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NOVI, MI

ST. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWS

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"The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

SPECIAL
STATE OF THE PARISH
EDITION



OH GOD, BE
MERCIFUL
TO ME, A SINNER



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

THE ENTIRE INTERACTIVE BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE VIA FLOCKNOTE
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mass times & information

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

OFFICE HOURS

SUN 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
MON 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
TUE 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
WED 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
THU 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
FRI Closed
SAT Closed

BAPTISMS

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

RECONCILIATION

WED 6:00 pm
SAT 2:30 pm

ANOIDTING 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.

SUNDAY, NOV 2ND

ST. JAMES PROUDLY PRESENT

A Pancake Breakfast

Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners for a hearty breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd. Breakfast will be served after all masses. A free will donation and/or non-perishable food donation to the St. James Food Pantry are kindly appreciated.

Next
Weekend



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Calendar

Oct 26

9:30 & 11:30 Mass KidsWord

RE Classes

11:00 Ignite Year 1

1:00: Grades 1-5

3:00: Grades 1-6

Oct 27

5:30-6:45: RE Gr. 1-6

Nov 1

All Saints Day

Nov 2

Pancake Breakfast for all

9:30 & 11:30 Mass KidsWord

Religious Education Home Lesson

Nov 9

9:30 & 11:30 Mass KidsWord

RE Classes

11:00 Ignite Year 2

1:00: Grades 1-5

3:00: Grades 1-6

Nov 10

5:30-6:45: RE Gr. 1-6

Nov 16

9:30 & 11:30 Mass KidsWord

RE Classes

11:00 Ignite Year 1

1:00: Grades 1-5

3:00: Grades 1-6

Nov 17

5:30-6:45: RE Gr. 1-6

Nov 23 & 30

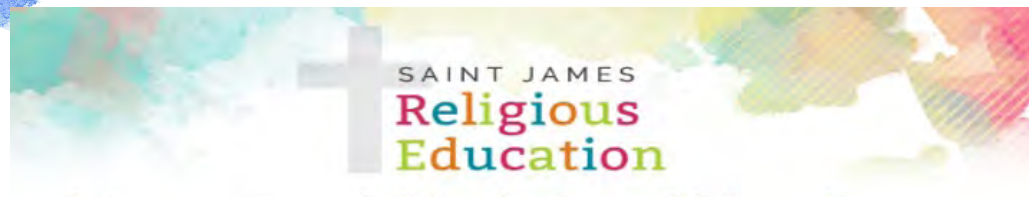
No In-Person

Religious Education Classes



Halloween gives us a chance to be someone or something different.

What will you dress up as? You might pretend to be a sports star, a singer, a princess or a superhero. But inside we are still the wonderful people God created us to be! So, let's shine His light on everyone we meet!



Pumpkin Prayer Service

Our second graders will learn about Reconciliation with a pumpkin prayer service. God helps us get all the yuck out so we can shine His light!



KidsWORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 and 11:30 Masses
Age 4-Grade 4 Welcome!
No registration or fee required

Joyful Jumble

Can you unscramble this word?

HELMUB

Clue: Jesus' parable encourages us to be this.

Living the Gospel with Kids

You'll likely be spending some time this week in preparation for Halloween. Bring your faith into this holiday by finding ways to share God's love. For example, your children could brighten the lives of some elderly neighbors by giving them a Halloween treat.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Bringing the Gospel Home

Luke 18:9-14

This week we celebrate Halloween, a fun time for decorating and dressing up. The holiday began with the Celtic festival of Samhain, when people gathered to celebrate the end of harvest and the beginning of winter. It was thought that on Oct. 31, the veil between the living and the dead was at its thinnest and so people wore masks and lit bonfires to frighten away evil spirits. Over the centuries other cultures influenced the traditions. Then, in the 8th century, Pope

Gregory declared November 1st All Saints Day, and so Oct. 31 became All Hallows (Saints) Eve, or Halloween. Irish and Scottish immigrants brought their Halloween traditions to the United States, including carving gourds and trick-or-treating.

For our children it is a fun time to pretend to be someone or something they are not.

We have great memories of our children choosing how they want to dress and creating or buying everything needed. We would have friends over for pizza and then the trick-or-treating would commence. Imagine you could dress up as someone or something else. What would you be?

In the Gospel, Jesus proposes two characters that you would not likely choose to dress as. One was a tax collector, a person the community seen as a cheat and a traitor, because

he worked for the Romans and pocketed money for himself. The second was a Pharisee, a leader in the community and the church. Pharisees were known to be pompous and demanding, caring more about their status than God's people. In prayer, the Pharisee boasts of his fasting and tithing while the tax collector humbly confesses his sinfulness.

This poses the question: How do we dress up before God? Do we proudly profess our holiness and self-reliance or do we appear in humility, expressing our need for Him and His forgiveness? Whatever we do, God knows our hearts. He sees who we are under our layers of costumes. Not only that, but He loves us dearly and encourages us to be the unique, holy people He calls us to be, on Halloween and throughout the rest of the year.

Marge Fitzpatrick

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

Joyful Jumble Answer:
Humble



upcoming events

october

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry Underway

25 Food Delivery

november

1-2 Christmas Kindness Kickoff

2 Pancake Breakfast

16 Thanksgiving Basket Donations Due

17 Thanksgiving Basket Packing

17-19 Food Packing

food pantry

thanksgiving needs

- flour (80)
- sugar (93)
- brown sugar (90)
- chicken broth (125)
- marshmallows (95)
- corn (160)
- green beans (160)
- cranberries (canned) (80)
- pasta (30)
- cereal (kid friendly) (75)
- applesauce (30)
- hot cocoa (100)
- syrup (70)
- yams (52)
- canned fruit (100)

immediate needs

- laundry soap

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

Please be aware, expired items are not accepted and will be disposed of.



St. James

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

Bring the true meaning of Christmas to your home by participating in the St. James Christmas Kindness Ministry. By choosing to purchase one or more gifts for this program you will be giving the spirit of the Christmas season to someone in need.

This year we will be supporting the following individuals and organizations:

- St. James Community Families • Courtyard Manor Residents
- Foster Closet of Michigan • St. Dominic's Outreach Center

Choosing a gift to purchase is easy. Beginning Saturday, November 1st, go to the St. James website www.stjamesnovi.org and click on the Christmas Kindness link to the SignUp Genius. Choose one or more gifts to purchase, complete the requested information and click submit. Also, as in previous years, we will be displaying ornaments for your choosing on the Christmas trees in the narthex the weekends of November 15th - 16th and November 22nd - 23rd. If you are interested in purchasing gifts for an entire family, please contact Denise Bigi **before October 30th** for availability options. For anyone that does not want to shop, monetary donations can be given for this project through the link on the website or by check payable to St. James Catholic Church attention: Beth Bush. Please put Christmas Kindness on the memo line of the check.

Gifts should be dropped off in the designated area of the church narthex when attending mass or during normal parish office hours. **All gifts are due no later than Sunday, December 7th by 11:30 am.** However, early drop off of your gifts will be appreciated by the volunteers that sort and organize this project.

Any questions regarding the CHRISTMAS KINDNESS program, can be addressed to:

**Denise Bigi at 248-756-3599 or
Beth Bush in the Christian Service Office 248-347-7778 - (ext. 37)**

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

Our Thanksgiving Basket Ministry is Underway! Our goal is to be able to provide 145 families with everything necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner, as well as many other staples. There are **three weekends** left before the Thanksgiving boxes are to be packed and delivered. Items needed are listed on page 4 of the bulletin and on the website www.stjamesnovi.org using SignUp Genius. Also available in the church narthex, are brown bags with gold sheets attached listing all the items needed to fill the Thanksgiving baskets. Choose what you wish to donate and return the item to the Food Pantry Donation Box located in the narthex. If you prefer not to go shopping, there is a button on the St. James website that you can donate money to be used to purchase needed items. Donations are needed by Sunday, November 16th. **Thank You for Sharing Your Blessings!**



Computer Paper Boxes Needed

Our Thanksgiving Basket Project will require 300+ 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. If you are able to help with even one or two, please leave them in or by the Food Donation Box anytime the church is open. Thank You!

We Need Your Help!

Our Christmas Kindness Ministry is right around the corner! We are searching for an organized individual to lead this Ministry. Instructions will be provided. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. For more information, please contact Sr. Clare or Beth in the Christian Service office.



baptisms

Juliett Rose Schuitema
Oct. 25th



wedding banns

**II - Caroline Van Bramer
& Andrew Sulisz**



Breast Cancer Incidence Still Rises and Death Rate Still Declines

A new American Cancer Society (ACS) report finds that the incidence of breast cancer in women has continued to increase, rising by 1% a year during 2012 to 2021, for all women combined. These cases are largely confined to localized-stage cancers, which have not spread from the breast, and hormone receptor-positive disease (either estrogen positive or progesterone positive), the most common type of breast cancer.

Typically, the disease occurs in women older than age 50, so it's concerning that women younger than age 50 saw a steeper increase in breast cancer (increasing 1.4% a year) than women older than 50 (0.7% a year).

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women had the fastest increase in breast cancer incidence for both age groups. AAPI women younger than age 50 had a 2.5%

increase in incidence a year and AAPI women older than age 50 had a 2.7% increase. The increase in younger AAPI women is particularly striking because it has moved this population from the second lowest incidence rate in 2000 compared to other racial and ethnic groups to sharing the highest breast cancer incidence rate with White women in 2021.

In contrast to rising incidence, the death rate for breast cancer among women in the United States has dropped 44% from its peak in 1989 to 2022. That translates to nearly 518,000 fewer breast cancer deaths during this time compared to the number that would have occurred if the peak rate had continued.

The continuous decline in breast cancer death rates is attributed to advances in treatment and early detection. But, as with breast cancer incidence rates, there are wide ethnic and racial disparities in death rates. For instance, American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) women have experienced no decrease in

breast cancer death rates over the past three decades.

The largest breast cancer disparity is between Black and White women. Black women are 38% more likely to die from breast cancer even though they are 5% less likely to be diagnosed with the disease. This is partly because Black women are the least likely to be diagnosed with an early stage of breast cancer, when the cancer can usually be treated more effectively. Only 58% of Black women are diagnosed at a localized stage compared to 68% of White women.

Still, Black and White women have similar survival when the cancer is diagnosed at a localized stage. For diagnoses at a regional- or distant-stage, and for every subtype of breast cancer, Black women have worse survival than White women.

[Breast Cancer Statistics 2024](#)



scripture readings

WEEK OF OCT 26

SUNDAY

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

MONDAY

Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17

TUESDAY

Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

WEDNESDAY

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

THURSDAY

Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

FRIDAY

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

SUNDAY

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

parish groups

Did You Know

St. James Parish is a member of a Family of Parishes. Our family members are:

Holy Family Catholic Church

www.holyfamilynovi.org

St. Joseph

www.stjcc.org

St. Williams

www.stwilliam.com



Watch for our Family Newsletter in your Flocknotes or click on the link below.

LEARN MORE



or go to
<https://stjamesnovi.org/family-of-parishes>



PrimeTimers

Are you an adult 50+ looking for fun and to socialize? Please consider joining the PrimeTimers, a group of family of parishes members, singles or couples. Our goal is to meet the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community. Meetings are held once a month in the St James Parish Hall.



November 6th at 5:00 pm Italian American Club

Join us for a wonderful Italian meal and music at the Italian American Club, 39200 5 Mile Road, Livonia. The cost is \$30.00 per person unless you are a member of the Italian American Club, then it is \$22.00 per person. Please send your check payable to 50+ to: Marge Jonesku, 234 Winslow Circle, Commerce Township, 48390.

**Any questions - call Pat Woody
at 847-217-0515**



The Order of Alhambra

On behalf of the Order of Alhambra and Denia Caravan who will be meeting monthly at St. James, and those exceptional individuals we

love and serve, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your warm welcome.

Through charitable programs and projects, the Order of Alhambra, a Catholic Fraternal Organization open to both men and woman, focuses on helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Order also perpetuates Catholic heritage with its Historical Memorials Program, which is one of the founding goals of the Order. We also place strong emphasis on fraternalism and sociability, working to build a community of friends who enjoy working together in support of these

November 10th at 1:00 pm

November Meeting

Please come for a blast from the past! We will have several examples of items from our younger days and ask you to recall what they are. Lots of fun for all and great prizes too.

December 1st at 12:00 pm

December Meeting

We will have our annual Christmas celebration and some holiday cheer. Our luncheon will be catered by the Livonia Italian Bakery and the cost will be \$20.00 per person. Beyond Belief will entertain us with their terrific Christmas program. Please send your check payable to 50+ to: Marge Jonesku, 234 Winslow Court, Commerce Township, 48390 or you can also pay at the November meeting.



worthwhile purposes.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you and have the opportunity to introduce ourselves, answer questions, explain our history, and lastly and more importantly, see if this Ministry of Service to those we love and serve might be something for you.

You will recognize us by our "White Fez." We are often mistaken for the Shriners. Their Fez however is dark red, ours is white. The white reminds us of our Baptismal Garments and our welcoming into our Catholic Faith Family.

Please look for continued announcements of Denia Caravan Activity in the Parish Bulletin.

Again, we thank Fr. Ed, your Parish Staff and especially the Parishioners of St. James for this opportunity! Laus Deo (Praise be to God)

John Michniak, Supreme Director

The Order of Alhambra

parish groups



Women of Light

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we embark on a new journey to include Spiritual, Social and Charitable elements here at St. James. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month rotating between 10 am and 6:30 pm

There will be no meeting on Thursday November 6. We have a field trip to Zbenedictine Cathedral on **Wednesday November 5.**

Join us as we share faith, fun and fellowship

Kathy Parker 586-995-0161
kasparker6@sbcglobal.net

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Men for Others

All men of St. James are welcome to join Men for Others for faith, fellowship and service. **We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Disciples Room.**

For more information please contact:

jbfitz00@gmail.com

Those are zeros in the email address

2nd Friday Euchre Group

This fun activity is open to all parish members in our family of parishes. Interested members should come to the classroom area in St. James Church, rooms 5A and 5B, on the second Friday of each month between 6:30 and 6:45 pm. Card games will begin at 7 o'clock sharp. **(Please note the time change.)** Come alone or with a partner but know that we do play with different partners throughout the evening. Also, please note that space is only available for 48 players, so late comers may not be able to play. Remember to bring your own beverage, a small snack to share, \$1.00 per person admission fee, and a few dimes to cover those "euchres" you are a part of. Any questions, all John at 248-525-4121 or Dave at 248-320-3953.

The Next Euchre Night date is **November 14h.**

Word Among Us Bible Study

THE WORD AMONG US Bible Study group is held **every Wednesday. 10:00 am** in Room 2A

Mary Reichel at
maryreichel3@gmail.com

Or just come by. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Night Bible Study

Join our Monday Night Bible Study as we begin studying The First and Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2nd Ed.) by Ignatius Press. **We began on Monday, September 8 at 7 PM so it is not too late to join.** Materials are available for purchase at <https://a.co/d/ibnZv3Y> or [Click Here](#)

For questions, contact Philip Dobias at (630) 363-1592 or philip.dobias@gmail.com.

Lady Pinochle Players

Would you like to play pinochle on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** each month at St. James. 12:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Call Judy 248-624-1072 or Lani 248-420-1160

Grief Support Group

St. James Parish Grief Support Group meets every **third Thursday of the month by 6:00pm** at the Disciples Room. Come, if you need support and encouragement from each other as you journey through grief.

Each month we will watch a portion of the "Good Mourning" video and then discuss. For more information, please contact JoAnne Steele at 248-444-4093, joannesteele23@gmail.com or call the parish office at 248-347-7778 ext 17.

Evening Book Club

The St. James Evening Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:30 pm** in the St. James Library. Our pick for the month is ***The Story She Left Behind* by Patti Callahan Henry.**

New members are welcome, please feel free to join our informal group! If you have any questions, you may contact Linda Hullman by phone, 248.982.5983, or email, lindahullman@gmail.com

Body & Soul Classes

All classes are from 9-10am in the gym

Monday: Muscle Conditioning
Tuesday: Beginner Yoga
Wednesday: Fitness Yoga
Thursday: Beginner Pickleball

Call Sue Flanagan with any questions 248-895-6643.

Beyond Belief

The Senior Chorus of Novi

Are you a senior who loves to sing? Come join us.

No Audition, Just a Fun Time with a Great Group of Fellow Seniors

Join us as we prepare our Christmas program! We will bring our show to local retirement communities spreading Christmas cheer! Performances will begin the week of December 1st!

Thursdays 12:00 - 1:30 pm in the St. James Parish Hall.

For more information contact Kathleen Schafer at 248-705-3921

Pilgrimage to Ireland

October 19 - 29, 2026



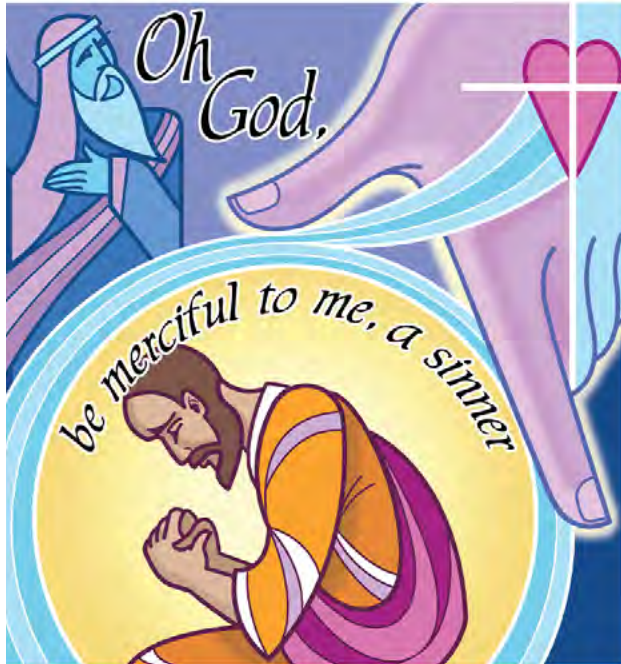
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**WE MEET ON THURSDAYS
12:00 - 1:30 PM IN THE
ST. JAMES PARISH HALL.**



BEYOND BELIEF 
THE SENIOR CHORUS OF NOVI

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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- Just a Fun Time with a Great Group of Fellow Seniors.

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A Program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen

On the Rise Bakery will be coming to St James on Sunday, November 2nd.

The R.O.P.E. (REACHING OUR POTENTIAL EVERY DAY) program began in 2006 in response to a high rate of unemployment among our guests and a desire to be proactive in helping them become more self sufficient.

Participants in the program rise early on Saturday morning and bake long into the night. Cookies, pies, rolls, bread and assorted pastries are made from scratch. With each purchase of their baked goods you are helping make possible the provisions of supportive housing, training, counseling, education and self help opportunities.

Bro. Tien and the men from the On the Rise Bakery sincerely appreciate your generosity and support. The wonderful people at St James raised over \$4,000 for this worthy cause. Please keep them all in your prayers. The men commented on how warm and welcoming our parishioners are.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

mass intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00 PM

Carmela and Sam Pernicano (Family)
Thomas Zanot (Family)
Paul King (Family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 AM

Mary Malecki (Joe and Dianne Laura)

9:30 AM

Joseph Patrick Kirwan
(St. James Parish Family)

11:30 AM

Verne Kirby (Wife and Family)
James McDonough
(Kathleen McDonough)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 AM

Patricia Tracy-Bruso (Family)
Enrico and Ida Canini (Graziano Canini)
Edward Pamula (Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 AM

Enrico and Ida Canini (Graziano Canini)
Vincent "Jim" Daly (Chris and Renee Pall)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00 PM

Carmel Mizzi (Andrew and Elizabeth Mizzi)
For the Healing Intentions of Julie (Maria)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

4:00 PM

Ida Zanot (Family)
William McGuire (Family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM

Kystyna and Jan Urban (Elizabeth Mizzi)

9:30 AM

Donald and Lillian Theisen
(Nancy Jung and Family)

11:30 AM

Genaro Lopez Sanchez (Deanda Family)



Advent by Candlelight

A Season of Waiting: What are we waiting for?
Guest speaker Meredith Skowronski

An evening of Faith and Fellowship
Sunday, November 30 at 5:30 pm

All women are welcome!
We'll share hors d'oeuvres, desserts and an inspirational message to reflect on the Season

To reserve your seat or reserve a table please contact Kathy Parker 586-995-0161 or kasparker6@sbcglobal.net

Welcome

Let us welcome
the newest members of the
St. James Family

Joseph and Lynda Bianco
Kay Hopkins
Mr. and Mrs. Boaz

Rest In Peace

Remember in your prayers:

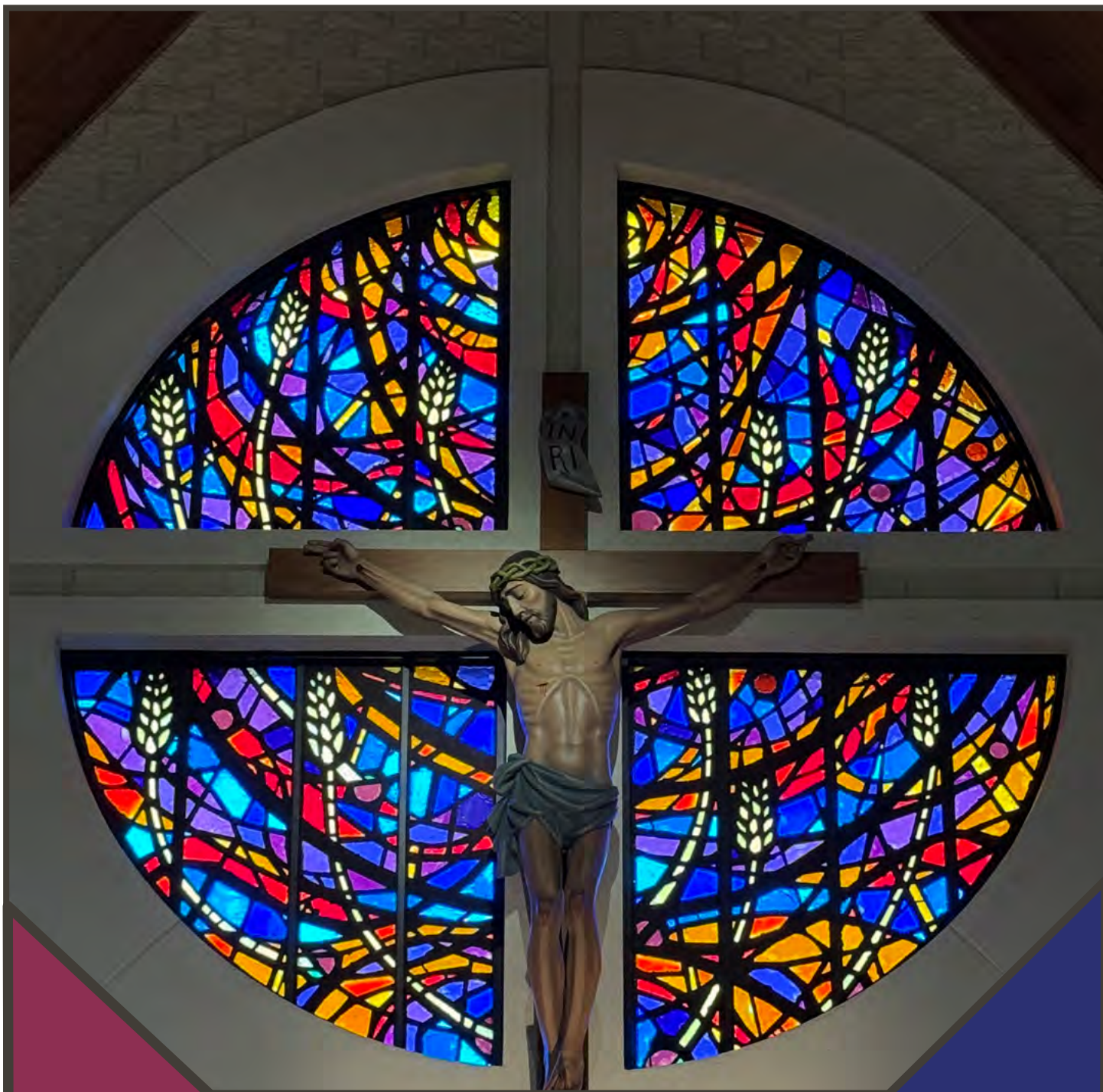
Jeanette Serowiecki
Scott Schramm
Ronald Ringholz

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and for those who want to know more about the Catholic faith. Our parish OCIA registration is now open.

To register, please contact the Parish Office or Sr Clare Emeruom, HVM at 248-347-7778 ext. 17 or dalucclare@sjnovi.net.

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



STATE OF THE PARISH


ST. James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2024-2025



Letter from Fr. Ed:

October 2025



Dear Parish Family,

As I take a moment to reflect on the life of our parish, I am filled with deep gratitude and hope. Our parish is not simply a building—it is a living community of faith where time, talent, and treasure are given generously and joyfully.

This past year alone, the number of volunteer hours offered in service has been inspiring. From liturgical ministers, catechists, and musicians, to those who serve behind the scenes in outreach, maintenance, and administration, you have shown what it means to be the Body of Christ. Each hour is a prayer in action, each act of service a witness to the Gospel.

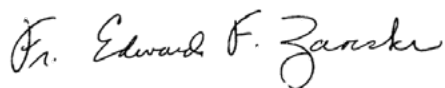
Your treasure too has been shared abundantly—not only to sustain our parish and its mission but also in extending support to those in need beyond our walls. Contributions to local charities, national relief efforts, and global missions have flowed through your generosity, making the love of Christ tangible to so many in the amount of \$40,000.00.

I am especially grateful for the witness of our young people. From altar servers and youth choir members to those helping with food drives, parish events, and community outreach, our youth remind us that the future of the Church is already alive in their energy, compassion, and faith.

As we continue our mission, we are mindful of the tools that help us along the way. You may have noticed the QR codes in our worship space and parish communications—these provide a simple, secure way to make contributions and support parish initiatives. This is just one more way to make giving accessible, especially for those who prefer to give electronically.

Together, through your time, your talent, and your treasure, our parish is vibrant and strong. Let us continue to walk in faith, encouraging one another, supporting one another, and striving always to make Christ's presence known in our world.

With heartfelt thanks and prayers,
Fr. Edward Zaorski



State of the Parish:

As St. James Catholic Community we welcome and serve all people as disciples who celebrate and love as Jesus taught.

St. James Parish Financial Statement

	Balance at 6/30/2024	Balance at 6/30/2025	Increase (Decrease)
Cash/Short Term Investments	\$ 539,321	\$ 492,339	\$ (46,982)

	Actual Results - Fiscal Year July 1 to June 30, 2025			% of Total Revenue	July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
Income					
Offertory/Bequests/Donations	1,367,791	1,221,100	146,691		1,336,600
Tuition/Fees	81,800	85,375	(3,575)		86,650
Other Program Revenue	10,850	11,250	(400)		5,251
CSA Refund in excess of Target	95,589	53,000	42,589		76,000
Interest/Dividend Income	8,587	6,125	2,462		9,000
Total Income	\$ 1,564,617	\$ 1,376,850	\$ 187,767		\$ 1,513,501
Expenses					
Salaries - Lay & Religious	520,497	492,010	(28,487)	33.3%	498,091
Benefits - FICA, Medical, etc.	194,069	163,907	(30,162)	12.4%	175,333
General Office	45,163	36,350	(8,813)	2.9%	37,500
Hospitality	33,601	27,000	(6,601)	2.1%	18,901
Contracted Services	158,375	133,184	(25,191)	10.1%	153,960
Facilities	225,093	185,600	(39,493)	14.4%	209,765
Utilities	85,077	74,000	(11,077)	5.4%	89,001
Communications & Info Technology	36,100	24,600	(11,500)	2.3%	34,550
Program and Events	106,634	94,800	(11,834)	6.8%	91,900
Diocesan Assessment	87,183	82,000	(5,183)	5.6%	85,000
Donations & Financial Assistance	6,800	1,500	(5,300)	0.4%	6,800
Capital Expenditures	115,461	55,000	(60,461)	7.4%	111,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,614,053	\$ 1,369,951	\$ (244,102)	103%	\$ 1,511,801
Net Income	\$ (49,436)	\$ 6,899	\$ (56,335)	-3%	\$ 1,700

Volunteer Hours for all Ministries July 2024 - June 2025

Ministry	Volunteer Hours	People	
		Adults	Youth
Worship	9228	450	38
Evangelical Charity	5999	4920	99
Religious Education	4245	98	108
Landscaping	425	15	10
Totals	19897	1033	255
Total Volunteers		1288	

Sharing God's gifts:

Living the Gospel: Sharing God's gifts in Gratitude

Stewardship: Living the Gospel Through Gratitude

Stewardship begins with a longing deep within our hearts a desire to give generously of the very best we have and are. When we recognize that our lives are pure gift from a loving God, giving back becomes a joyful and natural expression of gratitude.

Sharing God's Gifts, reminds us that God has blessed each of us abundantly. Out of that abundance, we are called to return a portion of what we have received in thanksgiving. To live the Gospel fully, we are invited to dedicate part of our spirituality, service, and sharing back to God. As disciples of Jesus, we seek to grow in generosity and live as grateful stewards of His love.

Stewardship of Sharing

Stewardship invites us to give back to God from our "first fruits," not merely what is left over. As you reflect on your blessings, consider prayerfully how you might take a small step forward in your weekly support this year. Every act of generosity, offered in gratitude, helps us live the Gospel more fully together.

Yearly Income	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%
\$20,000	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
\$30,000	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$30.00
\$40,000	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$40.00
\$50,000	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
\$60,000	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$42.00	\$48.00	\$54.00	\$60.00
\$70,000	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$42.00	\$49.00	\$56.00	\$63.00	\$70.00
\$80,000	\$16.00	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$48.00	\$56.00	\$64.00	\$72.00	\$80.00
\$90,000	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$36.00	\$45.00	\$54.00	\$63.00	\$72.00	\$81.00	\$90.00
\$100,000	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
\$125,000	\$25.00	\$37.50	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$75.00	\$87.50	\$100.00	\$112.50	\$125.00
\$150,000	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$105.00	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$150.00
\$175,000	\$35.00	\$52.50	\$70.00	\$87.50	\$105.00	\$122.50	\$140.00	\$157.50	\$175.00
\$200,000	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00

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(1Cor. 16:14)

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