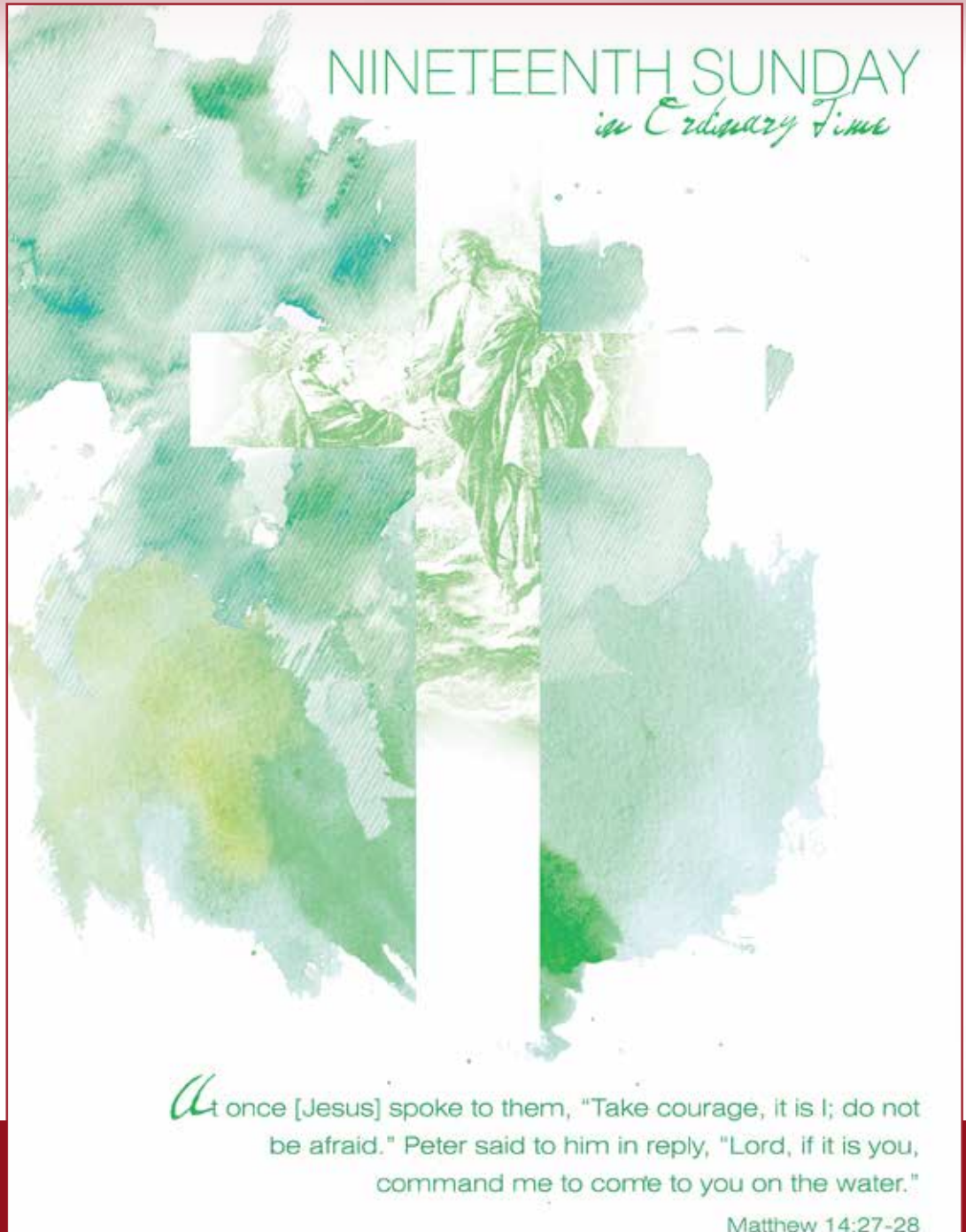


*Prayer
Changes Everything*

**Annual
Backpack
Project**

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At once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:27-28

AS ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WE WELCOME AND SERVE ALL
PEOPLE AS DISCIPLES WHO CELEBRATE AND LOVE AS JESUS TAUGHT

mass times & information

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| SAT | 4:00 pm |
| SUN | 8:00 & 11:30 am |
| MON | 9:00 am |
| TUE | 9:00 am |
| WED | 7:00 pm |
| THU | 9:00 am |
| FRI | None |

OFFICE HOURS

| | |
|------------|----------------|
| SUN | |
| MON | |
| TUE | Closed |
| WED | Until |
| THU | Further |
| FRI | Notice |
| SAT | |

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Parish membership and pre-registration for preparation class required.

RECONCILIATION

| | |
|------------|---------|
| WED | 5:30 pm |
| SAT | 2:30 pm |

ANOIDING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, we can visit upon request. There will also be an opportunity to receive the sacrament on the 2nd Saturday of every month after the 4pm mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office to make an appointment with clergy.

FUNERALS

When planning a funeral at St. James, many details need attention and our staff is willing to assist you during this difficult time. Once you have contacted the funeral home, please call the parish office to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements. The usual time for funerals is 10:30 am with visitation prior.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are located on the credenza in the Narthex or on our website. Notify the Parish Office of address changes.

Bulletin Articles due by 1 pm on Friday (9 days prior to publication) Submitted content is subject to approval.

God's peace!

All is progressing better than anticipated here at St. James. Many things continue to move forward in spite of the present challenges. I never thought that I would be endorsing a commercial, but soon we will be providing on our web site a visual update of how our Brick by Brick project is moving forward, the latest updates on our sound system and cameras, and whatever Pierre and Ron decide to share!

One of the services that will be provided with our new sound system are devices that will assist folks that are experiencing hearing challenges. At this time,

we have a limited supply of these instruments. Once we figure out how the system operates, we will make them available. Currently we have four (4) devices. We are exploring the possibility of providing for folks that would prefer their own personal device, the opportunity to purchase them at a reasonable cost. If any of you would like to assist the parish in purchasing additional devices, please let me know. Once we get a firm cost amount, we will share that information.

Although we will not be able to assemble for Vacation Bible School this

summer, it will be provided via of our web site. One of the advantages is that it can be viewed at your convenience. I encourage families to take the time to participate. The staff has put together a stellar experience!

Just a friendly reminder that if you wish to attend a daily Mass, it is not necessary to pre-register. We still would prefer that you register for the weekend liturgies.

Love you all!

God's peace,

Fr. Ed Z.



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important dates returning soon



sacrament updates

first communion

2020 Dates have been set.

The link for the Sign up Genius is on the Website.

August 6 at 7:00 pm

August 8 at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

August 15 at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

If you are waiting until next spring please email mobrien@sjnovi.net

confirmation

Dates will be scheduled for fall of 2020

Please email assignments from weeks 9-11 and service reflections to mtaylor@sjnovi.net

Dear Parents,
We hope this update finds you and your family well during these challenging times. The RE team met with Fr. Ed and Dan Hull, our pastoral associate, this week to evaluate what we know about the coming school year. Due to the restrictions of COVID 19 we have decided to take our FaithBuilders programming online, utilizing various formats, through January. The physical space in classrooms and hallways isn't large enough to adequately social distance our students and keep them safe. Your child's safety is our number one priority. Let's look at our current, ever-flexible plan by grade:

Theme for 2020-2021: You are the Light of the World

❖ **FAITHBUILDERS:** Grades 1-6
Grade 1 & 2: Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion
Format, Zoom lessons (22 one hour sessions) based on Matthew Kelly, Blessed program
FaithBuilders, Grades 3-6: Pre-recorded programming created by our RE team, approximately 60 minutes (22 sessions)
Grades 3-6 will be using the same lesson. (If you have multi-grade levels in your home grades 3-6 will be viewing the same lesson)

❖ **IGNITE:** Grades 7-8
Sacrament Preparation for Confirmation.
Format, In-person classes, held mainly in the Church. We're working to rewrite a small portion of the curriculum, "Action Point" to accommodate these changes. Parents would drop off their student and pick them up without entering the building. New protocols in place for students and volunteers/staff based on the most current CDC recommendations. Much more is coming...

❖ **FAITH ON THE GO:** Grades 1,3,4,5&6 Home program with weekly lessons
* Sacramental preparation for grades 2, 7 and 8 is **NOT** offered in Faith on the Go.

❖ **VOLUNTEERS:** Classroom catechists, session support, childcare or table leaders
Discounted tuition: \$25/family plus sacrament fee for First communion and Confirmation.

❖ **RE Registration Link:** <https://stjamesnovi.org/fee-schedule>
❖ **CALENDARS AND FORMS:** www.stjamesnovi.org
❖ **QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:** mobrien@sjnovi.net

Looking forward to a BRIGHT year at St. James!

Middle school is a big leap from elementary school. There is new building to navigate, different rooms and teachers each period, each with their assignments and projects. There are lockers with tricky combinations and an overwhelming cafeteria. My daughter was so nervous until the first day, when the teachers were welcoming, helping students find the right rooms and figure out their locker combinations. The students soon become accustomed to their new surroundings and routines, although with occasional waves of anxiety. But they succeed, one day at a time, knowing they have friends



and teachers they can look to for help.

They may feel like Peter in today's Gospel. He steps out of the safety of the boat, in the dark, to walk toward Jesus. Peter actually walks on water while he has his eyes on Jesus! But when he focuses his attention on the wind and the waves he becomes frightened and begins to sink. Peter knows his help is from Jesus, who reaches out to save him.

It seems we are navigating rough waters these days. Many are feeling anxiety about what is safe and what is risky. We look ahead and try to understand how school and work will happen. Will there be another shutdown? Will our businesses survive? The farther we look ahead the more questions go unanswered and the more anxious we feel. We may feel as if we are drowning.



Like Peter, we must keep our focus on Jesus and take one step at a time. He will never abandon us and will lead us through this unprecedented time. So, the next time you feel panicky about an upcoming situation, ask yourself where your focus is, where your help is.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains. Whence shall help come to me? My help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121

May God bless and strengthen your family!

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I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13

upcoming events

august

Backpack Project Underway

24-26 Food Packing

29 Food Delivering

food pantry

immediate needs

- syrup
- peaches (canned)
- laundry soap
- taco shells
- pancake mix
- ranch dressing
- instant oatmeal
- popcorn

additional needs

- cereal
- frosting
- granola bars
- toilet paper

PLEASE - Do Not Leave ANY fresh or perishable food items!

Please be aware, we are unable to accept any items that are expired.

Thank you for supporting this ministry throughout the year.



St. James Food Pantry

Many of our parishioners are using the list on page 4 indicating the needs (both immediate and additional) for pantry items to donate. This list is updated weekly by our Pantry Team and is extremely helpful in keeping our shelves filled.

If you are a Kroger shopper, please read the article on this page to see how you can help the pantry at no cost!



Computer Paper Boxes STILL Needed

Each month our Food Pantry program uses approximately 100 boxes. If you have access to this size box, please consider donating them. We request this size only, due to the ease of handling and storage. Thank You!



Kroger Shoppers



Thank you to all who have designated St. James Food pantry to benefit from the Kroger Community Rewards Program! For the quarter ending 4/30/2020, St. James received \$549. The Kroger Community Rewards Program is a no cost, easy way to assist the St. James Food Pantry. If you are not enrolled, pick up a Kroger Rewards card from any Kroger store and go online to

www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up. If you have a Kroger card but it is not benefitting our pantry, you may go online and indicate St. James Food Pantry. Our organization number is **IH458**. Information may also be found in the Narthex on the credenza under the bulletin board, or by contacting Christian Service. Monies received from this program allow us to purchase laundry soap, dish soap, garbage bags and a few other hygiene type items for those receiving assistance through our monthly food program.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The need for donors is great and many current locations are unable to accommodate the space needed during this Coronavirus crisis.

Therefore, St. James Church will once again be opening its doors to host a Community Blood Drive on **Friday, Aug 14th & Friday, Sept 11th**

Healthy donors are encouraged to book an appointment. Simply go online to **www.redcrossblood.org** and enter stjcc in the sponsor code. The site will direct you from there or call **800-REDCROSS** (800-733-2767). Remember, there must be 56 days between donations.

Donating Blood Makes a Big Difference in the Lives of Others!

Annual Backpack Project

The annual back-to-school Backpack Project is underway!

Our goal is to provide local children with new backpacks filled with supplies needed for their school year. Last year we distributed 202 backpacks! These children are from families that are included in our monthly food program or have received other assistance during the year. Their family budgets don't allow for extras such as backpacks and school supplies.

Due to current restrictions and limited access to the church building, we have replaced our poster board of sticky notes requesting

school supplies, with SignUpGenius. An email was sent to parish families via Flocknote

containing the SignUpGenius link to the list of supplies needed. You may also find the link on our website at www.stjamesnovi.org.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution to the Backpack Project instead of shopping, your donation can be made through Online Giving by clicking on the Backpack Project donation button on our website. If you choose to make your donation by check, the check should be made payable to St. James Catholic Church and sent to the church office attention: Christian Service. Please be sure to mark Backpack Project on the memo line.

Note: Donations may be placed in the blue bin inside door #6, or placed on the cart in the narthex, if attending mass. Donations are due by Sunday, August 23rd.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness to those in need!



From Your Parish Nurse

Are You Getting Enough Vitamin D?

A heart attack or a stroke can be a Our bodies need vitamin D to help keep our bones healthy. Vitamin D helps children build strong bones and prevent the bone disease rickets. It helps adults avoid conditions including osteoporosis that weaken bones and can cause them to break.

In addition, some studies have found a link between low vitamin D levels and a higher risk of colorectal cancer. However, other studies found no significant link. An editorial published in the New England Journal of Medicine in November says "there remains considerable uncertainty about cancer prevention with supplementary vitamin D."



It's clear, however, that we need vitamin D to stay healthy. People can get vitamin D from their diet, from supplements, and from the sun. However, staying out in the sun without protection exposes people to harmful UV rays, which is a strong risk factor for most skin cancers. And getting too much vitamin D, for example, from taking very high doses of supplements, can be harmful.

A Smart Approach to Vitamin D

American Cancer Society epidemiologist Marji McCullough, ScD, RD, offers these tips:

- Include vitamin-D-rich foods in your diet. These include fatty fish such as salmon, trout, sword fish, and tuna. Eggs and mushrooms also contain small amounts of vitamin D.
- Milk, including soy and almond milk, is fortified with vitamin D. Some other dairy products, orange juice, and cereal also can have vitamin D added. Read labels to be sure.
- People ages 1 to 70 should get the recommended daily allowance of 600 IU. Children younger than age 1 should get 400 IU, and adults older than age 70 should get 800 IU.
- If you take a calcium supplement, you may already be getting added vitamin D. Some calcium supplements contain vitamin D.
- Past studies on vitamin D and cancer risk do not suggest that high-dose supplements are needed and do not suggest that most people need to have their vitamin D levels checked. However, if you are concerned about your levels of vitamin D, check with your health care provider.
- Do not skip using sunscreen or try other ways to get vitamin D from the sun. Sun exposure without protection raises your risk for skin cancer. Cancer.org



baptisms

Aug 8 – Nora Jane Burke

Aug 15 – Rory Gates Polombo

Aug 16 – Rhett Jeffrey Zaski



wedding banns

I Jacqueline Kjolhede and John Souter

scripture readings

WEEK OF AUGUST 09

SUNDAY

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

MONDAY

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY

Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21—19:1

FRIDAY

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

NEXT SUNDAY

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 08

4:00 PM

Peppino Roperti
(Albino and Maria Cicerone)
Kamila and Mieczyslaw Wojcinski
(Agnes Trybula)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 09

8:00 AM

For the intentions of the St. James Parish Family

11:30 AM

For deceased Bishops, Priests, and Deacons
Gregory Taylor
(Kathleen McDonough)
Loraine Boyce
(Kathleen and John Petzold)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM

John Toler (Graziano Canini)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM

John Toler (Graziano Canini)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 PM

For the intentions of the St. James Parish Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM

Marjorie Fitzgerald (Clark Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

4:00 PM

Elizabeth Hover
(Krystn Van Renterghem & Family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM

Arthur Zawlocki
(Joe and Dianne Laura)

11:30 AM

For the intentions of the St. James Parish Family



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CYO Fall Volleyball Update

We are still planning for a fall volleyball season. CYO volleyball is for girls going into 4-8th grade. Tryouts should take place in early August. All parish members are welcome and will make a team. We also hope to have open gym time this month once the restriction is lifted. Open gyms give a player some time to learn and develop their skills in a non-competitive environment. Please go to the CYO page on the church website and sign-up for updates as more information is available. See you on the court!!



Please remember in your prayers all who serve in the Armed Forces and all of our First Responders. May they be kept safe and out of harm's way.



Rest In Peace

Remember in your prayers:

Carl Tomczyk
Brother of Connie Garbacik

Helen Tyler
Mother of Tom Tyler

George Farkas

Please remember in your prayers the sick listed below:

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