



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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703-532-8815

## September 10, 2023



### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor  
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Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar  
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#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm

**Sundays:** 7:30am, 9:00am,  
10:30am, Noon, and  
7:00pm

**Spanish Mass:** 2:30pm

**Daily:** 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

**Saturdays:** 8:30am

**Federal Holidays:** 6:30am and  
8:15am

**Holy Days:** 6:30am, 8:15am,  
Noon, 4:00pm, and  
7:30pm

#### Adoration

**Wednesdays and Thursdays:**  
12:30pm-8:00pm

**First Fridays:** 9:00am-Noon

**First Saturdays All Night  
Adoration:** 7:30pm to 8:30am  
on First Saturdays

#### Holy Hours

**Sundays:** 5:00pm  
**Third Thursdays:** 7:00pm

#### Confessions

**Wednesdays:** 7:00pm-8:00pm  
**Thursdays:** 7:00pm-8:00pm  
**Fridays:** 11:00am-11:45am  
**Saturdays:** 3:30pm-4:30pm and  
6:30pm-7:30pm

#### Baptisms

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

#### Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a six-month program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit the Worship menu on our website for more details, [stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/](http://stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

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## **The Pope's September Prayer Intention**

**For people living on the margins** — We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

## **Follow Us on Social Media**

Social media is a quick, effective way for the parish to communicate reminders and time-sensitive notices.

- Facebook-@StJamesCatholicChurch
- Instagram-@stjamescatholic
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## **On The Way**

Catechesis on the Eucharist: The Multiplication of Loaves

Prior to instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper, our Lord provided his greatest teaching on the Blessed Sacrament in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (cf. 14:13–21; Mk 6:32–44; Lk 9:10–17; Jn 6:1–13). The significance of this miracle is evident in the fact that it's the only miracle recorded by all four Gospel writers. Clearly, nobody wanted to leave this one out of his account.

That the miracle is Eucharistic is evident in certain details provided. John tells us that it occurred when “the Jewish feast of Passover was near.” In other words, when the Israelites would soon be sitting down to the Passover meal of unleavened bread and a sacrificed lamb. John also includes the detail that Jesus took the bread and “gave thanks” – literally, he “eucharisted” the bread. Given these eucharistic overtones, what does the miracle teach us about the Blessed Sacrament?

First, the miracle occurs in “a deserted place” where the crowds had followed our Lord to hear his preaching. Which reveals that the Eucharist is intended for those who desire the teaching of Christ. Mark tells us that when Jesus “saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.” To benefit from the Eucharist, we should become like these crowds, willing to follow our Lord away from the world to receive his word. Reception of Communion is inseparable from devotion to his teaching.

Or, better, in receiving Holy Communion we should recognize first that we are already like the crowds. Our world is itself a deserted place, lacking the truth and goodness that alone can satisfy the human heart. Unless we recognize that our fulfillment and peace come only from his Word and Sacrament, the Eucharist won't nourish us as it should.

Second, the Apostles cannot feed the crowd. They plead with Jesus, “[D]ismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” John tells us that our Lord himself calls attention to the situation when he says to Philip “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Of course, this was by design. He placed the Apostles in a situation in which they would have to rely on his divine power to feed the crowds.

But our Lord still uses their ministry to perform the miracle. Andrew brings forward a boy who (in God's mysterious providence) has five loaves and two fish. “[B]ut what good are these for so many?” he asks. The question witnesses to our human limitations. We do not have on our own what we need for our deepest nourishment. We cannot save our souls. We try all sorts of things. We try to do it ourselves. But ultimately someone has to come to our assistance in this deserted place to provide the nourishment we need.

Still, despite their limitations, Jesus makes the Apostles his coworkers. After he blessed the loaves, “he gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.” It is his miracle but brought to the faithful through the hands of the Apostles. This was a powerful lesson for the Apostles, the first priests, and is for all priests after them. The priest is incapable of feeding the flock on his own. But by allowing Christ to work through him, by surrendering himself to the Lord's actions, he becomes an instrument of nourishment and salvation, most especially in the Mass.

— Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 9**

*Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Petrona Raxtun

**Sunday, September 10**

*The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Dudley McDonald

9:00am People of Saint James

10:30am Paul Whitehead

Noon +Patricia Massey

2:30pm +Jacinta Somarriba

7:00pm +Minnie R. Grigg

**Monday, September 11**

*Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Steven Baruch

8:15am David Whitehead

Noon +Stephen Donnelly

**Tuesday, September 12**

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

6:30am +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

8:15am +Robin O'Hara

Noon +Joyce Haney

**Wednesday, September 13**

*St. John Chrysostom*

6:30am +Jennifer Cannon

8:15am +Atalanta Pasko

Noon The Gerdano Family

**Thursday, September 14**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

6:30am +Barbara Powell

8:15am +James and Elizabeth Meehan

Noon +John F. Kurtzke, Sr.

**Friday, September 15**

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

6:30am +Matthew Thomas

8:15am +Stephen Donnelly

Noon +Liborio and Paciencia Bayut

**Saturday, September 16**

*SS Cornelius and Cyprian*

8:30am +Consuelo Sese

*Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +June Franey Jennings

**Sunday, September 17**

*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Stephen Donnelly

9:00am +Isabelo, Priscila, and Arnold Apigo

10:30am People of Saint James

Noon Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)

2:30pm +For the Souls of Purgatory

7:00pm +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller and Tyler Cimba

## Today's Readings

**First Reading**

**Ez 33:7-9**

"Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed..."

**Psalms**

**Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

**Second Reading**

**Rom 13:8-10**

"Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love..."

**Gospel**

**Mt 18:15-20**

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother sins against you,'"

## Readings for the Week

Visit [www.bible.usccb.org/readings](http://www.bible.usccb.org/readings) for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

## Remember in Your Prayers

### the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Gil Ascunce

Beatriz Basso

Terrell Blodgett

Betty Brunton

Cameron DeMulder

Roberta "Bobbie" Dunn

Katherine Christine Garren

Laura Lareau

Edward Laso

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Janet Owen

Jim Owen

Phillip Perot

Russell Ross

Robyn Stewart

Richard Sullivan

Lauren Vinci

Judy Volonoski

Anne Marie Willis

### the deceased of our parish family

Peggy Kurtzke

Vincent McAlevy

Martha Riddle

### and those serving our country

(this includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service)

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPT William H. Johnson, USA (Ret.)

Major Albert C. Young



Email [bulletin@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@stjamescatholic.org) for changes/updates.

## Saint James Prayer Chain

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the *Saint James Prayer Chain* page under Faith Formation on [www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org).

- Sign-up to be a praying member — <http://eepurl.com/gURddD> or submit a request — [PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org)



# Parish News

## Parish Speaker Series This Week

A reminder that **this Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:00pm** in the church, our guest speaker will be George Weigel talking on “Vatican II—Why It Was Necessary and What It Actually Taught.”

Mr. Weigel is a leading Catholic theologian and best-selling author who will discuss the teachings of the Second Vatican Council – and what they mean today.

The talk will be held in the church and will be followed by a reception and book signing in Monsignor Heller Hall. The event will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, [@StJamesCatholicChurch](#), and website.

## Social Outreach Committee Kick-off Meeting

Please come to the fall kick-off meeting of the Social Outreach Committee on **Thursday, September 14th, at 7:00pm** in Knecht.

Learn about our monthly, seasonal, and annual projects to put into action the Corporal Works of Mercy. We coordinate food collections and distribution, meals for Christ House and the Falls Church Homeless Shelter, and Christmas projects among other things. We would love your energy and new ideas. If you can't make it on September 14th, email Laura Stricker, [laurastricker@hotmail.com](mailto:laurastricker@hotmail.com), if you are interested in learning more about Social Outreach.



## Religious Education Classes

We are accepting registrations for new students. Classes are held on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm). Please call 703-533-1182 ext. 104 to make an appointment.

In addition to your child's birth certificate, you will need to provide the following:

- baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at Saint James.
- check or cash for tuition (\$140 for one child/\$190 for two or more children).
- letter from the school or parish program if your child was in another Catholic School or Religious Education Program.

The schedule is shown below.

- On September 19 – ONLY Grades Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 8th report to Msgr. Heller Hall.
- On September 26 – ONLY Grades 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and Special Sacraments 1 and 2 report to Msgr. Heller Hall.
- On October 3 – ALL CLASSES report to their assigned classrooms.

**In order for your child(ren) to begin Parish Religious Education Classes (PREP) on Tuesday, September 19th, your registration form was due in the PREP Office by this past Friday, September 8th. The children of those families who register after September 8th will be contacted by the Religious Education Office as to when they will begin and where their classroom will be.**

## URGENT Need for Catechists and Assistants from 4:45pm-6:00pm

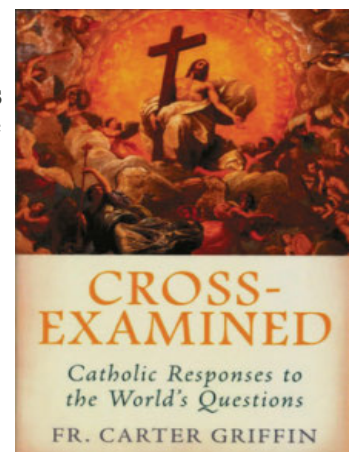
**At present, we have a particular need for a Kindergarten catechist (afternoon session), as well as three assistants in the afternoon session.**

## High School Students Needed!

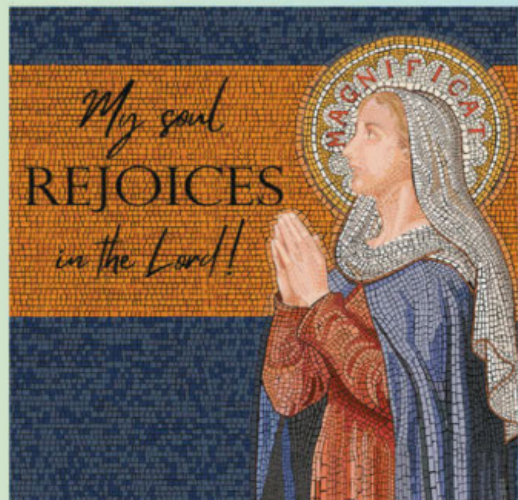
Are you a high schooler looking for answers to the difficult questions you encounter at school and in our country? **Join our parish's new High School Theology group to discuss the Church's teachings on the most pressing issues of faith, morality, and theology.** We will use Father Carter Griffin's book, *Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions*, while also learning about the history of the Catholic Church. Our goal is to grow closer to Jesus by better understanding His teachings and His Church, all while growing closer as a community equipped to preach the Gospel.

**The meetings begin on Monday, September 18th, from 7:00pm-8:15pm in the school library.**

Our seminarian Michael Sampson will be teaching this high school PREP class. If you have any questions, please email him at [m.c.sampson@email.msmary.edu](mailto:m.c.sampson@email.msmary.edu).



## Parish News (Continued)



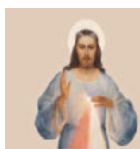
### YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Saint James Catholic Church Youth Ministry Program strives to foster the life of the Spirit in the development of the human person by:

1. Assisting families in the responsibility of raising youth in the faith;
2. Teaching youth to pray/encounter and;
3. Connecting youth with their peers practicing the faith

If you are interested in becoming a youth minister, join us tomorrow, **Monday, September 11th** at 7:00pm in the Parish House.

Contact Amy Bigart at [abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org)



### Divine Mercy Gems

Interested in learning more about The Divine Mercy? Saint James Divine Mercy Cenacle meets every **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings**. All are welcome. Contact Yvonne McCool at [YMMcCool@outlook.com](mailto:YMMcCool@outlook.com) or 571-331-4233.

#### Divine Mercy Gems

Jesus often spoke to St. Faustina about Confession or as he called it the “Tribunal of Mercy.” Let’s consider Jesus’s words to her and to us about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (**Bold** type indicates the words of Jesus.)

**Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is in the Tribunal of Mercy. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one’s misery. ...The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. (1488)**



### Dominican Corner

#### Purify My Heart, Lord

Blessed Catherine of Racconigi (1487–1574) was a Lay Dominican who had a mystical vision of Jesus purifying her heart. Catherine “saw” Jesus’ power to heal her desires so that what she wanted matched what was truly good for her. Today, we can ask ourselves, “What is one worldly desire I wish Jesus would take away?” Praise God, there’s a Sacrament for that! We may not see with our eyes Jesus purifying our heart when we make a good Confession, but His healing touch in the Sacrament cleanses us every bit as much as it did Catherine in the ecstasy of her vision.

The St. Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans invite you to join them for prayer, fellowship, and discussion **Sunday, September 17th, from 5:00pm-6:45pm** in the Parish House.

No sign-up needed. If you have questions, email [InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com](mailto:InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com).

**Be a part of the IHM Centennial Celebration 1923-2023!**

**Join us next Sunday, September 17th, for Noon Mass with Bishop Burbidge followed by a reception in the Knecht Gym from 1:00pm-3:00pm.**

**All are welcome but RSVP is requested.**





## Parish News (Cont'd)

### Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Second Collection

This weekend, **September 9-10**, we will be taking up a second collection in support of our Parish Religious Education Program, affectionately known as "PREP."

Under Sister Regina Rosarii's leadership, our PREP program continues to thrive with a team of dedicated catechists and assistants who diligently work to prepare our parish children to receive the Sacraments and increase their knowledge of our



Catholic faith so that they may "know, love, and serve the Lord" more fully in this life. Please be as generous as you can and keep all of our PREP teachers and children in your prayers.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in some capacity to support the PREP, reach out to Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 x103 or [dre@saintjameschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameschool.org).

To donate online, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1490>.

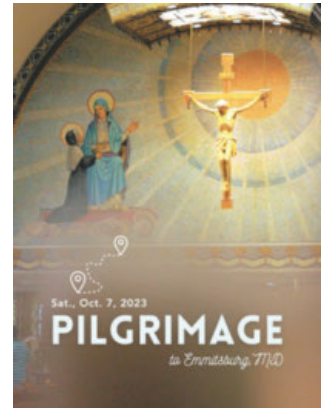
### Parish Children's Choir

The Saint James Parish Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, October 4th, from 6:00pm-7:00pm**. The choir rehearses once a week and sings at the 9:00am Sunday Mass once a month. The choir is open to any singers aged 10-18.

If you are interested in signing up your child or have questions, email Natalie Keffalas, [nkeffalas@saintjameschool.org](mailto:nkeffalas@saintjameschool.org).

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, Maryland

Join our parish as we participate in the diocesan pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, Maryland, on **Saturday, October 7th**. The parish will provide bus transportation for parishioners for \$30 per person. The bus will leave at 7:00am from Saint James and return at 5:30pm. The events will begin at 9:00am with the presentation on Mother Seton and veneration of her relics and end with Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Holy Rosary.



**Participants are encouraged to pack a bag lunch.** There will be an outdoor picnic lunch at the Seton Shrine or Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Restaurant options will be limited.

To register, contact Susan Ramsel, 703-532-8815 or [sramsel@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:sramsel@stjamescatholic.org), or sign up online on our home page, [www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org). Note if you need special accommodations. The full agenda for the day is posted on our home page.

**Payment by check/money order/cash must be received by September 22nd** in the office. Send checks to Susan Ramsel at Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046, with "ATTN: Susan Ramsel" indicated on the envelope.

### Sunday, September 24th, Road Closures

The Falls Church Education Foundation's *Run for the Schools* is scheduled for **Sunday, September 24th. The race begins at 8:00am and should be over by 10:00am**. Due to this event, there will be road closures in Falls Church City that may impact getting to church. Some streets may be closed as early as 6:30am. View the course map at <http://www.fcddf.org/run-for-the-schools.html>.

### **THE SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st  
5:00PM-7:00PM  
MSGR. HELLER HALL**

**PIZZA DINNER AND  
APPLE DESSERTS**

### **"HAPPY FALL TO ONE AND ALL"**



**SPECIAL GUEST: FR. PAVLICK**

**Attendees are requested to RSVP by September 18th and bring a salad or apple dessert for six to share. RSVP to one of the following:**

- Mary Anne Stallings, [maryannes1935@gmail.com](mailto:maryannes1935@gmail.com)
- Cae Gilley, 703-533-3845

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22*



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Parishioner Mr. Thomas Tate, center, plans to attend the IHM centennial celebration. Tom is a strong supporter of Catholic education and the IHMs. He was taught by the IHM Sisters in Pennsylvania from kindergarten through twelfth grade. In 2021, Tom established the Arlene C. Tate Memorial Scholarship in honor of his late wife Arlene. His gift was the first endowed scholarship established at Saint James Catholic School. Come join Tom for the festivities!

Principal Sister Kathryn, along with the rest of the IHM Sisters, invites you to join her and her IHM sisters next Sunday for our very special Centennial Celebration on September 17th. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the Noon Mass followed by a reception in the Knecht Gym from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Many former IHMs from Saint James will be there.





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**Celebrating 100 years of education by the IHM Sisters — 1923-2023**

## IHM Centennial Celebration — Share A Memory

### IHM Memories from Jeanne McCauley Trott, Saint James Class of 1952 — Part I

My life within the embrace of the IHM sisters began before I was born in 1938. When my father brought his New England bride into the heart of his Virginia family, his mother and Mother Clotildis were neighbors and great friends. They were allies, guiding my mother's entry into this parish and this town. The IHM sisters welcomed me and my subsequent siblings too. In my cedar chest upstairs is a baby's pink ruffled taffeta coat and bonnet; memory claims they were made for me by Mother Clotildis.

When I was five years old, my best friend Anne Julie and I were recruited to lead the May Procession, dressed as angels with billowing gowns, made by our mothers and the sisters, and wearing impressive crowns and wings of sparkling cardboard. I remember standing on a stool in the convent parlor, nervously still as a sister trimmed the neckline of my blue angel dress with a pair of large scissors. The angel gown is in the cedar chest too.

Later that year, Sister Callista welcomed me to first grade. I was still five years old, and she called me Jeannie-bud. She taught us to read about Dick and Jane from a big flip-chart. Amazing to us, it had the same pictures as our little readers. Sister Callista loved the Infant of Prague and dressed his small statue in gown and cape the colors of the liturgical seasons. The red velvet cape I have (in another box) may be one she made or it may be the creation of one of the other sisters who loved the Infant too. The rose window above the altar is dedicated to the memory of Sister Callista (and the Infant of Prague). She died far too young.

In second grade, Sister Mary Hugh choreographed my introduction to the moral life, an incident in which Anne Julie also played a role. The "director" was the unfortunately named principal, Sister Severa. She projected a stern face but could not hide the smile animating her eyes and lurking behind her lips.

On the last day of third grade, mumps kept me home but Sister Miriam Cephas called my mother to report that I had won the honor of General Excellence. Sister Cephas and I were in touch in her final days at Camilla Hall. Her notes are in another box.

Sister Christopher taught both fourth and fifth grades, shepherding dozens of boys and girls through awakening self-awareness. Another friend and classmate remembers that during these years she wrote little plays based on Bible stories and Sister Christopher would send her to the seventh grade classroom to perform them.

In seventh grade, Sister Maria Martin took me aside on the playground and taught me, in a few words, the difference between a sensitive conscience and scrupulosity, a lesson that formed my moral life, awakened with Sister Mary Hugh.

Sister Bon Secour ran the eighth grade, a single classroom of more than 70 students. There was small room for nonsense but a wide embrace of varied behaviors. Sister Bon Secour showed me that I could write. We were in correspondence until she died. It was in eighth grade that our pastor Father Mullarkey brought us all over to the church to teach us the Latin responses to the Mass. Girls were excluded from serving in the sanctuary, but we knew the Latin as well as the boys.



*Stay tuned for Part II of Jeanne's IHM memories next week!*



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 11

7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Ministry Volunteer Interest Meeting (see page 5)	Parish House
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### Tuesday, September 12

7:15am-8:00am	Saint James Fraternity	Parish House
10:15am-11:45am	Well Read Mom's Book Group	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	PREP General Catechist Meeting	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

### Wednesday, September 13

10:00am-11:30am	Mothers of the Church	Knecht
10:00am-12:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Parish House Kitchen
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	Parish Speaker Series with George Weigel & Reception (see page 4)	Church/Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm	OCIA	Knecht

### Thursday, September 14

12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Social Outreach Committee Kick-off Meeting	Knecht
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library

### Friday, September 15

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House

### Saturday, September 16

10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church

### Sunday, September 17

10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
12:00pm-1:00pm	Noon Mass with Bishop Burbidge celebrating the IHM Centennial	Church
1:00pm-3:00pm	Reception for the current and visiting IHMs	Gym
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-7:00pm	Lay Dominicans Evening Prayer (see page 5)	Parish House

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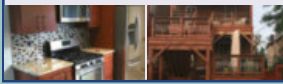
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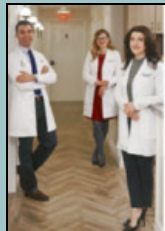


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