



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

[www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org)

703-532-8815

## September 24, 2023



### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor  
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Joel Kwame, In Residence  
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence  
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence  
Deacon Marvin Muhat

#### Rectory Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)  
Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

#### Rectory Office

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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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**Sister Patricia Healey, IHM, Superior**

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the office or email them at [receptionist@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:receptionist@stjamescatholic.org).

### 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
- Twitter-@St\_James\_CC



## On The Way

*Catechesis on the Eucharist: Fulfilling and Surpassing*

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish ends dramatically. Its conclusion reveals how Jesus both fulfills and surpasses the expectation of the Israelites. They awaited a Messiah who would feed them as Moses did. Jesus is that, but more.

"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world'" (Jn 6:14). So, what is the sign and who is "the Prophet" it points to? Well, first, the sign is our Lord's miraculous feeding of the crowd in the deserted place. John describes Jesus' miracles with the word "sign" to emphasize their revelatory and teaching power. The multiplication of the loaves and fish isn't a mere party trick; it's a sign of who he is. It's something done that reveals him to those able to read the sign.

Specifically, this sign makes them think of "the Prophet." In his last discourse to the Israelites, Moses promised them, "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen" (Dt 18:15). In light of those words, the Israelites expected the Messiah to be a prophet like Moses. And an essential characteristic of Moses was that he fed the people with manna in the desert. In our Lord's day they awaited a Messiah who would again give them bread from heaven. The sign Jesus had just done confirmed in their minds that, indeed, here was the one they awaited, the Prophet promised by Moses. Indeed, it is precisely to confirm this identity that Jesus works the miracle. Thus he fulfills their expectations.

But he also surpasses them. "Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone" (Jn 6:15). Jesus was indeed the fulfillment of their expectations, the one promised by Moses. But he was also more than that. The danger was that the crowds would misinterpret the sign and reduce him to an earthly, political king. His Kingship is, of course, much different. So, he removes himself from the crowd. He doesn't allow them to reduce him to their expectations and desires.

What follows explains just how much he surpasses their expectations. First, Jesus comes to the Apostles walking on the water. After the miracle, he had remained alone while the Apostles got into their boats to cross the Sea of Galilee. "When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, 'It is I. Do not be afraid'" (Jn 6:19-20).

A better translation would be "I am. Do not be afraid." It's the first time our Lord speaks those words — *I am* — to the Apostles. But not the last. Here the words have no predicate nominative, but they will in subsequent verses. For now, they are simply a statement that *he is*. This, of course, is enormously important because it's the Name uttered by God to Moses on Mount Sinai: "Say this to the people of Israel, '*I AM* has sent me to you'" (Ex 3:14). Jesus is claiming for himself the divine Name. He is not just the new Moses but the One who spoke to Moses from the burning bush. He is "I AM."

This helps us to understand the extraordinary importance of what is to come in the Bread of Life discourse.

— Fr. Scalia

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

**Saturday, September 23**

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

5:00pm Special Intention

**Sunday, September 24**

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Special Intention

9:00am +Stephen Donnelly

10:30am +Stephen Donnelly

Noon People of Saint James

2:30pm +Sandra Naveda

7:00pm +Steven Fernandez

**Monday, September 25**

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

6:30am +Sidney Carwile

8:15am +Oberto Blanco

Noon +Mary McGlone

**Tuesday, September 26**

*SS Cosmas & Damian*

6:30am +Stephen Donnelly

8:15am +Gervasio Sese

Noon +Mary McGlone

**Wednesday, September 27**

*St. Vincent de Paul*

6:30am +John Myungsuk Lee

8:15am +Magdalena Banez

Noon +Humberto DaBoin

**Thursday, September 28**

*St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz*

6:30am +Stephen Donnelly

8:15am +Irene Ulinicy

Noon +Maria Yu

**Friday, September 29**

*SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels*

6:30am +David Gartner

8:15am +Sosamma Mathen

Noon +Michael Conroy

**Saturday, September 30**

*St. Jerome*

8:30am +Stephen Donnelly

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

5:00pm +Ronald Adamson

**Sunday, October 1**

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Stephen Donnelly

9:00am +Fabian and Maria Mushonga

10:30am +Stephen Donnelly

Noon +Ike and Genevieve Gondeck

2:30pm +Maria de Jesus Mendieta

7:00pm People of Saint James

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** Is 55:6-9

"Seek the LORD while he may be found,"

**Psalms**

**Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

**Second Reading**

**Phil 1:20c-24, 27a**

"Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body..."

**Gospel**

**Mt 20:1-16a**

"Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'The kingdom of heaven...'"

## 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

Lauren Vinci

Judy Volonoski

Anne Marie Willis

### the deceased of our parish family

Margaret Nevin Kurtzke

Eleanor Perih

Martha Riddle

Richard Sullivan

### 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

### Meet Our Seminarian Michael Sampson

I am entering my third year of theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, which means that I have just two more years of seminary remaining. I am originally from California but entered the Catholic Church as an adult in 2013 at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington. When I entered the Church, I hadn't even considered how priests become priests and certainly didn't feel a call to the priesthood. However, many years later, and very unexpectedly, the Lord called me to the seminary. At first it was difficult to accept, but I can see the Lord at work every day and it's been a great blessing.

Prior to seminary, I practiced law for about eight years in the DC area and became very active at my home parish. I'm also a Naval Officer and will serve as a priest in the Navy for at least five years.

I will be at the parish on Monday evenings leading the high school PREP group. It really is a great privilege to be at Saint James and back in the diocese.



### Be A Part of Our Hospitality Committee

Enjoy serving others? Looking for a way to become more involved or to meet more people in the Church? If so, consider joining our Hospitality Committee. We coordinate Donut Sundays with other parish groups, provide light appetizers and drinks for our parish speaker series, and host special parish receptions.

Now that summer is over, there are many parish events scheduled. The committee could use your help.

The goal of the Hospitality Committee is to make every parishioner feel welcome and part of our community.

If you enjoy these social gatherings and would like to be part of this fun group charged with celebrating Church events and encouraging fellowship, contact Dawn Behrens, 703-628-3296 or [dawnyschiller@hotmail.com](mailto:dawnyschiller@hotmail.com). It is a great way to get to know the parishioners.

*"There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met." - William Butler Yeats*

### Saint James School Openings

Our parish school has the following open positions. If you are interested, email Sister Kathryn Clemmer, [sisterkathryn@saintjamesschool.org](mailto:sisterkathryn@saintjamesschool.org).

**Extended Day/Day Care Staff**—Saint James Catholic School is seeking part-time extended-day staff to join our team. Hours of employment are 2:45pm-6:00pm Monday through Friday and 11:00am-6:00pm on early dismissal school days. Duties include supervising students during outdoor recess and during indoor activities that include snack time, homework help, playing games, and arts and crafts.

**Substitute Teachers**—Saint James Catholic School is seeking enthusiastic substitute teachers to join our team. Interested candidates must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, experience working with children, and be available for a minimum of 8 hours per week. Qualified candidates should be able to implement lesson plans provided by the classroom teacher and possess classroom management skills. Ideal candidates have a deep devotion to the Catholic faith and effective communication skills. Candidates should be passionate about education and have a love for the students.

Interested in learning more about The Divine Mercy? Saint James Divine Mercy Cenacle meets every second and fourth Thursday mornings. All are welcome. Contact Yvonne McCool at [YMMcCool@outlook.com](mailto:YMMcCool@outlook.com) or 571-331-4233.

### Divine Mercy Gems

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is one of the best prayers for all our needs and intentions as well as a potent means of assisting the dying. Jesus explained the power of this prayer to St. Faustina when He told her the following:

**My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet...Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior. (Diary 1451)**

## Parish News (Continued)

### Catholic Trivia Night Returns

We are pleased to announce that Catholic Trivia Night has returned for a second year. The event is **Friday, November 17th**, in Monsignor Heller Hall. Come show your knowledge of all things Catholic while supporting the important work of Catholic Charities.

Just like last year, the entrance fee is hygiene items and teams of 8-10 are encouraged.

In next week's bulletin, we will have a full-page flyer with details. If you want to find out more information now and register early, visit <https://forms.gle/yFCUDK2dSDfcoLE2A>.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Bushaw-Newton at [littlek@hxr.us](mailto:littlek@hxr.us). Thank you for your support of Social Outreach!



### URGENT Need for PREP

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is still in need of assistants on Tuesdays from 4:45pm-6:00pm. If you would like to help, please contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 ext. 103 or [dre@saintjameesschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameesschool.org).

## Youth Ministry

**Take aim at holiness**

*Quo Vadis Paintball Challenge*

Saturday October 28, 2023  
8:15am - 2:00pm  
Corpus Christ Parish/Pev's Paintball/Aldie, VA  
Mass, Paintball, Lunch with priests & seminarians. Dads welcome.  
Cost: \$50, includes gear and ammo.  
Aid available. Register by Oct. 13.

Email Amy Bigart, [abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org), if interested.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

*Dodgeball & Pizza*

SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24TH  
4:00PM-6:00PM  
SAINT JAMES GYM

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

RSVP to [abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org)



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



**Saint James Catholic School**

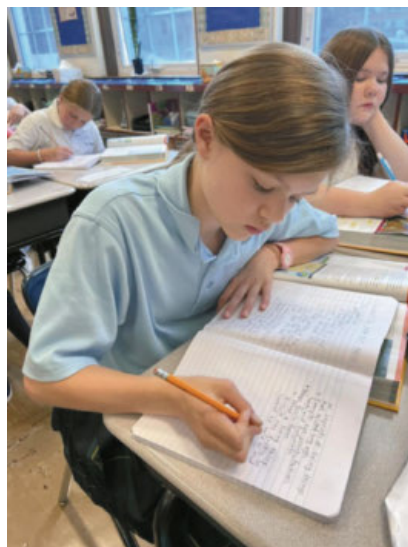
EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

*"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."*

What does a school day look like for students? They are busy learning, studying, meeting new friends, praying, creating, and so much more. We are the SJS Rockets!



Student readers and altar servers ready to walk over to Saint James Church for School Mass.



Sixth graders practicing note taking in history.



Fifth graders in the Science Lab learning about thermal energy.



**THE 3RD ANNUAL  
ROCKET CLASSIC  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**OCTOBER 27, 2023  
1 PM START**

**WESTFIELDS GOLF CLUB  
13940 BALMORAL GREENS AVE,  
CLIFTON, VA 20124**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**WWW.GOLFSAINJTAMES.COM**  
**EMAIL GOLF@SAINTJAMESCHOOL.ORG**

**Registration includes:**  
Admission  
Gift Bag  
Box Lunch  
2 Beverage Tickets  
Post-Tourney Reception  
and more!

**Contests and Raffles:**  
Top 3 Team Awards  
Mulligans  
Putting Contest  
Straightest Drive  
Hole-In-One Contest  
Raffles and Bucket Drops

**EMAIL FOR  
SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES!**



Preschoolers enjoying shaving cream fun.



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

# Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

## Porto Charities Second Collection

Next weekend, **September 30-October 1**, our second collection will be for Porto Charities. Porto Charities provides grants to schools that help children with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive a Catholic education. Bishop Burbidge is a strong supporter of this charity and its mission to make Catholic education accessible to those with special needs.

From Bishop Burbidge: *“Our ministry with the intellectually and developmentally challenged reflects the love God has for each of us united as His children and created in His divine image. It is my objective to further develop this ministry within our diocese, including increasing the number of schools that offer special education programs.”*

Your gift will help support numerous special education and disability-related programs in the diocese.

To learn more, go to [www.portocharities.org](http://www.portocharities.org) or donate at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/>

## Maintenance Fund Second Collection

This weekend, **September 23-24**, we will have a second collection for our Parish Maintenance Fund. It is a challenge for our facilities staff to maintain seven buildings, all in a constant, heavy use. Your faithful support of our beautiful, historic Church and School — both over 100 years old — is greatly appreciated.

To donate online, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3365>.



## Food Distribution - Donation Request

Our monthly Friday evening Food Distribution serves needy families from 5:30pm-6:30pm on the first Friday of the month. Again, we had a large number of recipients in September and our supplies are low. We have collected some items that will go toward our October distribution, but we do not have enough to serve the number of families that we are anticipating.

**Please consider donating the food items listed below for our October 6th distribution.** Food donations can be left in the baskets in the vestibules in the church. Please leave only the items listed below in the baskets. Parishioners may also make monetary donations to the Social Outreach Committee. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Thank you  
for  
supporting  
St James  
Food  
Distribution**

*Here are our preferred items:*

<b>Rice (1-2 lb bags)</b>	<b>Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)</b>	
<b>Canned Hearty Soups</b>	<b>Canned Meats (Chicken/Tuna)</b>	
<b>Mac 'N Cheese (small boxes)</b>	<b>Canned Tomato Sauce</b>	
<b>Pasta (plain, boxes)</b>	<b>Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti</b>	
<b>Cereal (boxes)</b>	<b>Canned Green Vegetables</b>	
<b>Canned Fruit</b>	<b>Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Jelly</b>

*All donations may be placed in the baskets in church vestibules*

**We can only accept non-perishable items**

Please: No produce or fresh items (incl. bread), No expired items,  
No glass containers, No large or bulk-sized items,  
No items packaged at home (all items in original packaging)

**Please help Food Distribution before Friday, Oct. 6th**





# St. Lucy Food Project FOOD DRIVE

Serving **50%**  
more clients than last year

Source: Catholic Charities tracking systems



**203,040**

individuals in the diocese  
don't have enough to eat.

Source: Feeding America Aug. 2021



**Sponsored by:**  
**Saint James Social  
Outreach**

**September 30th  
10:00AM-2:00PM  
Spring Street**

**(in front of Saint James  
Catholic Church)**

**Drive up.  
Pop your trunk.  
We do the rest!**

**Blue St. Lucy bags will be  
distributed after Masses on  
September 23-24 weekend and  
are to be returned on Saturday,  
September 30th, with the food  
donations.**

## FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

- ☐ Jam and Jelly\*
- ☐ Cooking Oil, Sugar, Flour, and Masa
- ☐ Spices (salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, cinnamon)
- ☐ Canned Meat and Tuna\*
- ☐ Rice and Dried Beans: 1-2 lb. bags
- ☐ Canned Corn and Green Beans
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Diced Tomatoes
- ☐ Shelf Stable Milk
- ☐ Cereal/Oatmeal packets
- ☐ Canned Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)

\*Most Needed

**NO GLASS JARS  
PLEASE!**



Scan here to make a  
virtual food donation





## Upcoming Parish Events



# SAINT JAMES PARISH PICNIC

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH NOON-3:00PM

HOT DOGS
HAMBURGERS
PULLED BBQ
ICE CREAM

BLUE GRASS BAND
STROLLING MAGICIAN

BOUNCE HOUSE
EXTREME JUMPER
MECHANICAL BULL  
(BLOWUP)

FACE PAINTING
VELCRO STICKY  
WALL
CLIMBING  
WALL

**Parish community event for all ages!!**  
**Food & music will be in Msgr. Heller Hall.**

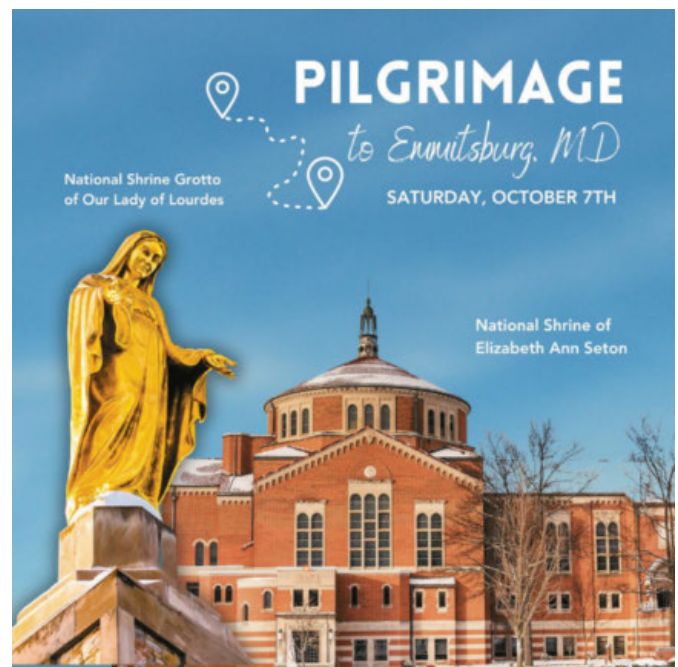
### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, Maryland

There are still a few seats left on the parish chartered bus for the Emmitsburg Diocesan Pilgrimage on **Saturday, October 7th**. The cost for the bus is \$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. The full schedule is posted on our website.

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.

**Parishioners need to register and pay by Friday, September 29th.** 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.

Payment can be made by check, money order, or cash. On the check, note 'Diocesan Pilgrimage' on the memo line. Send checks to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046, with "ATTN: Susan Ramsel" indicated on the envelope.



# National Eucharistic Congress

Any parishioner who registers for this event, please contact Susan Ramsel, 703-532-8815 or [sramsel@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:sramsel@stjamescatholic.org), to let her know.

**INDIANAPOLIS  
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

with the Catholic Diocese of Arlington

We have a limited number of Congress passes allocated to our Diocese. Please scan this QR code on the right and complete the survey to express your interest.







## NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

### Adult Pricing

**\$949**

Triple/Quad

**\$1,149**

Double

**\$1,649**

Single



### Family Pricing

**-\$200**

off prices above for children  
ages 3-18

**FREE**

for lap children (0-2) when  
rooming with two paying  
adults in double occupancy

## A CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name, so what happens with 80,000?! Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life - and our Church - will never be the same.

### Tour Inclusions

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- Four (4) nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily
- Farewell Lunch

### Tour Does Not Include

- Airfare or motorcoach transportation  
Optional *transportation offers will be extended at a later date*
- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Items not specifically mentioned above



### 3 Step Registration Process

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## A Thank You from Sister Mary Sue Carwile

Dear Saint James Parishioners,

As I sit in my new office at Villa Maria, our IHM Motherhouse, my heart is flooded with memories of the past ten years and all the emotions that they carry. The greatest emotion is one of grateful praise to our God, who is the source of all blessings. While the past ten years have held countless blessings, we have all shared times of sadness, loss, fears, challenges, opportunities for growth, laughter, joys, and friendships. Each of these times has been an opportunity to share in the joy of one another or to support another when needed. I have never found the Saint James Community to be lacking in either. When I am asked to describe Saint James Parish/School, without hesitation, I say we are a community of faith, supporting one another and the world around us.

While change is difficult, I have been drawn to this quote of St. Therese of Lisieux:



*May today there be peace within.  
May you trust that you are exactly  
where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities  
that are born of faith in yourself and others.  
May you use the gifts that you have received,  
and pass on the love that has been given to you.  
May you be content with yourself  
just the way you are.  
Let this knowledge settle into your bones,  
and allow your soul the freedom to sing,  
dance, praise, and love.  
It is there for each and every one of us.*

While I would love to be able to write to each of you and express my personal thanks for all you have meant to me, I hope that you will accept this letter as a profound expression of my deep gratitude. Thank you for the many thoughtful words, flowers, delicious treats, and gifts that you so generously shared with me. You will forever be remembered in my prayers.

May the coming year be a wonderful one for each of you.

Go Rockets! Ignite the world with God's love!

Blessings,  
Sister Mary Sue





# Parish Calendar

## Monday, September 25

7:00pm-8:15pm High School PREP School Library

## Tuesday, September 26

7:15am-8:00am Saint James Fraternity Parish House  
 10:00am-11:00am Senior Steering Committee Parish House Kitchen  
 4:45pm & 7:00pm PREP Classes School  
 7:00pm-9:00pm Mothers of Young Children Bible Study Parish House  
 7:30pm-9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht  
 7:30pm-9:00pm Legion of Mary Parish House

## Wednesday, September 27

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 OCIA Knecht

## Thursday, September 28

9:30am-11:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle (2nd & 4th Thursdays) Knecht  
 12:30pm-8:00pm Adoration Church  
 7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions Church  
 7:00pm-9:00pm Young Professionals Parish House

## Friday, September 29

11:00am-11:45am Confessions Church

## Saturday, September 30

10:00am-12:00pm Co-ed Bible Study Parish House  
 10:00am-2:00pm St. Lucy Food Drive Spring Street in front of Church  
 12:00pm-3:00pm Parish Picnic Monsignor Heller Hall/B Lot  
 3:30pm-4:30pm Confessions Church  
 6:30pm-7:30pm Confessions Church

## Sunday, October 1 Donut Sunday after 9:00am & 10:30am Masses

10:00am-2:00pm Parish Library Open Monsignor Heller Hall  
 12:00pm-2:00pm Hispanic RCIA Parish House  
 1:00pm-2:15pm Hispanic PREP Knecht  
 4:00pm-5:30pm Hispanic Legion of Mary School  
 5:00pm-6:00pm Holy Hour Parish House  
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**18-21 OCT** **PTO Annual Bazaar**  
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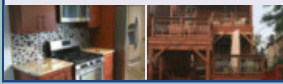
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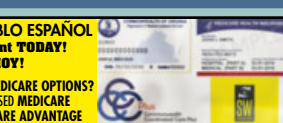
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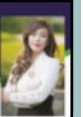


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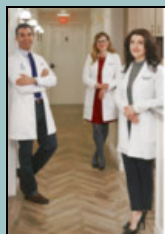


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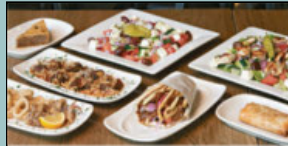
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