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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019



*If you are faithful in little things,
you will be faithful in large ones.*

*But if you are dishonest in little
things, you won't be honest with
greater responsibilities.*

Luke 16:10 (NLT)



Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: Saturdays: 5:00pm &
Sundays: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

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

WEEKDAYS: Mon, Tue, Thu 8:15am & Fri 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 5:00pm & Mass 7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesdays 6:15-7:00pm & Saturdays 9:30-10:00am
otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

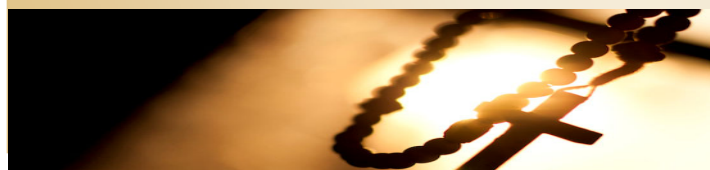
Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

CLERGY:

Fr. Tom Koys, M.A., S.T.L., Pastor,
Fr. Edward Gleeson, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Robert Coleman, Resident
Deacon John Wilkinson, C.K.M.
Deacon Doug Szarzynski



St. James at Sag Bridge



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THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH! for your extremely kind and generous donation to The Women's Center on our behalf for the 2019 Walk for Life. We deeply appreciate what you have done, and are sure that God will bless you abundantly for all you do on behalf of the unborn. You are all so very generous in all that you do for St. James, too, and we wanted to let you know how much we appreciate that, as well. We have never known such a wonderful group of women who think nothing of constantly giving of themselves in every way, not only financially, but also with your time and efforts. Thank you for helping to make St. James the wonderful parish that it is, and thanks again for your extremely generous financial contribution.

— With Much Gratitude, Ann & Mary

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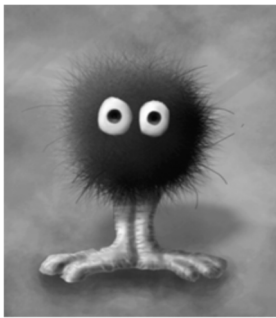
FROM THE DESK OF, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L., PASTOR**RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE....**

The process continues. We've reached the stage where input has been gathered and some conclusions need to be reached. Of course our focus has been on continuing the good, reverent practice of our Catholic faith in our precious St. James Church.

Of the nearly 20 parish scenarios that were created and discussed, three have emerged as the front runners. A first draft of the Feedback Summary was reviewed by the four parish grouping teams on September 17. As reality sets in, emotions get higher. There will be more discussion, re-alignment, editing, praying.

The last grouping meeting will be held on September 24. Ultimately the document will be finalized and presented to the Archdiocesan Renew My Church Executive Committee on October 22. They will review and evaluate and present their recommendation to the Cardinal. Ultimately, his decision will be communicated to us in November.

Thanks for your patience and participation throughout this difficult time. We will communicate as much as we can as soon as we can. Please don't stop praying. We need the Holy Spirit to enlighten all involved!



Introducing a new St. James' bulletin feature: This little fuzz ball of a creature will indicate an important revelation called, "Fuzzy moral thinking".

This week's instalment is from an article on homelessness. A student at De Paul University, who applied for and received financial aid to study there states: "I feel a moral obligation to shed light on the issue of homelessness and on its root causes: income inequality and a fundamental lack of resources."

The reason this qualifies for the "fuzzy moral thinking" category is because his root cause is a weak application of what the cause effect relationship means. This student's explanation of "poverty" can be rephrased as, "The root cause of poverty is not having enough money." This is a bit like saying, "The root cause of the Cub's loss in that game is the fact that they didn't score more runs than the other team." Of course this is not a false statement, but it really doesn't tell us much. A sport's fan wants to know more about pitching, hitting or managerial strategy. Thinkers who connect poverty and homelessness to family dysfunctionality and addictive behaviors, the lack of parental guidance, especially poor fatherly care are closer to uncovering the root causes of poverty. Be that as it may, we as Catholics are called on to lend a hand and help the poor, no matter the cause. Jesus knew that, and we should too.

**COME PRAY AND MEDITATE FOR THE CAUSE OF LIFE!****Sunday, October 6, 2019****2:00 to 3:00pm**

Along the intersection of Archer Ave. & Willow Springs Rd.,
Willow Springs, IL (Park in *Old Willow Shopping Center*)

**September 25 thru November 3, 2019****7am to 7pm every day**

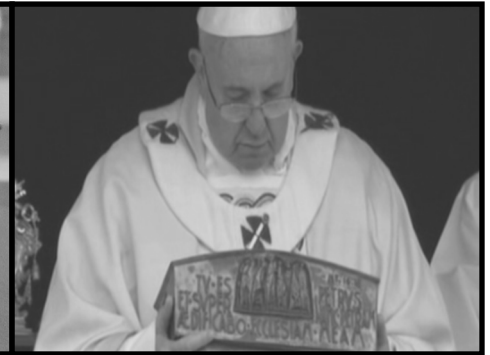
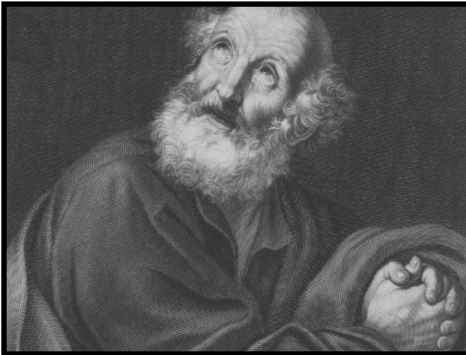
More info and sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/downers-grove

Pray and witness for life at this abortuary:

Access Health Center ~ 1700 75th Str., Downers Grove, IL

ROSARY Coast To COAST
October 13
RosaryCoastToCoast.com

COAST TO COAST ROSARY
rallies will be held across the country on the anniversary of the *Fatima Miracle of the Sun*.
Please join St. James on
Oct 13, 2019 ~ 3pm
at Access Health Center
1700 75th Str.
Downers Grove, IL



POPE AND PATRIARCH REFLECT ON GIFT OF RELICS OF ST. PETER

On 2 July, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had given some relics of St. Peter to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Orthodox Archbishop of Constantinople. In a letter published on Friday the Holy Father explained the motivation behind his gift.

Pope Francis reviews what he calls "the uninterrupted tradition of the Roman Church" which "has always testified that the Apostle Peter, after his martyrdom in the Circus of Nero, was buried in the adjoining necropolis on the Vatican Hill".

Recounting how the tomb "quickly became a place of pilgrimage for the faithful from every part of the Christian world", the Pope describes how the Emperor Constantine erected the Basilica dedicated to St. Peter over the site.

The letter goes on to explain how, in June 1939, immediately following his election, Pope Pius XII decided to undertake excavations beneath the Vatican Basilica. These works "led first to the discovery of the exact burial place of the Apostle and later, in 1952, to the discovery, under the high altar of the Basilica, of a funerary niche attached to a red wall dated to the year 150 and covered with precious graffiti, including one of fundamental importance which reads, in Greek, 'Peter is here'. This contained bones that can quite reasonably be considered those of the Apostle Peter."

These relics are now enshrined in the necropolis under Saint Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis describes how Pope Saint Paul VI had nine fragments removed and placed in the private chapel of the papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace. The nine fragments were placed in a bronze case bearing an inscription in Latin, which reads: "Bones found in the earth beneath the Vatican Basilica considered to be those of Blessed Peter the Apostle".

"It was this same case, containing nine fragments of the bones of the Apostle", writes Pope Francis, "that I desired to present to Your Holiness and to the beloved Church of Constantinople over which you preside with such devotion".

Pope Francis shares how he "reflected on our mutual determination to advance together towards full communion", and how he "thanked God for the progress already made since our venerable predecessors met in Jerusalem over fifty years ago."

The Pope says he thought of the gift that Patriarch Athenagoras gave to Pope Paul VI: "an icon depicting the brothers Peter and Andrew embracing, united in faith and in love of their common Lord".

This icon, concludes Pope Francis, has become "a prophetic sign of the restoration of that visible communion between our Churches to which we aspire and for which we fervently pray and work".

In an exclusive interview, with Vatican News and L'Osservatore Romano the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Orthodox Archbishop of Constantinople, describes the gift as "a new milestone" and a "crucial step" in the journey towards Christian unity.



WHO ARE THESE KNIGHTS AND WHAT DO THEY DO

St. Alphonsus Parish and the Lemont Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Study of the Saints which started Thursday August 29th.

All Lemont Parishioners are invited to attend a six-episode series titled *True Reformers* studying the lives of the following list of Saints starting at 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 29th at St. Alphonsus Church Hall and continuing every Thursday until October 3rd. The last 2 dates remaining are:

1. September 26th: Saint Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance.
2. October 3rd: Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls.

As *True Reformers* introduces you to these great Saints, you will want to stay friends with them for life as you discover how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation.

Our
Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from the week of September 15, 2019 was \$3,707.00. Collected envelopes were 111.

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

Our **CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRI – 9/27/19**

Are Chris, Judi, Bronislawa & volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory office at 630.257.7000.

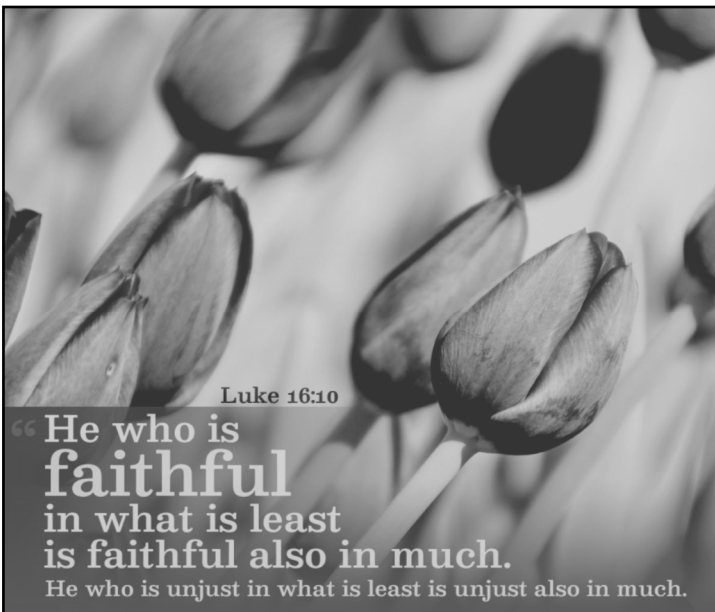


VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/22/19

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
Preservation of St. James
In Memory of †Lillian Simanavicius
In Memory of †Zig Simanavicius
Birthday Remembrance of †Joseph Wilkinson



Our beautiful bouquets of
flowers surrounding our
altar were made with the
Special intention of
MICHAEL KAMINSKI



Luke 16:10

“He who is
faithful
in what is least
is faithful also in much.

He who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:15 AM †Fred & †Ermgard Knitter
†Barbara Tishuk

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

8:15 AM †Mary Aiello

*59th Wedding Anniversary ~ Norman
& Ruth Kaminski*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:00 PM †Christopher Viggiano

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:15 AM †Charles & †Genevieve Howard

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

St. Vincent de Paul

6:00 PM *St. James Church & All the Poor Souls
in Purgatory*
†Bob Barden

Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

5:00 PM †Jozef Dziaba

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:30 AM *St. James Church & All the Poor
Souls in Purgatory*

10:00 AM †John Radzajewski

11:30 AM †Jeff & †Pauline Etling

			
26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY 9/28 & 9/29/19	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
5:00 PM 9/28/19	Fr. Tom Koys	J. Beecher J. Beecher	L. Pieprzyca
8:30 AM 9/29/19	Fr. Tom Koys	S. Carver Dillenburg Dillenburg	C. Stach- Pearman
10:00 AM 9/29/19	Fr. Tom Koys	S. Bruin S. Imbarrato T. Lawler	S. Kelly
11:30 AM 9/29/19	Fr. Tom Koys	J.P. Colarelli M. Colarelli S. Imbarrato	R. Augustyn