



The Catholic Community of St. James Parish



September 12, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 St. James Catholic Church - 721 North 57th Ave W, Duluth, MN 55807
 St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - 610 99th Ave W, Duluth, MN 55808

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Wednesday & Friday.....

8:00 AM

Saturday..... 4:30 PM

Sunday..... 10:30 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday..... 3:30 PM

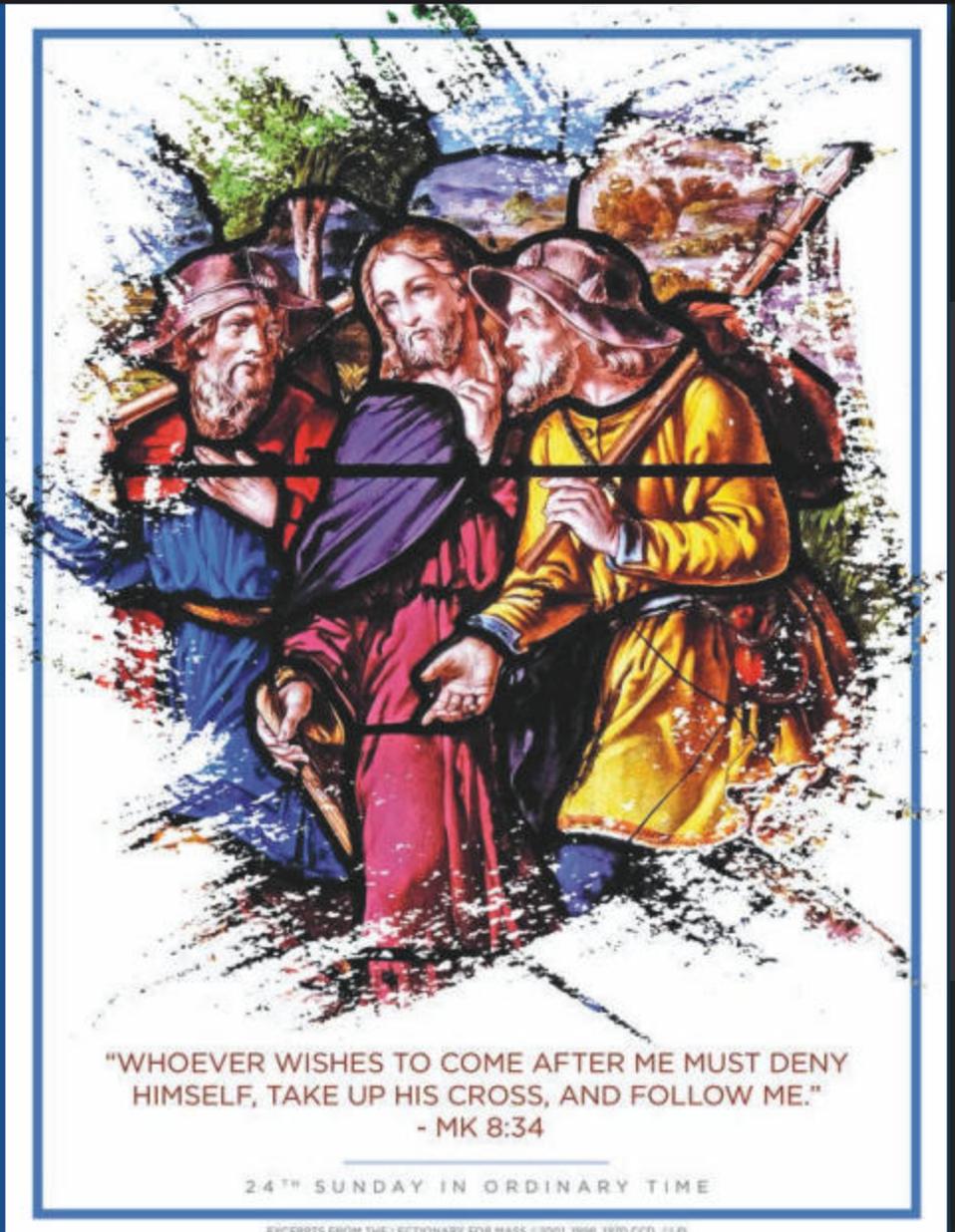
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Mass Schedule:

Thursday..... 8:00 AM

Sunday..... 8:30 AM



New Parishioners

Welcome!

Register today at
[www.stjamesparishduluth.com/
 parish-forms](http://www.stjamesparishduluth.com/parish-forms)

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know is
 sick/homebound please call the
 Parish office at 218-624-0125.

Prayer Chain

Please submit your prayer
 request to one of the following:

Call: 218-624-0125

Text: 218-590-1235

Email: foldesic@gmail.com

*Interested in joining the prayer chain
 please call the Parish office.*

Fr. Rich's Ramblings

Every once in awhile I like to express to you as parishioners how much I love being here at St. James and Elizabeth. We have a great parish community that I am proud to be part of, and as I have mentioned several times recently that our growth which has been pretty impressive as of late is a testimony to our parish. People are being drawn to our parish and that says a lot.

There are always challenges for parishes as well, and I do want to address one of the challenges that has long been with St. James as I heard it from priests who were here before me and that is with our religious education programs. As you know I have made this a priority during my time here by hiring talented staff to oversee the program, but each year the staff have the same challenge in trying to find volunteers for our program.

Parishes need to be strong and healthy enough to be able to teach the youth of the parish about the faith. If volunteers do not come forward for this most noble of tasks then it is a poor reflection of that parish. It seems to me the most basic task of any parish is to pass on the faith that we have, but here at St. James this is probably our most glaring weakness which I really hope may be remedied.

As I announced this past summer, we are teaming up with St. Lawrence and Holy Family for our 6th grade and up program, and between the two parishes we are mostly set for that age group, but for the younger kids up to 5th grade we currently only have one teacher. These younger grades are the easiest to teach but unfortunately we are having the hardest time finding parishioners to teach. I do not like saying this, but we will be delaying the start of the younger grades classes until we get teachers; we need teachers before we can have a program. Normally we would be starting mid September but as of now we have no schedule set.

If you want to help, and I hope you do, please call Bryn at the office at St. James to get more information as to what it takes to be a teacher of these little kids. As a parish, this is kind of necessary.

On a completely different subject but also an important one, I want to seek your help in something that is even easier than teaching 2nd graders. A few months ago I wrote about CatholicVote.org and encouraged you as parishioners to sign up for the daily news feed called The Loop. I tell you it is by far my favorite source for news because it reports on important things you will never see on other news outlets and it is all done from a faithful Catholic perspective. Reading The Loop is the first thing I do every morning, it truly starts my day off right by being well informed from the single most reliable news source. But something new that CatholicVote.org is working on is a program called "Edify" which actually launches this month on the 21st of September. Edify will be video presentations of about five minutes in length covering Catholic Church teaching on all the subjects that we are confronted with every day, from gun rights, to transgender issues, critical race theory and everything else you hear about in the news.

If The Loop is any indication of the quality of their work then I cannot wait for Edify to start. So here is where you come in. CatholicVote.org is having a contest (which we are starting way late) among parishes in the country to sign up for Edify. The parish with the most amount of people to sign up will get a \$10,000 grant, which is besides the point to the importance of this program. It is super easy to do, go to CatholicVote.org and click on their Edify parish challenge and fill out the form. It will take you two minutes. There is also a wonderful introductory video to watch which will show you the level of quality Edify will be. Please do this on behalf of St. James parish. It will ask you the parish's website, that is listed on the front of the bulletin. We are a couple weeks late but let's give it the old college effort. And let's all take advantage of this great way to equip ourselves in facing the crazy world we are living in.

-Fr. Rich

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Sep 11	4:30 PM	Bernice and Richard Nephew	St. James
Sun.	Sep 12	8:30 AM	For the Parish	St. Elizabeth
Sun.	Sep 12	10:30 AM	Ronald Waters	St. James
Mon.	Sep 13	8:00 AM	Mary Donahue	St. James
Tues.	Sep 14	8:00 AM	Fran Mahoney	St. James
Wed.	Sep 15	8:00 AM	Michael Foldesi	St. James
Th.	Sep 16	8:00 AM	Nancy Schofield	St. Elizabeth
Fri.	Sep 17	8:00 AM	Thomas Patnaude	St. James
Sat.	Sep 18	4:30 PM	For the Parish	St. James
Sun.	Sep 19	8:30 AM	Bob Marnich	St. Elizabeth
Sun.	Sep 19	10:30 AM	Elaine Paquette	St. James

Stewardship

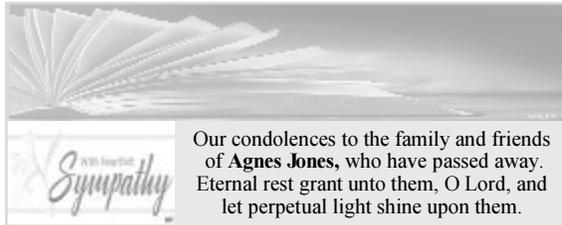
August 29, 2021		September 5, 2021	
Weekly:		Weekly:	
Envelopes & Plate	3,842.85	Envelopes & Plate	4,434.16
Online Giving	2,081.00	Online Giving	3,891.00
UCA:		UCA:	
Weekly Total	313.00	Weekly Total	1,115.00
Year to Date			
Yearly Budget	450,050.00		
YTD Collected	65,502.74		
UCA			
2021 Assessment	66,229.72		
To be Collected	6,382.97		

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

MARK 8:34



Our condolences to the family and friends of **Agnes Jones**, who have passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Are you new to the Parish?
Register today!

Forms can be found at the entrances or online at

www.stjamesparishduluth.com/parish-forms



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Sep 18 ~ 4:30 pm

Lector: Terri Klimek

Sunday, Sep 19 ~ 8:30am

Lector: Kathy Rahkola

Eucharistic Minister: Pat St. George

Sunday, Sep 19 ~ 10:30am

Lector: Zach Bennett

Altar Servers: William Foldesi & Jacob Jennings

Readings for the week of Sep 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Registration is now open for St. James Faith Formation!



To find the 2021-2022 registration & calendar visit <https://www.stjamesparishduluth.com/faithformation>

Classes begin October 6th! Questions?

Contact Bryn at youth@stjamesduluth.org

PARISH EVENTS

KSKJ Lodge #171 Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 14th at St. Elizabeth's Church Social Hall. Planning activities for Sep., Oct., Nov., & Dec. For more info, please contact President Mary White at 626-2333 or Sharon Bucar at 626-1928.

Pancake Breakfast on September 19th from 9:00-Noon in the St. James Gym hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Adults \$8 - Children \$6 - Families \$20 for an additional \$2 get a Fruit Flip.

Gospel Meditation

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Theology Uncapped returns with After Life: Heaven/Hell/Purgatory on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:30pm at **Grace Lutheran Church**. Please join us to hear a dynamic conversation regarding "After Life" with Fr Rich Kunst and Pastor Rollie Brockbrader.

Visit <https://www.theologyuncapped.org/> for more information!

Mater Dei Apostolate is hosting an **Adult Book Study on Dante's Inferno**, the first part of the epic poem *The Divine Comedy*, one of the greatest works of Western Literature. The study is led by Mater Dei Apostolate instructor, Mr. John Niemann. It is open to the entire community.

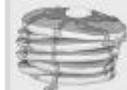
This ten-session book study takes place one Wednesday evening per month from September-June. Meetings take place in the **Mater Dei education center** which is located in the lower level of Holy Family Church at 2430 West Third Street in Duluth. Cost is \$50 per adult and includes light refreshments. First meeting is on September 15th. For additional dates, details and to sign up, visit materdeiapostolate.org/adult-book-study

The 16th Annual Awaken **Fall Live Drive** for the **Real Presence Radio Network** is almost here! Tune in on Wednesday, September 15 through Friday September 17 from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM CT to hear inspiring stories of faith and hope from across the RPR Network. RPR is 100% listener supported and your generosity has helped us reach 5 states, 10 diocese and a listening area of 2.5 million people! Call in or donate online to help us reach our \$560,000 goal and to continue to bring you great Catholic content! Donate and you will also be registered to win one of our great daily prize drawings! **Listen to Fr. Rich on Wednesday, Sept. 15th from 9 - 11 AM.**

The **40 Days for Life/Duluth Fall Campaign** starts with a rally on Tuesday, September 21st. Father Tony Wroblewski will celebrate Mass at 6 pm followed by refreshments at the **Women's Care Center** at 103 E. 1st St., Duluth. This will be followed by praise and worship outside the WE Health Clinic abortuary in the Building for Women at 32 E. 1st St. at 7 pm. The Prayer Vigil will run 8 am to 8 pm outside the Building for Women from September 22nd through October 31st. Prayer Warriors can sign up at 40daysforlife.com/Duluth or contact Paulette at 218-348-1345 or 40daysduluth@gmail.com. Please come to the Rally on the 21st and sign up to be a Prayer Warrior today.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Lawrence Parish in Duluth is looking for a new **Music Director**. We are looking for someone who is interested in developing and leading a parish choir. A qualified candidate would have graduated high school, and have the ability to direct and accompany a choir. They would be proficient in training volunteer musicians and running practices and will be consistently present for weekend Masses as well as other parish liturgies (funerals, weddings, sacramental events). Preference is for someone who has an understanding and facility with sacred music, and Catholic liturgy. Formal training isn't absolutely necessary, but experience or training are desirable. Willingness to work as a team to offer beautiful and prayerful worship in the parish is very important. Please contact Stephanie Jago at the parish office at 218-722-2259 or stephanie.jago@duluthcatholic.org for a full job description and application.



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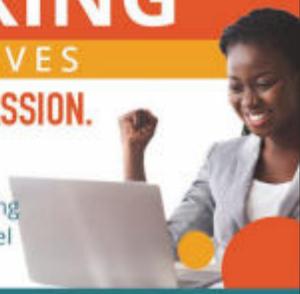
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