



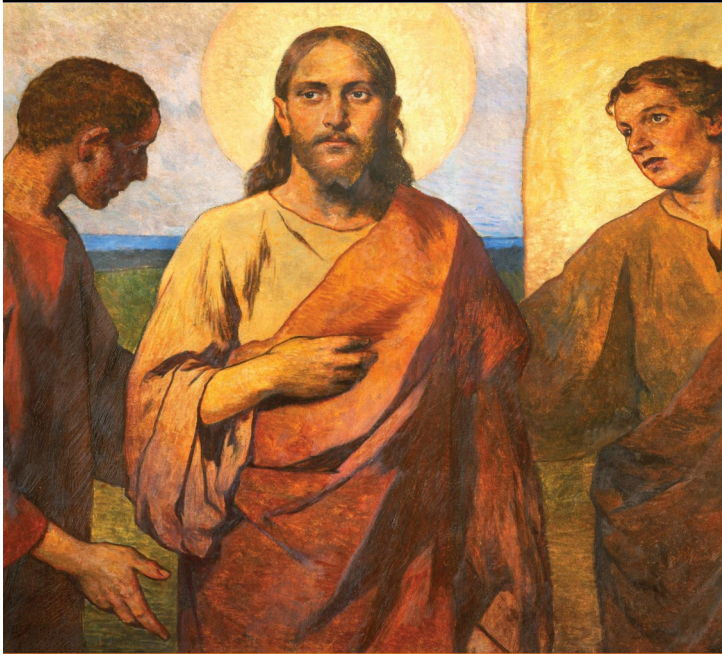
Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

July 6, 2025



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy D. Banach, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence
Deacon Marvin Muhat

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

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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.

The Pope's July Prayer Intention

For Formation in Discernment—Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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On The Way

Saint Augustine: Manichaeism

At first it might surprise us to discover how similar the controversies in Saint Augustine's day – 1600 years ago on the other side of the world – resemble those in our own. But when we learn more about those debates, we realize that they were about perennial questions – about good and evil, the Church, the Sacraments, and God's grace. So it is that, in confronting the various controversies that threatened the Church in his own time, Augustine set the terms of the debates.

The first such controversy was Manichaeism. That heresy sought to resolve the age-old question of evil and, in particular, why we do evil. To explain this, Manichaeism posited two sources of creation – one good and one evil. God is the creator of the good, which is spiritual. The devil is the creator of evil, which is physical. This means that man is inherently divided. He has a good part, which is his soul. But then there's an evil part of him, the body. The imprisoned soul needs to be freed from the evil body. In practice, this meant that the evil a person commits – including sins of the flesh – are not really his own fault but just the work of the evil body.

This might sound dubious to us. But it's clear-cut clarity had a certain draw. It certainly drew Augustine, who spent almost a decade of his youth as an adherent and promoter of Manichaeism. Its dualism produced an Us/Them view of the world that gave the ambitious young man something to fight for, a way to use his considerable speaking skills. "I always used to win more arguments than was good for me," he later reflected. Manichaeism's dismissal of the body also provided Augustine an excuse for his excesses. "For I held the view that it was not I who was sinning but some other nature within me."

This heresy isn't unfamiliar. We live in a culture that posits a similar incompatibility of body and soul, that rejects any truth or meaning about the human body. Instead of freeing the soul from the body as the Manicheans sought to do, we manipulate, deform, and mutilate the body (by contraception, sterilization, IVF, "sex-changes," etc.) to conform to the soul. But it's the same error, treating the body as if it's something foreign to us. We do much as the Manicheans did (and as the Albigensians did 800 years later). It's a recurring error that seeks to explain sin or resolve our alienation by separating us from our own bodies.

When Augustine returned to Africa, he set himself to oppose Manichaeism immediately. Even before he was ordained, he wrote pamphlets to debunk the heresy. As a new priest he debated and defeated his old friend Fortunatus, who ultimately left town in shame because of his loss.

The older and wiser Augustine knew that there is no short cut to explain our inclination to evil. "In truth I was a complete whole; it was my impiety that divided me against myself." In that one line, he articulates two essential truths. First, that the human person is a body/soul union, a complete whole. Second, and contrary to Manicheans both then and now, that the division we feel within us comes not from our human nature but from sin's wounds to it. When Saint Paul speaks of the "desires of the flesh" (Gal 5:17), he means not an evil body but the wounded dimension with us. This is what tradition has come to call *concupiscence*, an inclination to sin. We do evil not because there is an evil god or because our souls are shackled to an evil body. We do evil because the wound to our human nature leads us to abuse our freedom. And it is precisely that wound that Christ has come to heal.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 5

Mass for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Rodney J. Allen

Sunday, July 6

The Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Robert Caranci and Stephen Walach

9:00am +Patricia Hatch

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara Flanagan-Koenig

2:30pm +Edward O'Laughlin

7:00pm +Christopher Heitman

Monday, July 7

Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Sister Louise Quinn, OSF

8:15am +Isabelo, Priscila, and Arnold Apigo

Noon +Deceased members of the Plosky family

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Tor Eide

8:15am Dorra Dee Estes

Noon +Bill Wilkinson

Wednesday, July 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

6:30am +Barbara Curtin

8:15am Julian and Mallory Pritcher

Noon +Emily Grace Vazquez

Thursday, July 10

Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Ann-Cecile McDermott

8:15am Sean McCool

Noon +Michael Patrick Dimmick

Friday, July 11

St. Benedict

6:30am +George C. Jennings

8:15am Lance O. Estes

Noon +Eugene Rotatori

Saturday, July 12

Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

8:30am In Thanksgiving for Evan Rosson

Mass for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Madeleine McNaway

Sunday, July 13

The Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Geraldine Haley-Cox

9:00am +Antonio Ong

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Carmine Carosella

2:30pm +Gloria Maria Arcos

7:00pm +Elaine Foley

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14c

"Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad..."

Psalm

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

"Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross..."

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

"At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others..."

Readings for the Week

Visit 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

Regina DePalma

Rachel Noonan

Joyce Babiak

Thomas Duncan

Esther Olivos

James Banks

Roberta Dunn

Carter Parry

Beatriz Basso

Katherine Garren

Colman Rowan

Cory Bautista

Anthony L. Gerena

BJ Salinas

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

Kathleen Seroskie

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Robyn Stewart

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Candace Taylor

Chloe Clagg

Mary Anna Lucas

Kathy Thomas

Grace Coipuram

Yolanda Machiado

Lauren Vinci

Brendan Collins

Jose G. Martinez

Liv Wash

John Cormany

Mildred Melmer

Anne Marie Willis

Mona Demien

Julie Neil

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Gene Columbo

Bill Rogers

Richard Charles Lavelle

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

Lt. j.g. William Conroy, USN

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

Cmdr. Thomas Dixon, USN

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

2nd Lt. Finn Roou, USA

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

For changes, email 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.



- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org.

Parish News

Creation Care Ministry's 4th Annual Science Night

Mark Your Calendars! The Creation Care Ministry invites parents and their kids to a night of hands-on exploration and experimentation in our *Giving Garden*. This popular summer evening is always a crowd pleaser because it is full of kid-friendly hands-on educational activities AND the desserts are delicious! The event begins on **Wednesday, July 23rd, 6:00pm-8:00pm** at the Parish Garden. Snacks and drinks to share are welcome. There is open space if older kids want to hang out. We will have kid-friendly bug spray.

Please email maggie.lechleitner@atkn.com if you are interested in volunteering—no formal training in science is required.

The 4th Annual Science Night at our *Giving Garden*

July 23rd | 6:00pm-8:00pm
Back of Parish House

The Creation Care Ministry cordially invites parents and kids (target audience 12 and under) to an evening of exploration of the garden ecosystem.

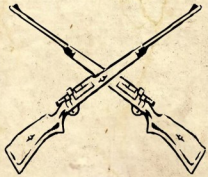
We look forward to seeing you!

Hands-On Exploration & Experimentation!




The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
-G.M. Hopkins

The
Crime Wave
at Blandings



July 12, 7:00pm
at Saint James

Come see Embers Theatre's traveling players perform this family friendly comedy by P.G. Wodehouse! Visit emberstheatre.org for "pay what you can" tickets.



A Reminder to Join Us This Summer for...

Catholic



With Seminarian Nick Farmer

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm-8:00pm
in Knecht Conference Room

July 9th

Upcoming: July 23 and July 30

Parish News (Continued)

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER DAY TRIP **Tuesday, October 14, 2025** **Lancaster, PA**

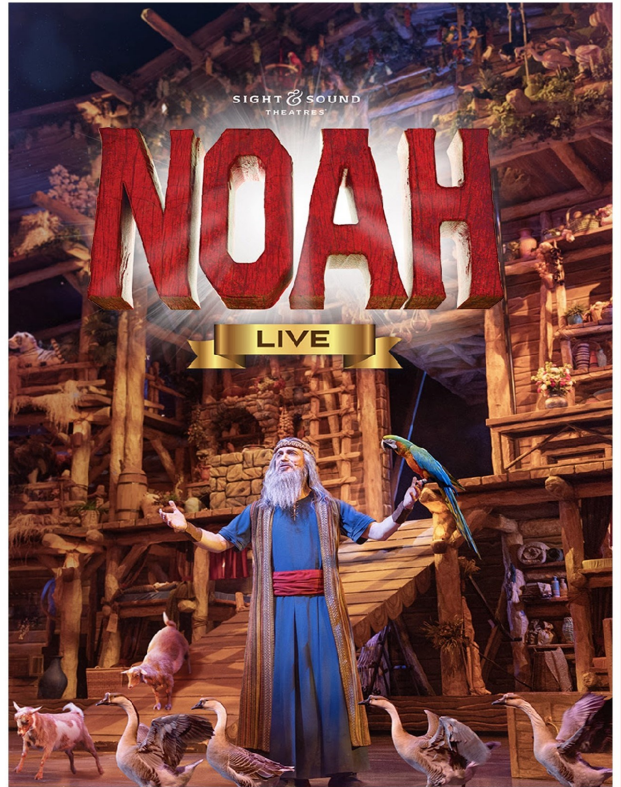
The Seniors of Saint James are sponsoring a day trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see the live stage production of NOAH. This invitation is open to all parishioners of Saint James as well as seniors of surrounding parishes. We have a few seats available.

We have a chartered bus. The cost of the trip is \$100 which covers the play and the bus. Lunch is not included in this cost. There are two options for lunch (see below). Make checks payable to Saint James Catholic Church and write *NOAH Trip* on the memo line.

For questions or to sign up, text/email Susan Jackson at 571-241-4082/jacksonsusan765@gmail.com or Kathleen McPhilomy at 301-399-4778/kmcpilomy2@gmail.com.

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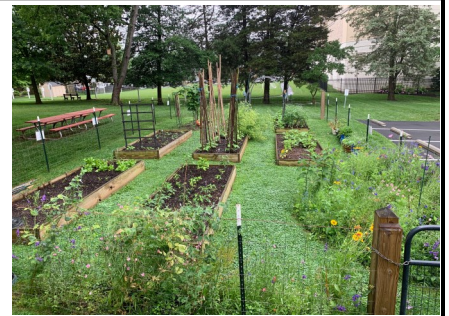
- 6:45am Board the bus in A Lot between the church and school on Spring St.
- 7:00am Bus leaves the parking lot
- 10:00am Estimated arrival time at theater
- 10:15am Theater doors open
- 11:00am Play starts (2.5 hours)
- 2:00pm Lunch at Hershey Farms
 - \$24.99 Buffet plus tip or
 - \$12.99 plus tip for individual menu orders
- 3:15pm Bus leaves for Saint James
- 6:00pm Estimated arrival time at Saint James



Creation Care Committee Summer Engagement Event—Open Garden

Please join us in the Parish Garden behind the Parish House for coffee and sweets **following the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, July 13th.**

It will be a fun time to catch up on summer adventures, trade garden success tips (and woes!), and wander through our blooming wildflowers and maturing vegetables and herbs.



Summer Office Hours for School and PREP

Saint James School

Summer Hours

- Monday-Friday
- 9:00am-Noon

Contact Information

- 703-533-1182
- office@saintjamesschool.org
- Office closed: June 30-July 11



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Summer Hours

- Monday-Friday
- 9:30am-Noon or by appointment

Contact Information

- 703-533-1182 x104
- religioused@saintjameschool.org



Celebrate Our Patron Saint With Us

THE FEAST OF SAINT JAMES

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH

7:00PM MASS

FOLLOWED BY AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Little Acts of Kindness

Our parish Social Outreach Committee has been partnering with ShelterHouse (<https://www.shelterhouse.org/>) for years to help the homeless and/or victims of domestic violence. Recently, they asked if we would be able to help them get everyday essential items including hygiene items, formula, diapers, and detergent.



If you are able to assist, ShelterHouse has created an Amazon Wish list at (www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AA156R2YNVFB?ref=wl_share) or scan the QR code. All the items will go directly to ShelterHouse.

For more information, please contact Susan Jackson at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com. Thank you!

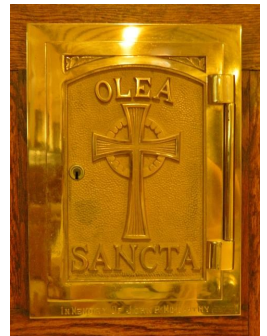


Sacrament of Healing

Parishioners can request this sacrament of healing for themselves or a loved one by calling the Rectory at 703-532-8815 and speaking to the priest on duty.

For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the church outside Rectory office hours, call our office and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line.

The sacrament is not limited to those near death and may be received more than once by a person who is ill or suffering.



To learn more, read the article "[Understanding the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick](#)" by Fr. Don Miller, OFM.

You can also download the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) handout "[Anointing of the Sick: Joined to Christ, Witnesses to Hope and Healing](#)."

Parish Ministries—Come Join Us

Saint James has a very active parish with many opportunities for everyone to get involved! Some ministries and groups meet year-round and others meet during the school year. Below are a few ministries that are year-round. Visit our website, <https://stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/>, to learn about the rest as well as points of contacts for each ministry/group.

Saint James Young Professionals

Saint James Young Professionals strives to form an authentic and integrated community through regular formative activities and social events. We seek to build relationships, grow together in faith, and support the mission of the church. We seek to build relationships and grow in faith together. **All young adults, both single or married people between 21 and 39 years old, are welcome to join.** Feel free to let little kids tag along. We always welcome new faces.

- Join our Facebook group by scanning the QR code to connect with us and stay up-to-date on upcoming events.
- Our Instagram page is [@saintjamesyp](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesyp).
- If you would like to be added to our email list for upcoming events and announcements, e-mail saint.james.y.p@gmail.com.
- Monthly calendar activities
 - ◇ Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:30pm Running Club meeting in A Lot
 - ◇ Third Thursday, 7:00pm Holy Hour followed by Happy Hour in the Parish House
 - ◇ Second Sunday, Donuts and coffee after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish House
 - ◇ Fourth Sunday, Potluck brunch after 10:30am Mass in the Parish House



All Moms of Babies and Toddlers

All current moms, as well as new moms to the parish, are invited to join our Moms Meet Up group to connect with other parish moms (with babies and toddlers in tow). We are continuing to meet over the summer with our regular weekly meet ups at playgrounds and coffee shops. Join us when you can!

We would love to meet you. Email Adele at adele1@gmail.com or Ally at dickmanallyson@gmail.com to learn more or get on our email list.



Is God Calling You to be a Lay Dominican?

You are invited to visit the Saint Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion on the **third Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is July 20th from 5:00pm–6:45pm** in the Parish House. No pre-registration needed.

Lay Dominicans are single or married members of the Dominican Order who have responded to a call to live the Dominican way of life in their own families and occupations. The Dominican charism is one of prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Of these, study is perhaps the most distinctive element, as Dominicans are constantly called to study scripture, the teachings of the Church, and contemporary issues in the light of Faith. We are life-long learners, who put that thirst for Truth into action to serve Christ and his Church.

For more information, contact Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com.

Saint James History Corner

1874 – Saint James Mission and the Frame Church

Over the summer we will be sharing milestones and people who made Saint James the flourishing parish it is today. Today we will share the establishment of the original Saint James Church. The information below was summarized from the “*Doers of the Word*” by Carol Jones, which contains 125 years of Saint James’ history.

Below is a photograph of the original Saint James Church on Fowler Street in 1889.

Until 1873, Catholics in Falls Church, Glen Carlyn, Munson Hill, and Bailey’s Crossroads travelled to Alexandria or Georgetown to attend Mass. They petitioned the fourth Bishop of Richmond, James Gibbons, for a priest. The bishop declared Falls Church a mission and sent Father Dennis J. O’Kane, S.J., who named the new mission Saint James, in honor of Bishop James Gibbons, who later became the Cardinal-Archbishop of Baltimore.

Father Dennis O’Kane, S.J., came to say Mass in the home of the Sewall family on West Street and in the Taylor home. He wanted to build a church. The bishop gave permission for Mrs. Gibson Terrett and Sybilla Sewall to raise money. Mrs. Gibson (Victoria) Terrett began soliciting funds for the church in May 1873, encouraged by the Bishop of Richmond, James Gibbons. By September, Mrs. Terrett had collected \$126 to hand to Father O’Kane.

Construction began that same year on a field the Sewall family gave to Bishop Gibbons for a dollar. The white clapboard church featured a bell in the 66-foot steeple; arched, clear glass windows, and above the altar, one colored stained-glass window (shown below). In 1909, the church was demolished and the stained glass window was donated to the Columbia Baptist Church where it is now displayed.

The land for the original Saint James Church is the present site of our parish cemetery on West Street, where the earliest graves are dated 1866 and 1868. Bishop Gibbons dedicated the little church on October 18, 1874. The railroad ran a special train to bring people from Alexandria, Georgetown and Washington to join the local community for the event. The Catholics of Falls Church had a home in Saint James!



Photo courtesy of Mary Riley Styles Public Library, Local History Collection



Stained glass window that originally graced the sanctuary in the wooden church. Courtesy of Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 7		
7:00pm-9:30pm	College Coffee Night	Parish House
Tuesday, July 8		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, July 9		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Catholic Q & A (see page 4)	Knecht Conference Room
Thursday, July 10		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, July 11		
9:00am-11:45am		Church
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, July 12		
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
Sunday, July 13		
11:30pm-1:00pm	Young Professionals Donuts & Coffee	Parish House
10:00am-12:30pm	Creation Care Ministry's "Open Garden" (see page 5)	Parish House Garden
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Youth Ministry



Congratulations

To our graduating 5th and 8th graders
who are entering middle and high school!

Youth Ministry wishes all our youth a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you in the FALL!
Keep an eye on our website for upcoming events. Sign up for Flocknotes to stay in touch!







SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

REMINDER: COLLEGE COFFEE NIGHT

RECENTLY GRADUATED SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR THE SUMMER ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR DESSERT AND PRAYER ON MONDAY EVENINGS THIS SUMMER.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONDAYS AT 7:30PM
PARISH HOUSE KITCHEN/GARDEN

SCAN QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE CONTACT FORM



Questions?: ym@stjamescatholic.org

