

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

Reverend Jhonatan Sarmiento
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Mr. Bill Dean
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Mrs. Kim Carlson
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also
had been baptized and was praying, heaven was
opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in
bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, January 10: Weekday

8:00 AM Rachel Garner (Mr. & Mrs. Elmers)

TUESDAY, January 11: Weekday

8:00 AM + Rosemarie Gambini (Vivan Parsek)

WEDNESDAY, January 12: Weekday

8:00 AM +Christine Labella (Sue Custer, Toni Schwamberger)

THURSDAY, January 13: Weekday

8:00 AM Jason Vanderwaal (Marilyn Van Deusen)

FRIDAY, January 14: Weekday

8:00 AM + Henry Ka Done (Henry & Teresa Tangbau)

SATURDAY, January 15: Weekday

8:00 AM + Vita Gardona (Peter Pulizzi)

4:00 PM + Mike Rotello Sr. (Mike Rotello)

SUNDAY, January 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM + Edward J. Roman (Diane Roman)

11:15 AM The People of St. James Parish

**LECTORS NEXT WEEK:**

Sat. 4:00 PM Marilyn Fox

Sun. 8:30 AM Anna Derocher

Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Levins

COMMENTATORS NEXT WEEK:

Sat. 4:00 PM Mike Cieslak

Sun. 8:30 AM Ed Geeser

Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Berg

COMMUNION MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:

Sat. 4:00 PM Joe Newman, Mike Rotello

Sun. 8:30 AM Sher Moo, Sara Wykes

Sun. 11:15 AM Pat Henry, Pray Meh

ALTAR SERVERS NEXT WEEK:

Sat. 4:00 PM Jacob Pierce, TBD

Sun. 8:30 AM TBD, TBD

Sun. 11:15 AM TBD, TBD

GREETERS NEXT WEEK:

Sat. 4:00 PM Carmen Davis, Mary McGregor

Sun. 8:30 AM Larry & Rose McCulloh

Sun. 11:15 AM John & Kathy Barton

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION (Dec 25-31)

BUDGET NEEDED	\$	7,200.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	\$	10,529.00
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	\$	3,329.00
FUEL ENVELOPE	\$	145.00
CHRISTMAS	\$	10,760.97

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.

In continuing our efforts to provide the best safety for our school children and parishioners, we have changed the entry method of Parish Hall (Beauvais Center) to a card key access system. If you currently have a key to Parish Hall, please call the Parish Office at 815-962-1214 to set up a time to exchange your key for a FOB. We will be changing the locks at the end of January and your key will no longer work after that.

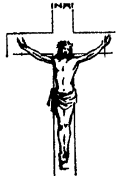
URGENT



"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

WITH SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Debra Wilson-Dilonardo. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**2021 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal**

Parish Target	\$41,859.00
Pledges Collected	\$28,590.00
	\$27,168.01



% of Parishioners who pledged 18%

Note: At the end of each year the parish must make up the difference between Target and Collected.

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
Michael Serrano
Paula Scwitters
Don Sawyer
Mary Pat Bradley*

*Michael Smith
Loretta Reif
Ricky Lind
John Zuba
Lolleen Cerio
Rose Mary
Mary Beth Allen
Mary Ann Dion
Linnea Lundy
Gregory Hartman
Sharon Enna
John Barton
Joan Sprague
Mary Ann Knighton
Peter Vander Vannet*

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

Thanks

THANK YOU! As always, we are in awe and blessed by the generosity of the people of St. James! Even though we were on a tight schedule this year and didn't really give you as much time as you may have needed, you came through as usual for the Giving Tree! You were able to help 20 clients of Carpenter's Place (men, women and children) who have been helped by Carpenter's Place to find housing and rebuild their lives! We were also able to deliver \$580 in gift cards and cash to our brothers and sisters from Afghanistan, who have been forced to flee their country for a new life here in America! We may not be the richest parish in Rockford, but we are the most generous! Bless you for coming through again for those of us who are less fortunate financially!! May you all have a happy, peaceful, and healthy 2022! You're the greatest!!



Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb. 11-13 in Madison, WI; April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI or June 24-26 in Geneva, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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



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DONE IN CHRIST

January 15-16, 2022

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Another year has past and again we are reminded of the decision by the Supreme Court to legalize abortion.

For forty-eight years there have been passionate arguments on both sides, debating the legality and morality of when and how to end the life of a child in the womb.

Debates rage over how late in a pregnancy can a child be aborted. At what month is the child viable, after a heartbeat? At what stage in the pregnancy does the baby feel pain?

A House Bill 2495 in the Illinois Senate states: No limits on abortion can be performed any time in the 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason. In the last 2 months, they passed Senate Bill 1594, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. A minor between the ages of 14 and 17 can seek an abortion without the consent of a parent or guardian.

The newest bill before the Illinois Senate will approve the sale of abortion pills over the counter without a prescription.

For those of us who thought Roe V Wade was a Woman's Health law only legalizing abortion in the early stages of pregnancy, we can see how it has evolved in the last 48 years.

The winds of change in favor of the unborn are blowing across this country.

Dobbs V Jackson, a Mississippi Law, bans abortion after 15 weeks.

The Supreme Court is taking another look at the constitutionality of Roe V Wade. The State of Texas had a win for abortion advocates, restricting abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy, but still being debated in the courts.

The decisions that will change the culture of death in this country will be won in the hearts and minds of the faithful.

Thousands of devout Catholics help elect the lawmakers in the Illinois Senate, who worked for years to pass these abortion laws.

Many Americans want the government to decide when life begins.

As Catholics we only need to look to our faith and the words of Jesus Christ to find the answer.

Psalm 139:13-14

You formed my inmost being

You knit me in my mother's womb

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made

Wonderful are your works

Pat Henry, PRLC

DEFEND THE UNBORN

ROCKFORD WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2022 • 11 AM

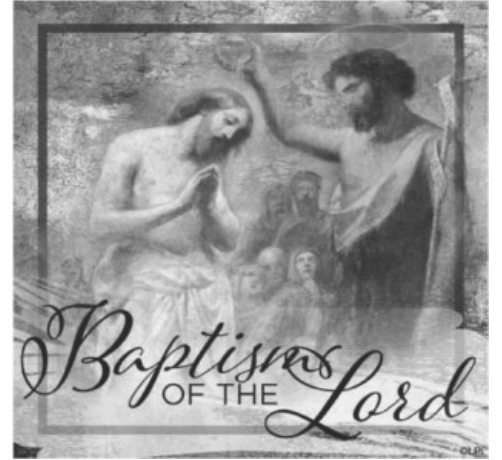


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Today with the Baptism of the Lord, we conclude the beautiful Christmas season. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all our brothers and sisters who worked behind the scenes for our Christmas celebration: Sacristans, cantors, choir, lectors, altar servers, environment committee and volunteers. Thank you to all for your time and work.



I also want to thank all the people who donated the many Christmas ornaments for the rectory and to the generous donors of the Christmas tree that I got for the rectory. They are amazing. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!

Fr. Sarmiento

Thank you to all those volunteers who helped decorate the church for Christmas: Ku Reh, Khin Pyone, Sue Meh, Kee Meh, Dorris Oo, Ko Reh, Kay Meh, Lee Meh, Julia Moe, Lee Reh, Pat Henry, Tom Cervantes. We appreciate it!



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