

# 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  
Liturgy Coordinator

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, September 6: Weekday**

8:00 AM + Mary K. Connors

**TUESDAY, September 7: Weekday**

8:00 AM + Frank Gardona (Family)

**WEDNESDAY, Sep 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM + The Faithful Departed

**THURSDAY, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest**

8:00 AM + Paddy Gildea (Agnes McGuinness)

**FRIDAY, September 10: Weekday**

8:00 AM + Pedro Diaz de Leon (Amalia Diaz de Leon)

**SATURDAY, September 11: Weekday**

8:00 AM Kim Kowalewski (Karen Carlson)

4:00 PM The People of St. James Parish

**SUNDAY, Sep 12: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM + Ed Roman (Bev Johnson &amp; Cindy Holder)

11:15 AM + Sadewater & Van Deusen Grandparents  
(Van Deusen Family)**LECTORS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Mike Cieslak

Sun. 8:30 AM Diane Roman

Sun. 11:15 AM Sara Nielsen

**COMMENTATORS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM John Lynde

Sun. 8:30 AM Mary Pat Bradley

Sun. 11:15 AM Jim Cichock

**COMMUNION MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Bill Dean, Joe Newman

Sun. 8:30 AM Sher Moo, Claudia Woodward

Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Henry, Barbara Johnson

**ALTAR SERVERS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Jacob Pierce, TBD

Sun. 8:30 AM Brysen Woehler, TBD

Sun. 11:15 AM Nora &amp; Henry Nielsen

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Betsy Pierce, Kathy Wilson

Sun. 8:30 AM Becky Neubauer, Claudia Woodward

Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Henry, Mary Michele

**WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<b>BUDGET NEEDED</b>	\$ 7,200.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS:</b>	\$ 6,426.00
<b>SURPLUS/DEFECIT</b>	\$ (774.00)
<b>FUEL ENVELOPE</b>	\$ 65.00

***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.*



**Do you enjoy Coffee and Donuts after the 8:30 Mass? If so: St. James Donut Committee Is looking for You!** We are looking for more groups or families to assist with donuts after 8:30 Mass!

As of now, the Altar & Rosary, Knights of Columbus, and Boy Scouts are hosting. The committee would love to get to the point where we have 5-6 groups to rotate by month. When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> week of the month, A&R will host. This is a great way to get your group or family involved!

If you have questions or would like to help us out, please call Ted Iverson at 815-601-1987

(after 4:30PM weekdays) or

Email me: [tiver01@yahoo.com](mailto:tiver01@yahoo.com) (Please use Parish Donuts in the subject line)

**M**inistry Formation is a 2 year program for any adult Catholics who desire a deeper relationship with God and to serve the church. You will meet about three times a month: some weekdays 7pm-9pm and some Saturday 9am-12:30pm. Locations: McHenry, Aurora, Rockford, Dixon—Classes begin soon! --For more information or to register call Rudy at 815-399-4300 or e-mail [rvillafuerte@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:rvillafuerte@rockforddiocese.org).

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"* [respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion](http://respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion)



The repair to the water damage on the ceiling at the top of the steps going into Richter Hall has been completed. Thank you to a generous donor for this.

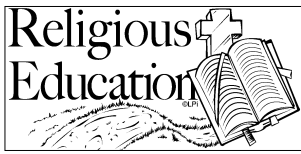
Please keep the following parishioners and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with their illnesses:

**Karen Harding**  
**John Smith**  
**Marsha Newburg**  
**Camryn Guinta**  
**Lucille Jens**  
**Jacki Lindquist**  
**Ruth Szeszinski**  
**Justus Nicaloa**  
**Marcia Chiodini**  
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**Rose Mary**  
**Christine Labella**  
**Mary Ann Dion**  
**Linnea Lundy**  
**Gregory Hartman**  
**Sharon Enna**  
**John Barton**  
**Joan Sprague**  
**Mary Ann Knighton**  
**Sutton Mae Caputo**  
**Rosemarie Gambini**

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

**Attention Daily Mass Attendees:** Just a reminder to please park along the fence on the East side of the parking lot or in the first row facing north on the side of the church (where the handicap parking spots are.) AS-CA students use the center of the parking lot for drop off in the mornings and this will help avoid any congestion or confusion. Thank you for your cooperation!



**ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO WILL BE ATTENDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AT ST. JAMES THIS FALL:** Registration

for 1st - 6th grade will be held **Sept. 12 between the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses in the vestibule of Church. First class will be Sept. 19.** All families should meet in Beauvais Center for a short meeting before the children are sent to their classrooms. **Classes are conducted from 9:45 - 11:00.**

*Thank you Thank you to Altar & Rosary for their generous donation to fix the fan and light fixture in the cry room. We very much appreciate it!*



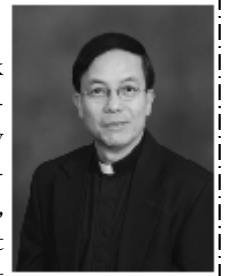
The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary before each of the weekend Masses the first weekend of each month. The Rosary will begin 20 minutes before the start of each Mass. Please join us.

**Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?** You are not alone. Each year adults from all walks of life enquire about the Catholic faith. Come and see what the Catholics believe, how they worship and how they live out their faith in daily life. You are welcome to come and listen and bring your questions as you explore the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church through the story of Jesus, and his followers. **It is important to know that there is no pressure or obligation on those enquiring, but only a respectful relationship that allows each person the freedom just to come and see and experience in light of your own spiritual journey. There is never any pressure to continue at any point of the process. It is a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It offers the opportunity to explore questions and concerns.** Sessions are designed to provide accurate information with no strings attached so that myths and misconceptions can be laid to rest. This encounter is not an instantaneous thing. It is a progressive entry into a relationship and commitment to God through Jesus Christ. Faith grows and matures over a period of time. Christ initiates the invitation to 'come and see.' Your response involves you exploring this personal invite to deepen your spirituality in, with and through Jesus. **If this invitation touches your heart, or you know of someone looking for a spiritual home in the Catholic Church, contact the Parish Office 815-962-1214 or Pat Henry 815-222-4709.**



Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel reading, St. Mark writes this story addressed to the pagan converts. His intention is to tell them that they are also invited to participate in the heavenly banquet. In His ministry of preaching, teaching and healing Jesus, though He spent His time mostly with the Jewish people, not with the Gentiles also instructed the apostles to go out to all the corners of the world and preach the good news.



The healing of a deaf and dumb in Decapolis and the exorcism of the daughter of the Syro-Phoenician woman in Tyre both in a pagan territories stress the fulfillment of prophecy in the person of Christ. When the people witnessed these miracles they were astounded by saying that He has done all things well. Jesus here continues God's creative power by giving hearing to the deaf and speech to the dumb. Such acts of Jesus is also the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy in the first reading.

We have to express our thanks and gratitude to our Lord Jesus who carried through God's plan of salvation even unto His passion and death on the cross. Also, we express our thanks to the chosen people of God who safeguarded their comprehension of God and believed in God promises till the coming of Christ. And lastly, we have to thank the friends of Jesus, the Apostles and other believers of Christ who were faithful and sacrificed their faith to the church and to all of us.

God Bless You  
Fr.. Jacobs

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Our final effort to make All Saints Academy an even more secure environment is to install a card key system on the elevator and the Beauvais Center door. The cost of that project to St. James is \$3,282. In so doing, we will have a much improved buffer between the Beauvais Center and the school.

A new opportunity for gifting to St James comes in the form of a roof repair above the Altar at a cost of \$2,100. Please contact the parish office if you would like to donate towards any of these projects.

Just a reminder - masks are required at Mass and all indoor parish meetings and gatherings. Thank you for your cooperation.





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