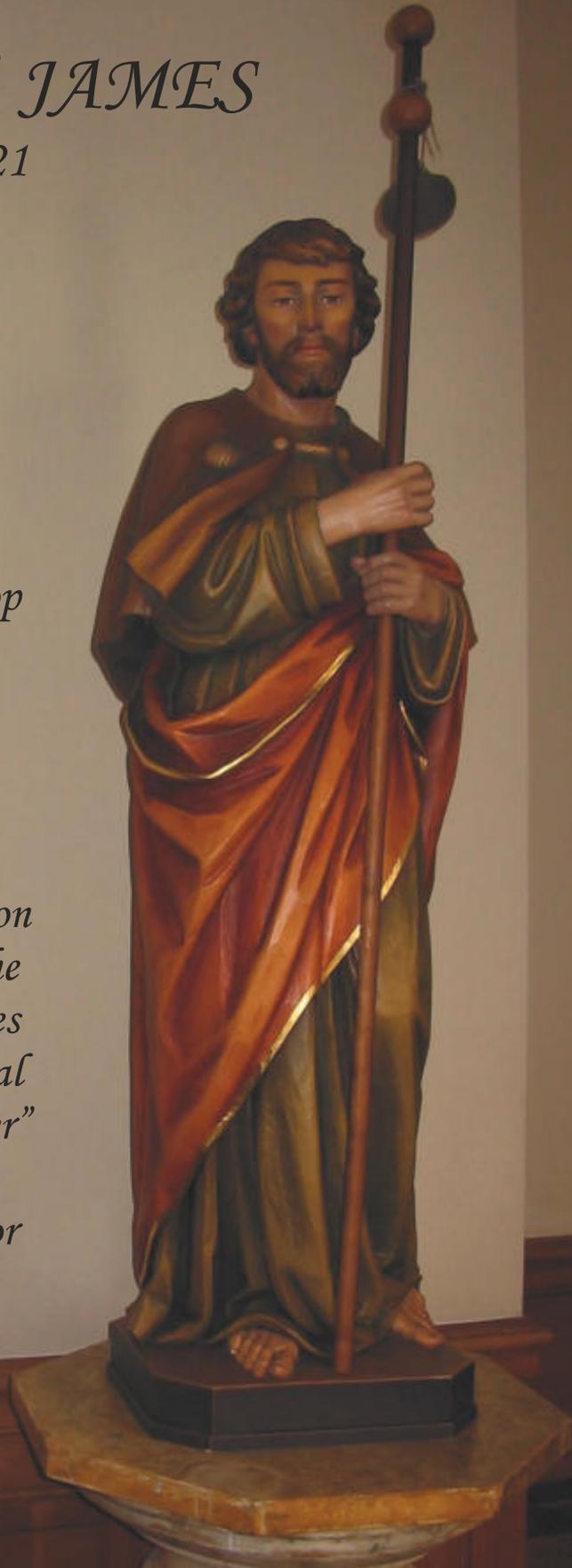


# FEAST OF ST. JAMES

July 25, 2021

- ◆ *Apostle*
- ◆ *Patron of Laborers*
- ◆ *Symbols: a staff, large brimmed hat, the scallop shell*
- ◆ *Held a special place in Jesus' life.*
- ◆ *James, along with Simon Peter and John were the only ones of the apostles that Jesus gave a special name: "Sons of Thunder" because of the flaming, great love of his soul for the Master.*





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, July 26: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM**

8:00 AM + Mary K. Connors

**TUESDAY, July 27: Weekday**

8:00 AM + Frank &amp; Vita Gardona (Family)

**WEDNESDAY, July 28: Weekday**

8:00 AM + The Faithful Departed

**THURSDAY, July 29: St. Martha**

8:00 AM + Dick &amp; Evelyn Fleming (Angie Cash)

**FRIDAY, July 30: Weekday**

8:00 AM + Christopher Furney (Mom &amp; Dad)

**SATURDAY, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:00 AM Special Intention (Marilyn Van Deusen)

4:00 PM + Frank &amp; Vivian Costello (Family)

**SUNDAY, August 1: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM + Richard &amp; Geraldine Tucker (Peter Smith)

11:15 AM The People of St. James Parish

**LECTORS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Joe Newman

Sun. 8:30 AM Diane Roman

Sun. 11:15 AM Sara Nielsen

**COMMENTATORS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Mike Cieslak

Sun. 8:30 AM Pete Smith

Sun. 11:15 AM Carl Patrnczak

**COMMUNION MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Dan Luna, Claudia Woodward

Sun. 8:30 AM John Doyle, Sara Wykes

Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Henry, Pray Meh

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Mary Madden, Mary McGregor

Sun. 8:30 AM Tim &amp; Kathy Barkdoll

Sun. 11:15 AM John &amp; Kathy Barton

It's time to renew Formed and we are asking for donations to help reduce the cost to St. James Parish. The cost to renew is \$1,350. **Thank you to all of those who have donated so far! The remaining balance for the annual subscription is \$687.00.** If you would like to donate please mark your donation FORMED and send to the Parish Office.

**WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<b>BUDGET NEEDED</b>	\$ 7,200.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS:</b>	\$ 6,773.00
<b>SURPLUS/DEFECIT</b>	\$ (427.00)
<b>FUEL ENVELOPE</b>	\$ 252.00

**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](mailto:dicanread@aol.com)  
to make your prayer requests.

**St. James the Greater**

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die. ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))



Dr. Katrina Nguyen, a parishioner of Holy Family Church, has written a wonderful book titled *Live to Give*. She will be conducting a book signing on Saturday, August 7 at Crimson Ridge, 735 N. Perryville Road. From 11 am to 3 pm. A signed copy will be \$15.00, and Dr. Nguyen has pledged to donate \$9.00 to the Rockford Chapters of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for every book sold at the event. She has stated "my family's refugee experience in the United States – having rebuilt our lives from nothing – is what drives me to help the poor as often as I am capable". Her family was rescued from a small fishing boat off the coast in Vietnam in 1975, they came to the United States with nothing. Today, Dr. Nguyen is a physician, specializing in pediatric gastroenterology. Her deep faith is evident in her ever-present mission to help others, no matter of the circumstance. Please consider purchasing a copy of a book that will inspire you and, at the same time, help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help the poor.

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

*Karen Harding  
John Smith  
Marsha Newburg  
Camryn Guinta  
Lucille Jens  
Jacki Lindquist  
Ruth Szleszinski  
Justus Nicaloa  
Marcia Chiodini  
James Macdonough  
Dorothy Canode  
Michael Serrano  
Paula Scwitters  
Don Sawyer  
Terry Torrez*

*Michael Smith  
Loretta Reif  
Ricky Lind  
John Zuba  
Rolleen Cerio  
Rose Mary  
Christine Labella  
Mary Ann Dion  
Linnea Lundy  
Gregory Hartman  
Sharon Enna  
John Barton  
Joan Sprague  
Mary Ann Knighton  
Sutton Mae Caputo*

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



Pope Francis has declared July 25th as “World Day for Grandparents and the elderly” to honor the link between generations. We will celebrate this at all weekend Masses on July 24th and 25th. Fr. Jacobs will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses that weekend for those who would like to receive it. Please invite your loved ones to attend.

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly and the faithful on the first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on July 25. To obtain a plenary indulgence one must make a sacramental confession, receive Eucharistic communion and pray during the solemn celebration the pope will preside over in St. Peter’s Basilica or at other functions that will be held throughout the world that day. The plenary indulgence will also be granted “to the faithful who devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty.” For more information on this celebration or indulgences, please see the article in The Observer. <https://observer.rockforddiocese.org/article?id=2071>.

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.” *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Married Love and the Gift of Life”*



We have a new item for our St. James wish list. In order to provide better security for the school we are going to install a card key system for the Beauvais Center door and the elevator. We will also reverse the locking mechanisms on the two doors that go from the Beauvais Center to the school stairwell. The cost for this project is \$3,282

This year we are again collecting school supplies for All Saints Catholic Academy. Below is a list of some of the items needed:



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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Face Masks                        | Water Bottle (refillable)       |
| Back Packs                        | 2 Pocket Folders                |
| Bottles of Glue                   | Large Glue Sticks               |
| Rulers                            | Loose Leaf Paper (Wide Rule)    |
| Boxes of Kleenex                  | Spiral Note Book (Wide Rule)    |
| Crayola Colored Pencils           | Crayola Crayons (16 & 24 count) |
| Container of Clorex Wipes         | Crayola Wide Marker (12 count)  |
| Pens (Blue, Black, Red)           | Dry Erase Markers (4 count)     |
| #2 Pencils                        | Ziplock Bags (quart or gallon)  |
| Scissors (both round and pointed) |                                 |

A box will be in the foyer. Please have supplies here by August 8th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Join us for coffee & donuts on Sundays after 8:30 a.m. Mass in Richter Hall.



Dear Parishioners,

Today, we have to rejoice, offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the Feast of St. James and the 168th foundation anniversary of St. James Parish church.



St. James the Greater was the son of Zebedee, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He is the Patron Saint of Spain and, according to tradition, his remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. He is also the Patron Saint of Guatemala, Nicaragua and of fishermen. St. James witnessed the cure of Peter’s mother-in-law and the raising of Jairus’ daughter from the dead. He is the older brother of St. John, who wrote the fourth Gospel. He died as a martyr, after being beheaded in Jerusalem.

St. James is considered as the oldest Catholic church in Rockford. We’ll continue to offer our thanks and gratitude to all the past bishops, pastors, religious and laity who dedicated their lives, their time, talent and treasure to preserve not just the church structure but the faith community.

We are being challenged to remain as a family of faith, believing and worshipping together and are committed to love, respect, serve and care for one another.

God Bless You.  
Fr. Jacobs



Congress is *continuing* to move forward on paying for abortion with your tax dollars! **Your U.S. senators and representative need to hear from you now.** The House Committee on Appropriations is advancing bills this week that would:

- force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions;
- force health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs;
- force employers and insurers to cover and pay for abortion in health plans.

Don't let Congress vote for an appropriations bill that includes this coercion! **Easily send a pre-written email by going to [www.votervoicenet/USCCB/Campaigns/86795/Respond](http://www.votervoicenet/USCCB/Campaigns/86795/Respond). It only takes a moment!**

**WELCOME BACK!** The Crafters Club is starting to meet again. The first meeting will be held on August 14, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Richter Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!



### St. James 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 peace and justice.

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