



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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## August 24, 2025



### 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor  
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar  
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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)  
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#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm

**Sundays:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,  
Noon, 2:30pm (Spanish),  
and 7:00pm

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

**Saturdays:** 8:30am

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

**Holy Days:** 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,  
5:00pm, 7:00pm, and  
8:30pm (Spanish)

#### Low-Gluten Hosts

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

#### Adoration

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

**First Fridays:**  
9:00am-Noon  
7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday  
(All-Night Adoration)

#### 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 our Worship menu for more details,  
[stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/](http://stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

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**Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Superior of Saint James Convent**

### **Parish Registration**

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

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

**For mutual coexistence**—Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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## **On The Way**

*Saint Augustine: Holy Desire*

Saint Augustine's training was in rhetoric. As such, he had a way with words and could turn a phrase. It's not surprising, then, that he is one of the most quotable saints in history. He has more quotes in the *Catechism* than any other figure. But his pithy phrases (always more fun in the Latin than in translation) are more than just *bon mots*. They express his theology and spirituality. He has the capacity to capture in a few words the depth of man's relationship with God.

This is no small thing. Augustine's reverence for human words is of a piece with his devotion to the Word. "In the beginning was the Word..." Man, God's image and likeness, is the only creature in this world to whom God has given the capacity to express and convey truth by way of words. Indeed, perhaps it was just this attentiveness to the power of human words that led Augustine to become a disciple of the Word.

The most famous example of Augustine's wordsmithing comes from the *Confessions*. Augustine praises God: "[Y]ou have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." There is an immediately evident beauty to this phrase and for that reason it's probably his best-known line. But it also serves as a summary of Augustine's teaching on desire.

What to do with desire is an ancient philosophical and religious question. The stoics think that we should just repress our desires and pay no heed to any passion. Buddhism teaches that desire is the source of suffering, and that we must arrive at that place where we're free of it. Of course, these are unrealistic answers. And as often as people trivialize human desire, they fall victim to its distortion.

Augustine understood human desire as an indication that we've been created for something more. Desire is not to be ignored or overcome but *sanctified*. "The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. You do not yet see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when he comes you may see and be utterly satisfied."

In this, Augustine shows himself to be a great doctor of souls. The reason for our sorrow in this world is not desire itself but the misdirection of it. It comes from our attempts to satisfy that desire with lesser things – with pleasure, wealth, or honors.

Our culture struggles with these classic false fulfillments. But we suffer something worse. Somewhere along the way we lost the capacity to desire for noble and great things. More often than not, what we desire is comfort, a care-free life. Certainly, comfort has always been a temptation away from greater things and most of all from the greatest Good Who is God. But the means at our disposal have exacerbated that temptation.

What makes Augustine such an appealing figure is that we see him (mainly by way of his *Confessions*) struggling to make sense of and properly direct his desires. He tells us how they led him astray to seek fame and pleasure. We also hear how those desires led him to the good God. And that's just the point: honesty about what – and Whom – we desire will always lead us to Him Who is the fulfillment of all desire. It is only the one who is not honest, or who turns aside to seek only comfort, who will never arrive.

*The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire.* These words should shape our prayer. We will desire something – that's inescapable. Let us pray that God purifies our desires and orders them rightly, so that in all things we desire Him.

– Fr. Scalia

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

### Saturday, August 23

#### *Mass for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Rolando Jose Vega Mendez

### Sunday, August 24

#### *The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Dianne Garcia

9:00am +Anthony D'Andrea

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Bertha Bahr

2:30pm Carlos Antonio Ayala and Jacqueline  
De Lion and family

7:00pm +Kathleen Hurley

### Monday, August 25

#### *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasan*

6:30am +Justin Walter

8:15am +Donald and Colleen Norton

Noon +Ann and Anthony Bott

### Tuesday, August 26

#### *Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Walter and Eleanor Norton

8:15am Theodore Hampson and Therese Hamilton

Noon +Irena Oron

### Wednesday, August 27

#### *St. Monica*

6:30am +Valorie Schretter

8:15am +Bernard Prokopiak

Noon +Barbara Curtin

### Thursday, August 28

#### *St. Augustine*

6:30am +Helen Skuodas

8:15am +Mary Bauer

Noon Kathleen Connolly

### Friday, August 29

#### *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

6:30am +Diana Guppy

8:15am +Barbara Curtin

Noon +Martha Garcia

### Saturday, August 30

#### *Saturday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:30am +Dr. Frank Whitesell, Jr.

#### *Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Fr. Bill Wyndaele

### Sunday, August 31

#### *The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Vilma and Joey "Jolly" Ofrecio

9:00am +Christopher Arias

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Deborah V. Apigo

2:30pm +Sixto Sergio Lobos Flores

7:00pm +Anton Partik

## Today's Readings

### First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

"says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts,"

### Psalm

Psalm 117:1, 2

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."

### Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

"Brothers and sisters: You have forgotten the exhortation..."

### Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

"Jesus passed through towns and villages,"

## Readings for the Week

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

## Remember in Your Prayers

### the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Mona Demien

Julie Neil

Joyce Babiak

Thomas Duncan

Rachel Noonan

James Banks

Roberta Dunn

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Katherine Garren

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Anthony L. Gerena

Colman Rowan

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

BJ Salinas

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Kathleen Seroskie

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Lauren Vinci

Grace Coipuram

Jose G. Martinez

Liv Wash

Brendan Collins

Gloria Mora

Anne Marie Willis

John Cormany

Mildred Melmer

### the deceased of our parish family

Regina DePalma

Diane Emily Paar

Nancy Jean Fishenden

Ataya Zakhia Saade

### and please pray for all active duty military

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

Lt. j.g. William Conroy, USN

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA

Cmdr. Thomas Dixon, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

2nd Lt. Finn Roou, USA

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA



For changes, email [communications@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:communications@stjamescatholic.org).

### 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 at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to [PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org).



## Parish News

### Adult Faith Formation Classes Begin Soon

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program is available for adults who are not Catholic and wish to receive more education in the Faith, especially in preparation for the reception of the sacraments. The program is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith with the intention of entering the Catholic Church.

The OCIA program for the 2025-2026 year will be held weekly on **Wednesdays**, and begins on **September 3rd, 7:00pm-8:30pm** in the Knecht Conference Room at the school and continues through May. We ask that people who intend to enter the Church attend the classes regularly, live in a manner consistent with the faith, and discern prayerfully their calling. If one cannot attend the regular classes on a consistent basis, call the parish for other arrangements.

To register or speak with Father Pavlick about the OCIA program, contact him at 703-532-8815 or [frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org).

### 2025-2026 Altar Servers and Training

Boys in grades 4-11 are invited to become altar servers. If your son is interested in serving at the altar and joining in this sacred brotherhood, visit the *Liturgical Ministries* page under the *WORSHIP* menu on our website or scan the QR code to complete the online interest form and to sign up for training.

Below are the training sessions which will explain the basics of this wonderful mission in divine worship. All servers, new and returning, must attend one of these sessions to serve.

- **Tuesday, September 16th, 4:00pm-5:00pm**
- **Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm**

If you have questions about altar servers, contact Father Pavlick, 703-532-8815 or [frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org).

For questions about training, email Amy Bigart, [ym@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:ym@stjamescatholic.org).



### Parish Picnic Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars and join us for our annual fall parish picnic on **Saturday, October 4th, from Noon-3:00pm**. It is a fun parish community event with food, fellowship, live music, carnival games, moon bounce for the younger children, and an air extreme jumper for older children.



This event draws 700 parishioners and requires a lot of volunteers for setup, service, and cleanup.

If you would like to help before, during, or after the picnic, we would greatly appreciate your time to ensure its success. Visit [bit.ly/SJPicnic25](https://bit.ly/SJPicnic25) or scan the QR code. Email Susan Ramsel, [sramsel@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:sramsel@stjamescatholic.org), with any questions.



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

SAINT JAMES PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 4TH  
NOON-3:00PM

FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!

The poster features a red background with a white cross in the center. The text is in white and red. The date and time are prominently displayed in the center. The bottom section shows a white plate with a red checkered tablecloth, a yellow squeeze bottle, a blue cup, and white forks.

## Parish News (Continued)

### Thank You to Saint James Parishioners

Shelter House would like to express their appreciation for our parish's overwhelming support of their Amazon wish list site this summer. Our Social Outreach Committee has long supported this organization which helps the homeless and/or victims of domestic violence. This family shelter needed every day essential items including hygiene items, formula, diapers, and detergent. In June, the shelter received over \$700 in donations and almost \$1,000 in July thanks to our parishioners.



Shelter House relocated to Fair Ridge which allows 85 residences versus 9 in the old location. There are currently 49 families living there and they can stay for up to one year. Families are given bed linens and cleaning supplies when they move in. Your support allows families of domestic abuse to be in a safe environment like Fair Ridge. To support this shelter, visit their Amazon link anytime at <https://amzn.to/4fnM525> or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support.

### Youth Ministry Dodgeball and Doctrine

Middle Schoolers in grades 6-8 are invited to join Father Tim this year for dodgeball, pizza, and faith!

**We will meet once a month on Sundays from 4:00pm-6:00pm** in the Saint James School gym. Below is the schedule. It is also posted on the Youth Ministry page on our website.

Students are encouraged to sign up in advance at [stjamescatholicchurch20.flocknote.com/signup/221138](http://stjamescatholicchurch20.flocknote.com/signup/221138). Parents that are VIRTUS-trained are encouraged to chaperone.

If you have any questions, please email Father Tim at [frbanach@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frbanach@stjamescatholic.org) or Amy Bigart at [ym@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:ym@stjamescatholic.org).

### SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2025

#### DODGEBALL & DOCTRINE

Date	Time	Event	Location
September 28	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
November 23	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
December 14	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball & Cookie Decorating	SJS Gym
January 25	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
February 22	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
March 22	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
April 25	3:30 pm	BASH	Bishop O'Connell
May 31	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym

**\*\*GRADES 6-8\*\***

Scan QR code to sign up or volunteer



**Saint James Catholic School**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Dining for Dollars at Lazy Mike's**

**JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM OR LUNCH ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 11AM-3PM**

**A PERCENTAGE OF SALES GOES BACK TO SAINT JAMES PTO**

**LAZY MIKE'S Deli**

**MENTION SAINT JAMES SCHOOL WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER**

**Lazymikesdeli.com**

**7049 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22046**

## Parish News (Continued)

### Life Corner

#### **A Best Choice (ABC) Mobile Ultrasound & Pregnancy Resource Center**

, serving our community for the past 15 years, is one of several pregnancy resource centers in our area.



ABC is a Catholic-run pro-life mobile ultrasound clinic which offers free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, compassionate counseling to women distressed by an unplanned pregnancy, and continues to provide emotional and financial help to mothers after their babies are born.

In the last year, A Best Choice counseled 285 women, administered 240 ultrasounds, and helped to save 48 beautiful babies.

Learn more about ABC at [www.abestchoice.us](http://www.abestchoice.us) and [www.abcwomenshealth.com](http://www.abcwomenshealth.com).

### American Heritage Girls Information Night

American Heritage Girls is an organization dedicated to building women of integrity through faith, service, and fun. Throughout the year, girls will work on badges which teach them important life skills as diverse as outdoor survival and cake decorating, complete service projects including cleaning up the Saint James Cemetery and collecting food for local food banks, and participate in other fun activities such as camping and hiking. Girls, ages 5-18, will meet new people and form lasting friendships through numerous projects and activities that challenge them to become better people.

Registration is on **September 8th at 6:30pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall. For more information about registration, email [ahgtroopva0681@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtroopva0681@gmail.com).

### A New Saint James Community Magnet

Starting **this weekend**, you can get our new Saint James car magnet in the vestibules of the church or stop by the Rectory.

Show your support of our Saint James community.



### INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Thank you to all the blood donors who continue to make our Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 2473 quarterly blood drives a success. Your act of charity continues to help INOVA replenish its low blood supply, which is shared with all area hospitals to save the lives of patients in need. The INOVA doctors and medical staff continue to be grateful for your charitable "Gift of Life."

All donors, new and returning, are invited to our blood drive in two weeks on **Sunday, September 7th, 8:30am to 2:30pm** in the KOC Main Hall. Walk-ins are also most welcome!

To sign up for your selected time,

- Call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6216
- Call/email Bob Muschamp with your preferred time at 703-489-2856/ [bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com](mailto:bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com) or
- Visit <https://bit.ly/KOC0601>.

Please mark your calendars for our last 2025 blood drive on November 9th. Let's keep going with our long-standing tradition of lifesaving work! God bless you for what you do for others, as you do for Him. If you have any questions, call Len Sese, Knight and Saint James parishioner, at 301-793-8184.

### Collection Counters Needed

Are you good with numbers? Do you have some time once a week to volunteer? The Saint James Collection Counters are looking to add members to their team. Responsible stewardship demands that the weekly gifts from the faithful, which represent the monetary lifeblood of the parish community, be properly safeguarded, counted, deposited, and recorded. Our Collection Counters team is a group of honest and fun individuals who share each other's company while they shoulder the burden of offertory stewardship.

If you can help out or have questions, email Anita Clark at [AnitaClark@verizon.net](mailto:AnitaClark@verizon.net).



## Our Monthly Food Distribution Program

Please pray for the people in our community who are struggling with food insecurity. We serve over 150 families the first Friday of every month.

If you are able to contribute, please consider placing one of the non-perishable items listed below into the baskets at the back of the church which can be used for our **September 5th** Food Distribution. **Please donate only the items listed and not others.** Our inventory generally needs replenished monthly.



Remember—no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items, no produce or fresh items (e.g., bread) unless prior arrangements have been made, and no items packaged at home.

The Food Distribution preferred food items can always be found on our Social Outreach page under the SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP menu on our website, <https://stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach/#volunteers> or scan the red QR code. Parishioners may also make monetary donations to the Social Outreach Committee. Please note SOC on the memo line.

Also, adult and teen volunteers are always needed to set up, fill and distribute the bag sets and crates, clean up, and help those who need groceries. There are many shifts between 3:30pm-7:00pm. It is also a great opportunity for teens who need service hours.

Email Karen Bushaw-Newton, [littlek@hxr.us](mailto:littlek@hxr.us), with any questions. To see the volunteer opportunities and time slots, visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AABAE23A64-57967208-saint#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AABAE23A64-57967208-saint#/) or scan the black QR code. Thank you for helping those in our community.



*Saint James*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Food Distribution

List of donations needed by the First Friday every month.  
Please donate only the items listed and not others.

Rice (1-2 lb bags)  
Canned Chicken  
Pasta (plain, boxes)  
Cereal (boxes)  
Canned Spaghetti

Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)  
Canned Tuna  
Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)  
Canned Green Vegetables  
Peanut Butter

Canned Hearty Soups  
Canned Tomato Sauce  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Ravioli  
Jelly

All donations may be placed in the baskets in church vestibules. We can accept only non-perishable items.

Please Note: No produce or fresh items (includes bread), no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items

**(All items must be in original packaging. No items packaged at home.)**

THANK  
YOU!  


# Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Begins September 23rd

## Registration for Religious Education Classes

We are accepting registrations for new students for the 2025-2026 religious education program.

Tuesday classes are held at 4:45pm-6:00pm (afternoons) and 7:00pm-8:15pm (evenings). Please call 703-533-1182 x104 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
- Tuition (check or cash)
  - ⇒ \$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

## Tuesday Catechists and Assistants Needed

We are currently looking for dedicated faith-filled people to teach in our Parish Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm).

We also need assistants in both the afternoon and evening sessions.

If you would like to share your faith with our young people as a way of actively participating in the Church's mission of evangelization, contact Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, at 703-533-1182 x103 or [dre@saintjameschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameschool.org).

## Sacramental Preparation for Children with Special Needs

The Disability Inclusion Committee, in conjunction with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), is offering classes for all Saint James parishioners who have children with special needs (ages 5-18 years old) who have not yet received the sacraments.

**Volunteers Needed**—We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers who would like to be partnered with a child during the class to assist with activities. We also need volunteers for 30 minutes before and after class for set up and clean up. We especially could use help setting up.

**Classes will be held on Sundays starting September 21st from 10:15am-11:00am.**

Sessions will run from mid-September through early December and again in mid-January through May.

If you are interested in volunteering or registering a child, contact Tina Schellman at [ntschellman@gmail.com](mailto:ntschellman@gmail.com) or Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of PREP, at [dre@saintjameschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameschool.org).

## Registration Forms (English and Spanish)

All forms (English, Spanish, and children with special needs) and calendars are posted on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu as well as on the home page, click the **Religious Education (PREP) Registration** button.

## Important Late Registration Notice

In order for your child(ren) to begin all PREP classes starting Tuesday, September 23rd, your registration form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, August 29th. **The children of those families who register after August 29th will be contacted by the Religious Education Office as to when they will begin and where their classroom will be.**

## All Adult Volunteers

Adults must be Virtus-compliant through the Arlington Diocese which includes a background check and a 4-hour Virtus class. If you need assistance with this, please contact Kara Rider at [krider@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:krider@stjamescatholic.org).

We will be offering a 4-hour Virtus class here at Saint James on Saturday, September 13th. Classes fill up quickly.



# Grow in Your Faith

Saint James parish has a number of study groups that meet regularly for purposes of faith formation. Below is a list of those open to new members this fall. Some meet year-round; others do not. This information is also available on the parish website under the Faith Formation menu or scan the QR code. **If you are interested in joining a group or have questions, contact the leader of the group.** All groups welcome new members but you are encouraged to contact the point of contact before attending for the first time to ensure that meeting has not been cancelled.



## Tuesday

### **Saint James Fraternity, Weekly**

**7:00am-7:45am; Parish House**

Format is a short talk on prayer, mortification or apostolate, followed by an examination of conscience, and an opportunity to share your accountability in these areas with your peers. It will switch over to Exodus 90 for the first 90 days before Easter. They meet year-round.

**Contact:** Dony Mac Manus, [donymacmanus@gmail.com](mailto:donymacmanus@gmail.com)

## Wednesday

### **Women's Morning Study, Weekly**

**9:30am-11:30am; Knecht Conference Room**

We invite women of the parish to join this weekly study beginning **September 10th from 9:30am-11:30am** to read and discuss a study of the Book of James from Ascension Press and led by Jeff Cavins, "*James: Pearls for Wise Living*." Materials can be found on this link, <https://bit.ly/SJCWedStudy>, and participants will need to bring the workbook and a bible to each meeting. We will also watch the videos included at the end of the meetings.

**Contact:** Mary Clare Murray, [mcsmurray@gmail.com](mailto:mcsmurray@gmail.com)

### **Men's Study, Weekly**

**7:00pm-9:00pm; Parish House**

**Resumes September 3rd.** Discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings.

**Contact:** Pat Matheny, [phdfishing@gmail.com](mailto:phdfishing@gmail.com) or 571-338-9797

### **Mothers of Young Children, First Wednesday**

**7:15pm-8:45pm; Parish House**

The Mothers of Young Children invite all interested to our bible study this year on St Paul Press' *The Bible and the Sacraments*. **Our first meeting will be October 1st** and will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month in the Parish House through June.

**Contact:** Liz Sites, [elizabeth.o.sites@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.o.sites@gmail.com), or Bailey Mailloux, [bailey.mailloux@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.mailloux@gmail.com)

## Thursday

### **Co-ed study, 1st and 3rd Thursdays**

**9:40am-11:30 am; Knecht Conference Room**

Meets the first and third Thursdays of the month. **Starts September 4th** with the study of Ascension Press' "*Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*".

**Contact:** Estela Arciaga, [estela2caa@icloud.com](mailto:estela2caa@icloud.com)

### **Women's Bible Study, Weekly**

**7:00pm-9:00pm; School Reading Room**

Meet three weeks a month with extra time off for holidays.

**September 4th-November 6th** - Ascension Press' "The Gospel of Luke" takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots of Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

**November 13th-February 19th** - Augustine Institute's "Lectio Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism" - Dr. Tim Gray gives you a fresh perspective on Simon Peter in this 10-part series that is immediately informative and relative to our lives.

**March 5th-May 13th** - Augustine Institute's "Lectio Philippians: Life in Christ" - Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in this 6-part series.

**Contact:** Patti Valancius at [PValancius@aol.com](mailto:PValancius@aol.com) or 703-887-6659

## Friday

### **Men's Study, 3rd Fridays**

**7:30pm-9:00pm; Parish House**

Discussion of upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Meet year-round. Rotating book study.

**Contact:** Austin Middleton, [austin\\_midd@hotmail.com](mailto:austin_midd@hotmail.com)

## Saturday

### **Co-ed Study, Every Saturday**

**10:00am-12:00pm; Parish House Kitchen**

The co-ed Bible study resumes on Saturday, September 6th. Join us to read and discuss the Scripture readings for the next upcoming Sunday mass. We meet in the Parish House kitchen (the back part of the house) from 10:00am until 12 noon. Enter via the back door. Parking is available in the lot next to the house.

**Contact:** Jeremy Dow, [colworn@gmail.com](mailto:colworn@gmail.com)

# Saint James Parish Groups

Do you want to become more involved in our parish? Below is a list of contacts for just a few of our groups.

Share your time and talents. Become a part of our vibrant parish community. Visit the Service & Fellowship menu on our website, [www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org), to download the full list of ministries/groups in English and Spanish. We invite you to attend the Parish Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 21st, after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses to talk directly to our ministry leads. See page 13 for more details.

WORSHIP/ADORATION		FAITH FORMATION	
Altar Servers Grades 4-11	Fr. Charles Pavlick, fpavlick@stjamescatholic.org	Baptisms	Ginny Beauchamp, gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org
Adult Choir Director of Music	Don Carolina, dcarolina@stjamescatholic.org	Bible & Faith Formation Studies	Patti Valancius, PValancius@aol.com
Children's Choir	Natalie Keffalas, nkeffalas@saintjamesschool.org	Charismatic Prayer Group	Angela Dinkle, jasamber3@cox.net
Contemporary Music	Diana Banister, dlbanister@cox.net	Ecumenical Planning and Study Group	Julie Conroy, jmtconroy@gmail.com
Church Cleaning	DonnaMaria Duatschek, dmduatschek@gmail.com	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Yvonne McCool, YMMcCool@outlook.com
Church Decorations	Sharon DePoorter, txplanners@aol.com	Lay Dominicans	Rose Folsom, InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com
Collection Counters	Anita Clark, anitaclark@verizon.net	Legion of Mary	Nancy Parrotta, nancyparrotta@hotmail.com Sally Done, sally@donefamily.com
Eucharistic Adoration	Julie Marx, JulieMarx14@gmail.com	OCIA (Adult Faith Formation)	Fr. Charles Pavlick, fpavlick@stjamescatholic.org
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Clare Murray, mcsmurray@gmail.com	Parish Library	Pauline Hunter, pauline_kim@hotmail.com
Readers-Adults	Patrice Hughes, hughespatrice7@gmail.com	Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) K-12	PREP Director, Sister Regina, IHM, dre@saintjamesschool.org Office, religioused@saintjamesschool.org
Readers-Youth	Lori Dunch, Lori.Dunch@gmail.com	Vocations Liaison	Vacant
Liturgical Setup	Beth Fidler, cfidler1@cox.net	Youth Ministry	Fr. Tim Banach, frbanach@stjamescatholic.org
Sacristans	Danielle Aguilar, daniellekaguilar@gmail.com	Youth Ministry Coordinator	Amy Bigart, abigart@stjamescatholic.org
Ushers	John Vrablik, jvrablik@cox.net		
Wedding Coordinators	Susan Ramsel, sramsel@stjamescatholic.org		

SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP		SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP (CONT'D)	
Creation Care Ministry	Adam Vogel, Adam.vogel20@gmail.com	Men's Group	Austin Middleton, austin_midd@hotmail.com
Catholic Youth Org. (Youth Sports)	Jerry Garren, gerald.garren@gmail.com	Moms Meetup Group (w/babies & toddlers)	Adele Collins, adele1@gmail.com Ally Dickman, dickmanallyson@gmail.com
Gabriel Project	Anne Colevas, GabrielProject@stjamescatholic.org	Natural Family Planning (NFP)	Laura Kirchgraber, LFKirch@gmail.com Danielle Aguilar, daniellekaguilar@gmail.com
Hispanic Community Coordinator	Teresa Matos, tmatos203@gmail.com	PTO President	Alicia Carmody, pto@saintjamesschool.org
Hospitality Committee	Dawn Behrens, dawnyschiller@hotmail.com	Respect Life Group	Richard Hunter, stjameslife@gmail.com
Disability Inclusion Committee	Vacant Inclusion@stjamescatholic.org	Seniors Young at Heart	Susan Jackson, jacksonsus765@gmail.com Kathleen McPhilomy, kmcphilomy2@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus (Arlington #2473)	Marc DeLuca, mdeluca@kbs.com	Social Outreach	Karen Bushaw-Newton, littlek@hxr.us Laura Stricker, laurastricker@hotmail.com
Lenten Fish Fry	Tim Aubry, traubry@gmail.com	Young Professionals	Daniel McGlynn, dan.p.mcglynn@gmail.com

# Welcome Back Students!

Just an important reminder for our parishioners that we will welcome our students and faculty back to a new school year starting this Monday, August 25th. We want to remind parishioners to please drive carefully since students will be arriving in the mornings starting around 7:30am and dismissed in the afternoons at 3:10pm.

## First Week of School Dismissal Schedule

- Monday, August 25th—11:10am dismissal
- Tuesday, August 26th—11:10am dismissal
- Wednesday, August 27th—2:10pm dismissal (regular weekly time)
- Thursday, August 28th—3:10pm dismissal
- Friday, August 29th—11:10am dismissal

## Wednesday and Thursday Adoration Afternoons

- Parishioners should avoid parking in A Lot during the times listed below which include 30 minutes before and after dismissals due to school carline and children in the parking lot.
  - ◇ Dismissal timeframe is 1:30pm-2:30pm on Wednesdays
  - ◇ Dismissal timeframe is 2:30pm-3:30pm on Thursdays



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REGISTER TODAY!  
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INCLUDES GOLF, BOX  
LUNCH, 2 DRINK TICKETS  
& BUFFET DINNER

11 AM REGISTRATION  
11:30 AM LUNCH  
1 PM SHOTGUN START  
BUFFET DINNER TO FOLLOW

# Have A Great First Week Back





# **FINISHING THE RACE**

**THE CATHOLIC APPROACH TO END-OF-LIFE ISSUES**

**THE CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF DYING, DEATH, & BURIAL**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**9:00AM-NOON IN MSGR. HELLER HALL**

**MEDICAL, LEGAL, & PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

**9:00AM-NOON IN MSGR. HELLER HALL**

**PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE: PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

**9:00AM-NOON IN MSGR. HELLER HALL**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## Parish Calendar

<b>Monday, August 25</b>	<b>First Day of School; 11:00am Dismissal</b> No open meetings scheduled	
<b>Tuesday, August 26</b>		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:00am	Seniors Planning Meeting	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
<b>Wednesday, August 27</b>	<b>Preschool Begins</b>	
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
<b>Thursday, August 28</b>		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
<b>Friday, August 29</b>		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
<b>Saturday, August 30</b>		
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
<b>Sunday, August 31</b>		
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church



### PLEASE JOIN US Parish Ministry Fair

**Sunday, September 21st**

after 9:00am & 10:30am Masses  
Monsignor Heller Hall



**Everyone has a talent or gift to share!**

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

1 Peter 4:10



To register your ministry/group, visit [StJamesCatholic.org](http://StJamesCatholic.org) or scan the QR code.

