilgrimage. He has gone on ahead to prepare a place for us in the mansion of His Father. Meanwhile, we have to labor and follow His command to love one another as he has loved them.

Our gift of faith commences up to us these wonderful panorama of the magnificence to come. So we have to cherish, nurture, intensify our faith everyday or else discard the tastiness of our Christian toil. Jesus, being now with the Father's side should be our incentive to continue following Him faithfully everyday, that one day we shall all be with Him forever in heaven.

God Bless You
Fr. Jacobs

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 **St. James parishioners donated \$669.99 to Cornucopia in April.**

There is still time to donate to the Diocesan Appeal which raises critical funds that make our ministries and programs possible in our parish and in our entire diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Diocesan Appeal.



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