

Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent



Founded in 1833, St. James at Sag Bridge is the sole country parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago, serving a growing community of Catholics who come together to worship God through the celebration of the Eucharist and traditional devotional activities within truly unique and beautiful surroundings. Our faith-filled community strives to bear witness to Jesus Christ by loving and serving one another to bring about the Kingdom of God.

DON'T FORGET LISTEN TO

The Winds of Change 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on WNDZ AM 750. Fr. Koys substitutes every other Wednesday. Visit: windsofchangeshow.com, Fr. Koys' e-mail: unlikeothernations@gmail.com. Register on Flocknotes to receive important text messages and emails. Text: jamesatsag to 84576

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: Saturdays: 5:00pm
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

HOLY DAYS: 8:15am & 7:00pm

WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:15am & Fridays 7:00pm (During Lent)

Wednesday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00-7:00pm, w/Confessions at 6:15pm & Mass at 7:00pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Saturdays, 9:30am-10:00am

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Otherwise by appointment

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office (630.257.7000).



SOUP SUPPER & SCRIPTURE

5:45pm Fridays during Lent
in Sag Hall with an enlightening
short FORMED Presentation
at 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Mass
Hosted by Altar & Rosary Society

To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign

St. James Holy Name Society

Planning phase 2 of Saginaw Hall Renovations



(L-R) Eric Dow, Fr. Tom Koys, Sean Czaja, Mayor Alan Nowaczyk, Deacon John Wilkinson, Jim Wall & Mario Imbarrato.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L.**HUMANAE VITAE AND BASIC HUMAN GOODS**

On this the fifth Sunday of Lent, as we take in the third of St John's beautiful though long gospels, I wish to highlight another aspect of Pope St John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The Holy Father at the end of his series gives this summary. "This reflection on the Redemption of the Body and the Sacramentality of Marriage constitutes an extensive commentary on the doctrine contained precisely in *Humanae Vitae*." The Pope saw a need to address the rising spirit of dissent in church against the key moral precepts of Pope Paul VI's encyclical. As wonderful and beautiful as PJP II's thoughts are, the need to probe the meaning, the importance and the validity of God's prohibition of artificial contraception seems as important today, if not even more needed than ever before. I have heard it said not infrequently, that that teaching is dead as a door nail. But allow me just a shot to shed light upon this area of so many people's intimate world.

The rightness of these moral precepts is hidden and most difficult to see because it is so easy to exempt normal moral principles from this area of life. In my humble study of the moral lessons of *Humanae Vitae*, one of the explanations that makes sense flows from the lesson of "basic human goods". With a little thought, Pope John Paul II and other theologians point out the fact that with almost universal agreement, people of all cultures and all economic status agree that there are what we can call "basic human goods". All of those things we call "good" are "subcategories" of them. They can be listed with simplicity. They are: life, truth, beauty, play and friendship. Think about them. This is a different type of list than the four virtues of justice, temperance, prudence and courage or St Paul's list of the fruits of the Spirit. However, the "basic human goods" set the stage for determining the rightness or wrongness of our moral actions. There are two important aspects of these "basic human goods" that need to be recognized that shed light on the moral issue of the evil

of the use of artificial contraception. First, the Church points out that these "basic human goods" are not commensurate. What does that mean? It means they have a dignity all their own. This means that when we are determining the moral rightness or wrongness of an act, we cannot say that one is innately superior to the other. We can and should put them in some hierarchical order in particular cases, like, when a person playing golf sees a person drowning, he should quit his game and run to the rescue. But it would be wrong to say that since life is more important than play, a person playing is sinning or doing an immoral act because he is not saving a life. It would also be wrong to say, since friendship is innately superior to truth, the person who goes to the library to pursue truth is sinning or doing an immoral act because he is not going to the movies with his friend. So, if you're still with me, this is what is meant by the incommensurability of the *basic human goods*. It should not be said that you are doing something wrong simply because you are doing something that promotes "this" good versus "that" good.

The second important aspect of these "basic human goods" is that doing something that attacks one of them, even while pursuing one of the others does constitute an immoral act. For instance, if you are enjoying a great game of tennis, but you play in such a way that attacks "truth", your play is rendered immoral. If you constantly cheat or lie about the score you do an immoral act.

The connection to the moral issue of artificial contraception becomes apparent. It is not immoral to not pursue "life" by periodic abstinence (as is done while practicing natural family planning) but the use of artificial contraception practically and truly attacks the good of "life" while pursuing the "unitive" aspect of conjugal love. In actuality, if you follow PJP II's ToB, you discover that "a.c." also attacks this unitive aspect of the marital union. But that's for another article.

SAVE THE DATES

April 22, 8:30am	Men's Retreat, Holy Ghost parish	Info: 708-374-7729
April 23, 3pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Church
April 24, 6pm	CCD closing Mass	Church
April 29	Who Will Fill these Shoes	St. Joseph College
May 6, 11am	First Communion Mass	Church
May 13, 10am	100 th Annv of Fatima Mass	Church
June 10-11	M.S. bike-a-thon, DeKalb	See Fr. Koys

HOLY THURSDAY

FOR I HAVE SET YOU AN EXAMPLE,
THAT YOU ALSO SHOULD DO AS I
HAVE DONE TO YOU.

HOLY THURSDAY BUS PILGRIMAGE

Following the Mass of the Last Supper Thursday April 13th. About 8:15 PM We will be visiting the following Churches in the **Lemont Area** this Year.

- 1) Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Mission
- 2) Our Lady of the Woods
- 3) Our Lady Mother of the Church
- 4) Slovenian Catholic Mission
- 5) St. Alphonsus
- 6) St. Cyril & Methodius
- 7) St. Patrick

Donation for Bus is \$5.00 **Limited Seating**
Sign-up sheet or call Rectory (630.257.7000).



Love. Grow. Serve.

PARISH MISSION

You are invited to join us for St. James
HOLY WEEK PARISH MISSION with
Fr. Bob Lombardo.

Mon, 4/10, 7pm, Mission & Confession
Tue, 4/11, 7pm, Mission & Confession
Wed, 4/12, 7pm, Mass & Confession

Easter Triduum



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. (*Good Friday is the only day in the Church calendar where No Mass is Celebrated.*)

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sun Mass	Vigil Mass (Sat) 5pm Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11:30am
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Parish Mission

Mon, 4/11	Parish Mission/Confession 7pm
Tue, 4/12	Parish Mission/Confession 7pm
Wed, 4/23	Parish Mission (Mass) /Confession 7pmMass

Easter Triduum

Holy Thu, 4/14	Mass of Last Supper 7pm Church open till Midnight
Good Fri, 4/15	Outdoor Stations Noon & 3pm Confessions 12-1, 3-4pm
Holy Sat, 4/16	Blessing of Food Baskets Easter Vigil Mass 7pm
Easter Sun, 4/17	Easter Vigil Mass (Sat) 7pm Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11:30am



Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, Sag Hall, 10:00 AM

Thank you to all those who attended our **St. Joseph's Table – Birthday Celebration!**
Wonderful time had by all!!!

Join us **SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH Palm Sunday "homemade" Brunch and Family Fun Activities!**
(Free Will Donation) (Flyers are located in the back of Church)

Join us (Fridays of Lent) March 31 & April 7

10:00-11:30 AM Sag Hall "The Bible & the Sacraments" Video Presentation & Discussion
5:45-6:55 PM Sag Hall "Homemade Soup Supper" & "FORMED" Video Presentation
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross followed by The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month in Sag Hall at 10:00 AM
We invite all woman of the parish to join us!

The primary purpose and goal of the Altar & Rosary Society is the glory of God, in the example and imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Particularly, as its name states:

- "Altar," by imitating Our Blessed Mother in the service of her Divine Son, by keeping His house, the church, and all that surrounds Him, a place worthy of His Holy Name, His Real Presence, and that of His children.
- "Rosary," by honoring and praising the Blessed Virgin Mary, in a particular way through the recitation and promotion of the devotion to the Most Holy Rosary; recitation in common (at church or public places) as well as in private or in the family. Every member of the Altar & Rosary Society will recite daily the Holy Rosary, as asked by Our Lady at Fatima.
- To accomplish this high goal, the Altar & Rosary Society will honor God through by fulfilling of noble and humble (amusing or tedious) services in the house of God, always remembering its motto: "To be a servant in the house of God is to reign."

Our Weekly Offering

Our *Weekly Offertory* collection from Sunday, March 26, 2017 was \$3,763.00. The number of envelopes was 95.

OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED
FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES AND THE
CASH-AND-CARRY FOLKS.

Our CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRIDAY 4/7/17

Are Diane & Sandy.

*If you are interested in volunteering, please contact
the rectory office 630.257.7000.*

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/02/17

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
Get Well for Karyn Cimaroli
In Speedy Recover for Emily Sherman
In memory of †Lillian Simanavicius



Our beautiful bouquets of flowers
surrounding our altar were made
available by the
Parishioners of St. James
THANK YOU!

Evening Masses & Stations of the Cross	Altar Servers	Lectors
4/7/17 FRIDAY, 7:00pm	S. Carver J. Strzelczyk J. Strzelczyk	R. Augustyn

Palm Sunday 4/08 & 4/09 /17	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Koys	Dooley J. Szarzynski T. Szarzynski	L. Pieprzyca C. Zarzycki
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	J. Beecher J. Beecher F. Casiple	M. Dillenburg T. Gorski
9:30 AM	Fr. Bob Lombardo	J. LaSota J. LaSota M. & T. Lawler	D. LaSota P. Brunk
11:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	J.P. Colarelli M. Colarelli A. Gallager	R. Augustyn M. Fleckenstein



Monday April 3rd
8:15 AM *Good Health* for Deacon John

Tuesday April 4th
8:15 AM ✠Harold McGrath

Wednesday April 5th
7:00 PM *In Thanksgiving*, Bridget Lenzen

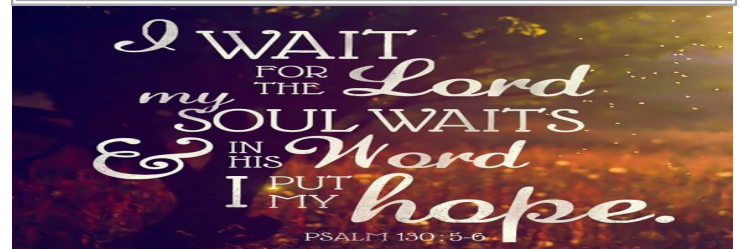
Thursday April 6th
8:15 AM *Good Health* for Jim Wall

Friday April 7th
5:45PM **Soup Supper in Sag Hall**
7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross followed by**
Mass—Blessing & Thanksgiving by
 the Raj Family

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday April 8th
5:00 PM ✠Barbara & Leon Pieprzyca

Sunday April 9th
8:00 AM ✠Mike Alagno
9:30 AM ✠Jozef Dziaba
11:30 AM ✠Carrie Isch



SAVE THE DATE:

Sun, 4/2, 5:30pm	Healing Mass	St. Michael's
Sun, 4/2, 7pm	Youth Group Mass	Univ. of St. Francis, Joliet
Fri 4/7, 5:45pm	Soup & FORMED	Sag Hall
Sat, 4/8, 10am	1st Communion mini-retreat	Rectory basement
Sat, 4/8, 10am	Altar & Rosary Mtg.	Sag Hall
Sun, 4/9, After All Masses	Childrens' Egg Hunt & Breakfast	Sag Hall
Fri, 4/21, 6pm	6pm Mass Resumes	Church
Wed, 4/19 5-7pm	Eucharistic Adoration 7pm Mass	Church
Sun, 4 /23	Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Chaplet	Church