

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 - 2:00 PM, Monday - Thursday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM, or by
appointment. Fridays 8:45 AM to 9:45 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 - 10:00 AM Holy Hour &
Devotions

STAFF

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Fourth Sunday of ADVENT





Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, December 20: Late Advent Weekday
8:00 AM + Patrick, Gary & Jerry Brady (Paula Brady)

TUESDAY, December 21: Late Advent Weekday
8:00 AM + Pat Gildea (Agnes McGuinness)

WEDNESDAY, December 22: Late Advent Weekday
8:00 AM + Karen Carlson (Bob & Marilyn Fox)

THURSDAY, December 23: Late Advent Weekday
8:00 AM + Dick Lamb (Diane Roy)

FRIDAY, December 24: Late Advent Weekday
4:00 PM + Mary Ann Webster (Family)

SATURDAY, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord
12:00 AM + Patrick, Gary & Jerry Brady (Paula Brady)
8:30 AM + Mary Ann Bartley (Jerry & Sheila Antosch)
11:15 AM + Bill Van Deusen (Family)
4:00 PM + Christina Labella (Phyllis Grisanzio)

SUNDAY, Dec 26: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:30 AM The People of St. James Parish
11:15 AM The Trefilek Family



LECTORS NEXT WEEK:

Fri. 4:00 PM Mary McGregor
Sat. 12:00 AM Jim Cichock
Sat. 8:30 AM Pat Levins
Sat. 11:15 AM Karen Rivera
Sat. 4:00 PM TBD
Sun. 8:30 AM Sheila Antosch
Sun. 11:15 AM Carl Patrnochak

COMMENTATORS NEXT WEEK:

Fri. 4:00 PM Diane Roman
Sat. 12:00 AM Peter Smith
Sat. 8:30 AM TBD
Sat. 11:15 AM TBD
Sat. 4:00 PM TBD
Sun. 8:30 AM Peter Smith
Sun. 11:15 AM Sara Nielsen

COMMUNION MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:

Fri. 4:00 PM Bill Dean, TBD
Sat. 12:00 AM Bill Dean, TBD
Sat. 8:30 AM TBD
Sat. 11:15 AM TBD
Sat. 4:00 PM TBD
Sun. 8:30 AM Anna Key, Brad Tolliver
Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Henry, Barbara Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS NEXT WEEK:

Fri. 4:00 PM Jacob Pierce, TBD
Sat. 12:00 AM TBD
Sat. 8:30 AM TBD
Sat. 11:15 AM TBD
Sat. 4:00 PM TBD
Sun. 8:30 AM Shan Non, Brysen Woehler
Sun. 11:15 AM Nora & Henry Nielsen

GREETERS NEXT WEEK:

Fri. 4:00 PM TBD
Sat. 12:00 AM TBD
Sat. 8:30 AM TBD
Sat. 11:15 AM TBD
Sat. 4:00 PM TBD
Sun. 8:30 AM Susan Black, Jacque Bolger Buffo
Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Henry, TBD

Thursday, December 23,
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Holy Hour & Confessions



There will be no coffee and donuts on Sunday December 26th or Sunday January 2nd. We will resume on Sunday January 9th.

FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: As we approach the holiday season and colder months, we can't forget about those that may be less fortunate than we are. If you want to be sure that as much as 99% of the money you donate gets to those in need, please consider making a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. It is with your help that we will continue to serve those that need our help here in the Rockford community. Look for the blue envelopes and drop it in the collection basket. We thank you for continuing to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP: Consider an end of year donation to our Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. Our parish target is \$41,859. We still need another \$15,339 to reach our goal. Please consider donating to 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 Szleszinski
Justus Nicaloa
Marcia Chiodini
James Macdonough
Linda Zuba
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*Michael Smith
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Mary Ann Dion
Linnea Lundy
Gregory Hartman
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Joan Sprague
Mary Ann Knighton
Sutton Mae Caputo
Mary Pat Bradley*

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

- Friday, December 24**, Christmas Eve Mass
 * 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 25**, Christmas Day Masses
 * 12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass)
 * 8:30 a.m.
 * 11:15 a.m.
 * 4:00 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family Mass Schedule

- Sunday, December 26**, Masses
 * 8:30 a.m.
 * 11:15 a.m.



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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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION (Dec4-10)

BUDGET NEEDED	\$	7,200.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	\$	8,631.00
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	\$	1,431.00
FUEL ENVELOPE	\$	373.00
CHRISTMAS	\$	350.00

WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christmas is so very close now. Our attention is drawn to next weekend and all the preparations needed before then. Joyful in our anticipation, anxious for all to go well, and hopeful that Christmas brings peace and a sense of calm for all.

Mary visits Elizabeth in today's gospel. Both are filled with the Holy Spirit. Perhaps they talk long into the night about their joy, anxiety, and hopefulness about what is to come. Elizabeth, older, yet full of wisdom that age brings. Mary, younger, yet full of energy to do whatever God asks her to do. Perhaps they both agree what is happening to them is so mysterious. Elizabeth, barren, yet with child. Mary, a virgin, yet with child.

Each day this week pause to ponder on the mystery of God in your life. Set aside what is happening in the world about you. Ponder on what God has in store for you now. No one is too old or too young that God cannot work through them. Elizabeth and Mary teach that to us today. Yet, we must be ready and willing to serve God. How God works through us is mysterious and is not measured by worldly standards. Nothing is impossible for God.

Last Sunday we heard the people around John the Baptist ask,

"What should we do?"

The reading from Hebrews today answers the question. Jesus says,

"Behold, I come to do your will."

All Jesus asks of us is to do His Father's will. This is what we pray every time in the Our Father:

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

The gospel today ends with Elizabeth saying,

"Blessed are you who believed."

Celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent this week, the mystery of The Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth. When you pray the rosary and come to the second Joyful mystery, ponder on how God's will is taking place in your life.

Update Membership Information



Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past two years. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you for your help!

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