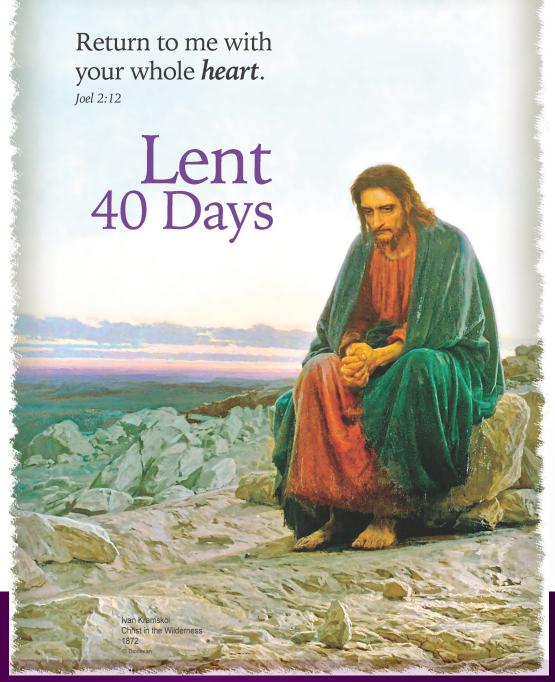
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AS ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WE WELCOME AND SERVE ALL PEOPLE AS DISCIPLES WHO CELEBRATE AND LOVE AS JESUS TAUGHT

mass times & information

SAT SUN

Cancelled Until

MON Further TUE Notice

THU FRI

OFFICE HOURS

SUN MON

TUE Closed
WED Until
THU Further
FRI Notice
SAT

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Parish membership and preregistration for preparation class required.

RECONCILIATION WED Cancelled SAT Cancelled

ANOINTING 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.

A blessed day to all.

God's peace!

In the midst of all of the challenges that we are facing, my prayer is that although there are many things that we are experiencing that are affecting our daily lives, you are still experiencing inner peace.

I offer to you for reflection, Psalm 40. The psalm tells us that God hears our cry. I encourage you to use your bibles to read the psalm and make the words part of your prayer. Please use your bible during these challenging times to assist you in bringing to you some spiritual consolation.

We will continue to offer the Sunday liturgy on our web site. When possible, we hope to offer other spiritual reflections, words of comfort as we journey together during these trying times. It is a work in progress. In addition to the liturgy being offered, I will also pray the prayers of healing

for those that are suffering because of illness.

If any of you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. The generosity of so many people have been a blessing to God's people because we have been able to meet the needs of an increasing number of folks requesting assistance.

Things and directives are changing on an ongoing basis. Please check our web page **stjamesnovi.org** on a daily basis to keep up on the latest developments.

There will be opportunities for confession. As of this writing, appointments can be made for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There should be an extreme need (serious sin) in order to make an appointment. In all other situations, a sincere Act of Contrition is advised.

FR. EQUIEW

During last week's announcements on the web site, I mentioned that there have been inquiries about the Sunday collection. I want to emphasize again that your primary focus should be on the needs that require your attention as far as providing for the necessities of your household: medical needs, food, bills, and whatever other things that must be addressed. I ask you to consider, however, to sacrifice by continuing your contributions to the parish as you are able, either by on line giving or by sending in your contributions through the mail. We have had in increase of people asking for assistance. The everyday expenses of the parish still must be addressed. I am asking you to consider sacrifice, not burden. You and your family needs must be considered

God's peace,

Fr. Ed Z.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As citizens of Michigan, we join with our neighbors in observing measures to address the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the virus' spread, our response as the Body of Christ must always begin in faith. We believe Jesus is still Lord. We believe that God can bring good from this time. We believe that we are not abandoned but remain – however mysteriously – in the loving hands of the Father.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce to you that Holy Week celebrations will not be offered publicly this year in the Archdiocese of Detroit. To ensure we cooperate with and support the governor and local health officials during this time as well as assuring you of my continued commitment to the work of unleashing the Gospel, I am issuing these directives regarding the life of our parishes, the administration of the Sacraments - particularly to those who are sick and dying - and the celebration of Holy Week.

While it is not possible for us to gather in our parishes during Holy Week and on Easter, it is possible for us to be connected in other ways. I ask you to remain attentive to aod.org and spiritualclosness.org for ways to be connected with each other during these days. I would also ask you to please continue your financial support to your parish. They rely entirely on your contributions and your generosity. I am very grateful for your support, especially during this time

In addition, I ask all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit to join me, the Holy Father and faithful around the world in these two times of prayer this week:

Wednesday, March 25 – the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – to pause at 12 noon to pray the Our Father.

Friday, March 27 to pray at 1:00 p.m. (in union with the Holy Father in Rome) and, as you are able, to receive the Plenary Indulgence that will accompany the Eucharistic Benediction from the Holy Father on this occasion.

I know this is an unprecedented time in the life of our local Church. But unprecedented challenges bring unprecedented graces. If we unite ourselves to the Lord we will emerge from these days of trial and uncertainty more ready to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please know of my prayers for you and our whole State of Michigan during these days. Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron

Archbishop of Detroit



My name is Dan Hull and I have just joined the St. James Parish staff as the new Pastoral Associate with responsibilities for Christian Service. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My wife Anne and I have been married for 41 years and have three adult children and three grandchildren.

Although I am new to the Archdiocese of Detroit I have been an active professional lay minister for a while. I received my Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Seattle University (a Jesuit school). Over the years I have held ministry positions in the Dioceses of Seattle, Saginaw, Milwaukee and Rochester, NY. and I have been involved in the ministries of administration, formation and pastoral care. I am thrilled to be joining Fr. Ed and the rest of the St. James Parish staff in serving the St. James community of faith here in Novi.

To be honest, I have never before started a ministry position in the middle of a world-wide pandemic, but I believe we have a unique opportunity to show the strength of our faith by the way we remain hopeful and by the way we respond to the needs of our neighbors.

I look forward to the time when I can meet you in person.

Blessings,

Dan



Online Giving Special Thanks

St. James had 10 parishioners that enrolled for online giving this week. I'd like to recognize their heroic efforts, in spite of all the turmoil in our world. These families have chosen to support the parish so we can continue our legacy of service to God, our faith community and our future parish mission. Thank you for your continued generosity and stabilizing donations. If you'd like to enroll, or give a one time donation, please go to our website **stjamesnovi.org** and click on the button labeled Online Giving.

upcoming events

april

20-22 Food Packing

25 Food Delivering

may

- 2-3 Donut Weekend & Food Donation Weekend
- Letter Carrier 9 Food Drive Event

St. James **Food Pantry**

Our families are still in need of food assistance. Please continue to drop off items for the food pantry if you are able. Many families now have children at home and not receiving school breakfast and lunch. We will assist them as best we can. The Food Pantry list on page 4 of this bulletin will continue to be updated. Thank you for your generosity during this challenging time.

Kroger Shoppers

Thank you to the 200 households that have designated St. James Food Pantry to benefit from the **Kroger Community Rewards** Program. For the quarter ending January 31, 2020, the Pantry received \$560. This 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. Information may also be found in the narthex on the credenza under the bulletin board or by contacting Christian Service.



Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Letter Carriers Food Drive is set for Saturday, May 9th. We will need helpers from 1:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Watch the bulletin for details!

food pantry

immediate needs

- · jelly
- · crackers
- popcorn
- · canned ravioli
- · canned pears
- canned pineapple
- · chili
- syrup
- peas

additional needs

- frosting
- salsa
- spaghetti sauce
- · paper towel
- · toilet paper

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

Thank you for supporting this ministry throughout the year.





The need for donors is great! If you have been thinking about giving this gift of life. please do so by picking up the phone and calling (800) 733-2767 or going online to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. There are many local drives or you may go to the nearby Red Cross donor sites in Farmington Hills or Livonia.

The next St. James Blood Drive will be October 11th.

Computer Paper Boxes Needed

Our Food Pantry needs computer paper boxes. Each month the Pantry uses approximately 100 boxes and we have depleted our stock. If you are able to help, please leave them in or by the Food Donation Box anytime the church is open. Thank You!



Thank you St. James parishioners for your generous response to the needs of others during this very difficult time! Your donations allow us to help our monthly families, as well as those that have been impacted by the current crises.





scripture readings

WEEK OF MARCH 29

SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MONDAY

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

Nm 21:4-9: Ps 102:2-3, 16-18. 19-21: Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92. 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

Jer 20:10-13: Ps 18:2-3a. 3bc-4, 5-6, 7: Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY Palm Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

From Your Parish Nurse

Ease the strain of financial stress

Perhaps money can't buy love, but it just might bring heartburn.

The strain of financial worry can lead to headaches, an upset stomach, sleep

troubles, and even colds or flu. It can also contribute to depression and chronic

conditions such as heart disease.



To reduce the symptoms of financial strain, you need to take steps to take control of your finances:

Create a plan. Make a list of the bills that are gnawing at you. Track what you spend, create a budget, and pay off

Involve the family. Write down ideas for reducing expenses.

Leave debit and credit cards at home. Avoid impulse buys by bringing only a budgeted amount of cash.

Ask for help. Talk to your credit card or utility company about payment plans.

Look into financial education programs.

3 sensible ways to keep your budget on track

A written budget not only

shows you where your money is going, it holds you accountable for what's being spent. Here are some ways to keep expenses in line:

Take the free entertainment **challenge.** Brainstorm with family members to find fun, free events and activities. Options might include tennis at a local park, a bike ride around town, a trip to the local library, or concerts in the park.

Pay attention to what you're watching. Online streaming and cable expenses can add up. Cancel services vou don't use.

Map out your meals. Plan a week of meals to enjoy at home rather than grabbing dinner at a fast food restaurant.

SAINT JAMES

Religious Education

important dates

returning soon



sacramental dates

first communion

April 29, 2020 5:30pm Practice for Communion A

April 30, 2020 5:30pm Practice for Communion B

May 2, 2020 10:00am Communion A (for students who attend SUNDAY 3:00 sessions)

May 2, 2020 1:00pm Communion B (for students who attend SUNDAY 5:00 sessions

May 6, 2020 5:30pm Practice for Communion C

May 9, 2020 10:00am Communion C (for students who attend MONDAY & TUESDAY sessions)

confirmation

Suspended Until Furter Notice)



Faithbuilders & FOGO

Grades 1-6

Scripture: John 11:1-45 The Death of

Lazarus

Message: Jesus Gives Us Hope

Faith in Action: Craft butterfly cards to give to someone who needs hope during these difficult times.

Prayer for Hope

Music: "Won't Worry 'Bout a Thing"

by Life Tree Kids

Ignite Grade 8



Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 Jesus

Visits Martha and Mary

Message: Priorities & Balance in

Life

Decision Point: Finding Your

Mission

Action Point: Create vision boards about hopes, dreams and goals.

Prayer journal for Peace and

Perspective

Music: "Lifesong" by Casting

Crowns

Family Faith: Bringing the Gospel Home

John 11:1-45 Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life

Lazarus was a friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary from Bethany.

When he became seriously ill, his sisters sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was in danger of dying.

Four days later Jesus began the journey to Bethany. When He arrived both Martha and Mary both said, "If you had been here, our brother would not have died." This statement demonstrated their faith in Jesus but He wanted them to go one step further. When He raised Lazarus He demonstrated His power over death. He waited until Lazarus had died in order to

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glorify His Father in heaven and create hope for those present and us all.

These days we are in our own cocoons of a sort. From the street, people may see little activity coming from our houses. We may even feel as if our lives are on hold and time is being wasted. But inside things are happening. Families are praying together. Children are reading and playing creative games. Parents are becoming teachers and family time is no longer an option. People are finding ways to support their friends and neighbors without physical contact. We continue to grow in faith and in relationship with each other as we anticipate the days of freedom that will come. And when

> we do emerge from our cocoons, like caterpillars, we will be transformed into new beings.

Jesus calls us, as He called Martha and

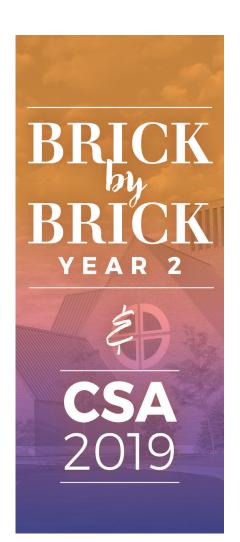


Mary, to have hope in the resurrection as well as hope in His healing and transformative power. Lazarus' friends and family learned that there is no limit to the power of our heavenly Father. Let us pray with hope that God will heal our families, our nation and the world, transforming us into more loving, cooperative, and faith-filled people.

May God bless and strengthen your family!

Marge Fitzpatrick mfitzpatrick@sjnovi.net

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



 Pledges Collected:
 Total Pledges:

 \$1,987,541
 \$2,590,436

Total Three-Year Pledges (2018-2020) \$2,590,436

Pledges Collected To Date \$1,987,541

Pledges To Be Collected \$602,895

CSA 2019 Pledges

55.4%

Amount Pledged: 06.785

We are working toward meeting the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) target. This annual appeal occurs throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Each parish is given a target to help cover shared

Our Target: 192,852

expenses in the archdiocese. Our goal for 2019 is \$192,852. Please prayerfully consider a donation to help support CSA. Any shortfall must be paid from St. James' savings account.





What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

Look for the answer next week!!

You draw a line. Without touching it, how do you make it a longer line?

Draw a short line next to it and now it's the longer line.

mass intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:00 PM

Thomas Zanot (Family) Luigi Pietro Cocchetto (Barbara Bowman) Wanda DiPonio (Bill and Adele Farmer)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM

Marie Tiso (Family) John Baron (John and Chervl Hause)

9:30 AM

For the intentions of the St. James Parish Family

11:30 AM

Sylvia Leski (St. James Parish Family) Gregory Taylor (Anna Marie and John Benedetto)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 AM

Marino and Anna Giovagnoli (Graziano Canini) Michael Faubert (Edward and Eileen Budde) TUESDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 AM

For the intention of St. James Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 AM

For the intention of St. James Parish Family

7:00 PM

Timothy Michels (Family)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 AM

Michael Faubert (St. James Parish Family) Adam Jentilet (Edward and Eileen Budde) FRIDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 AM

For the intention of St. James Parish Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

4:00 PM

Mark Stefl (Family) Bernard Bond (Dennis and Carol Ringvelski) Domililda Bond (Dennis and Carol Ringvelski)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM

Nancy Sant (Family)

9:30 AM

For vocations to the Priesthood, Deaconate, and Religious Life Olga Bigi (Family) Michael Faubert (Dennis and Carol Ringvelski)

11:30 AM

Julia Casalou (Mike and Barb Slubowski)





Please pray for our Catechumen and Candidates during the upcoming period of Purification and Enlightenment as we prepare for Easter Vigil.

Alec LaFontaine Bronwyn Dewar Timothy Herrick Graydon Reitz Kristen Strychar





Please pray for all of those who have been lost to this terrible pandemic.

Please remember in your prayers the sick listed below:

John Boult Judy Heide Donna Hohl Denise Rosier Julie Maddocks Michael Sovran Terry Govan Mikáela Smith Steve Lange Gil Shultz **Brian Barron** June Cramer Julie Boivin Leona Budd Bill Farmer Dora Grady Louis Ayotte Patty Hanzek John Cartrette Jason Kimling Jane Hicks Andy Karay Carol Miller Mary Ann McDonald Pam Budde-White Joanne Steinmayer

Margaret Layborn

Paula Chomiuk Maria Arambula Jason Christopher Diane Christopher Joanne Schroder Michael Romanik Holly Schaeffer Nicole Zapinski Barbara Nabozny-Valerio Adelheid Coles Mary Ann Mitchell Helen Walczak Enrico Canini Mary Ann Twigg Norma Kirk-Miller Kathryn Krueger Matthew Gumbel Kathy Blahunka Karen Walton Jack Swanson Tanya Jordan-Jackson Leon Skudlarek Mary Ann McQuaid Dean May Mary Baker Cindy Sovran Vito Longo

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Sally Wagener Lynn Tankersley Joyce Greywall Margarete Mares Brenda O'Brien John Slack Christine Christensen Ruth Elwood Barrett Fairchild Ethan Elwood Christine Kalis Tim Haley Charlene Rutherford Frank Fella Sarah Boran Rani Thangasamy Mary Lee O'Keefe Betty Verkerke Gonda Tony Skeltis Sandy King Claire Taylor Levi Terpening Cole Swanson Jan Mathison Frank Gonda Jim Viazanko

Alice Woods

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