

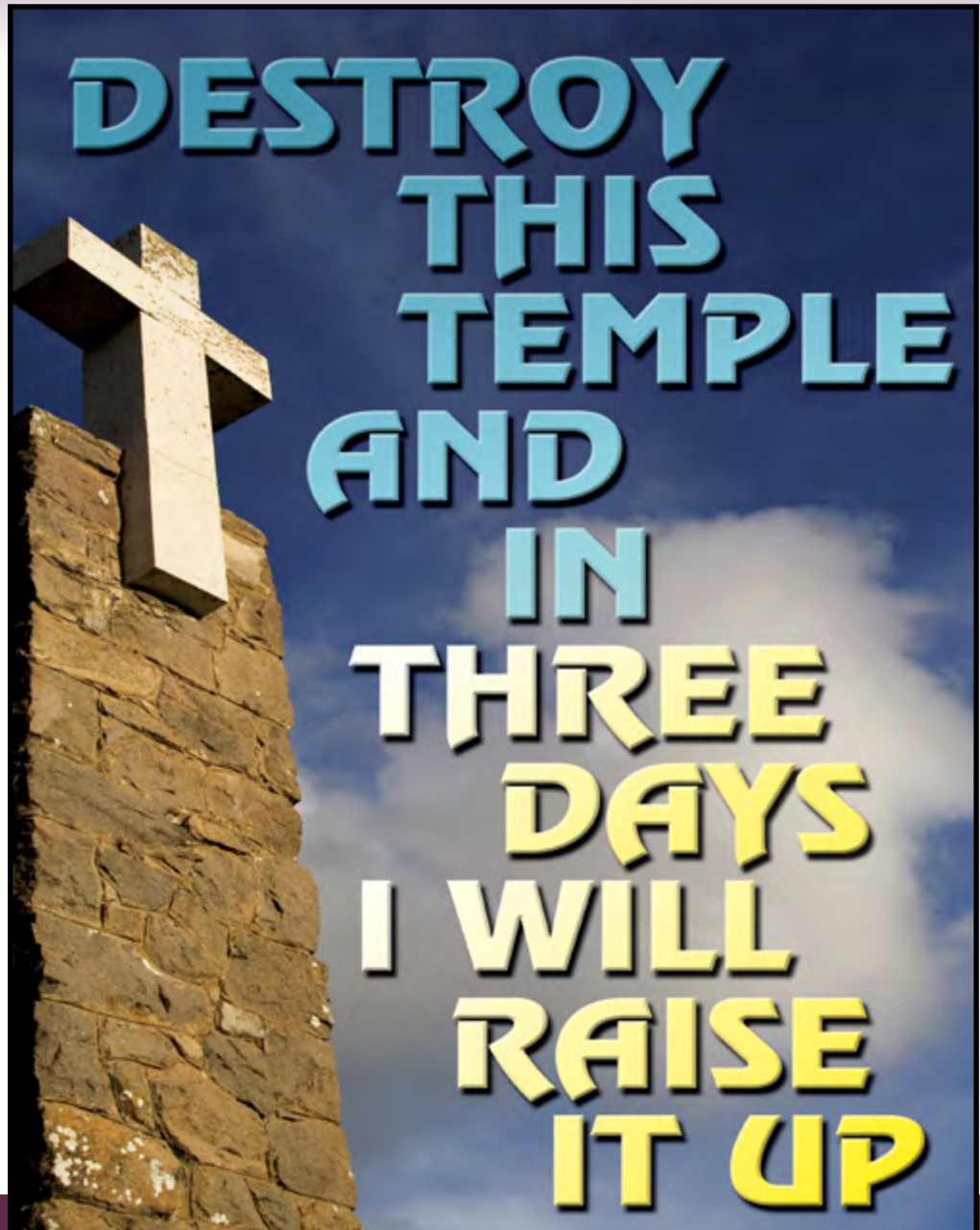
MARCH 3 | 2024
NOVI, MI

ST. James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWS

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"Stop making my Father's
House a Marketplace"



AS ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WE WELCOME AND SERVE ALL
PEOPLE AS DISCIPLES WHO CELEBRATE AND LOVE AS JESUS TAUGHT

THE ENTIRE EXPANDED BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE VIA FLOCKNOTE
AND AT STJAMESNOVI.ORG/BULLETINS

mass times & information

SAT 4:00 pm
SUN 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:30 am
MON 9:00 am
TUE 9:00 am
WED 7:00 pm
THU None
FRI None

OFFICE HOURS

SUN 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
MON 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
TUE 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
WED 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
THU 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
FRI 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
SAT Closed

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Parish membership and pre-registration for preparation class required.

RECONCILIATION

WED 6:00 pm
SAT 2:30 pm

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, we can visit upon request. There will also be an opportunity to receive the sacrament on the 2nd Saturday of every month after the 4pm mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office to make an appointment with clergy.

FUNERALS

When planning a funeral at St. James, many details need attention and our staff is willing to assist you during this difficult time. Once you have contacted the funeral home, please call the parish office to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements. The usual time for funerals is 10:30 am with visitation prior.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are located on the credenza in the Narthex or on our website. Notify the Parish Office of address changes.

St. James Women's Group

LADIES OF ST. JAMES

The newly formed St. James Women's Group is proud to host **Mary Gilhuly**. Some of you may know her as the Mosaic Tile Lady.

Mary will present a short Lenten Message, followed by an opportunity to make your own Mosaic TexTile.

Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Tuesday March 5 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

The cost for the tile supplies and instruction is \$30
Space is limited so please reserve your seat.

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www.holyfamilynovi.org

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www.stjcc.org

Calendar

Mar. 3

Donut Sunday

9:30 am & 11:30 am KidsWord
1:00 pm & 3:00 pm Religious Ed

Mar. 4

5:30 pm Religious Ed

Mar. 10

9:30 am & 11:30 am KidsWord
11:00 am Ignite Year 1
1:00 pm & 3:00 pm Religious Ed

Mar. 11

5:30 pm Religious Ed

Mar. 17

St. Patrick's Day!

9:30 am & 11:30 am KidsWord
11:00 am Ignite Year 2
1:00 pm & 3:00 pm Religious Ed

Mar. 18

5:30 pm Religious Ed

Mar. 25

Palm Sunday

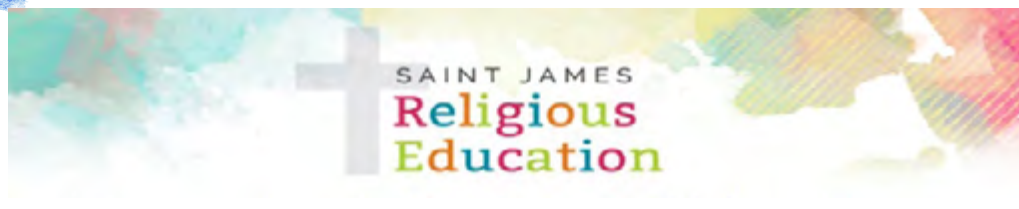
9:30 am Mass for Children

Mar. 25-30

Holy Week

See website for services.

www.stjamesnovi.org



<h3>LENTING with your Family</h3> <h4>Giving it up to God</h4> <p>We all have problems, bad days, arguments and decisions to make. It is comforting to know that God is with us in all situations. Just as the disciples called out to Jesus in the storm, he wants us to bring our problems to Him. When your children share their problems with you, pray together, sharing the problem with God and asking for His guidance.</p>	<h3>Religious Education Highlight!</h3> <p>On March 3 and 4, First Communion students and their parents will create ceramic Blessing Cups as a remembrance of their First Communion.</p>
<h3>JOYFUL JUMBLE</h3> <p>Can you unscramble this word?</p> <h2>OSLET</h2> <p>Clue: This is worn by priests and deacons when they are at mass or administering any of the sacraments. Notice that the priest wears it differently than the deacon. Answer is below.</p>	<h3>save the date!</h3> <h2>ST. JAMES SCUBA VBS</h2> <h3>July 22-25</h3> <p>registration opens April 1</p>

Kids Korner

Monday is March 4th, the only day of the year that is also a command. Some people have March 4th parties where they choose something new to learn or do during the month.

Jesus gave a command to his disciples to "Go forth and make disciples of all nations." How will you March forth and make disciples?



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Bringing the Gospel Home

John 2:13-25

"Take your shoes off the kitchen table! That is where we eat!"

As a Mom and caretaker, I try to keep some sense of order in my house. As my dad would say, "A place for everything and everything in its place." There is as specific use for each space in my house: We eat in the kitchen, we watch TV in the family room. We hang our coats in the closet and have places for games and toys. Shoes belong in a basket by the door, and some things do not belong in my home at all. I can relate to Jesus' anger in today's Gospel when

He sees the holiest place of worship being used for ungodly purposes.

Jesus is at the beginning of His ministry when He travels to Jerusalem for Passover. The large open space surrounding the Temple building is where people gather, pray, listen to the teachers, and study scripture. This is also where they must trade their Roman currency for temple coins and purchase animals for the required offerings. Sadly, many of the money changers and sales people charge high rates and cheat people out of their money. Jesus loves the temple and what it stands for and is angered that this holy place is sullied by greed. So, He drives out the animals and turns over tables, shocking and angering the Jewish authorities. His comment about tearing the temple down and rebuilding it in three days is a foreshadowing of His final days, when He again, goes to Jerusalem for Passover.

Jesus is the Temple to which He refers, and we are no less

Joyful Jumble Answer: Stole

temples ourselves. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and the Holy Spirit dwells in you?" 1Cor.3:16 When you see yourself as God's dwelling place, what tidying up is in order? Are there tables that need to be flipped? What words, thoughts, or actions are not worthy of His presence? Lent is the time for cleaning out those things that are not in keeping with God's plan for us. So, purge your closets, vacuum the moral dust bunnies from under the bed and wash the windows of your heart! Make of yourself a temple where love grows and shines outward to others.

Marge Fitzpatrick
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I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13



upcoming events

march

EASTER BASKET PROJECT UNDERWAY

- 3 Donut Sunday
- 17 Easter Basket Donations Due
- 18-20 Food Packing
- 23 Food Delivery

april

- 13 Hazardous Waste Event - Wixom

food pantry

immediate needs

- cream of chicken soup
- peas (canned)
- refried beans
- syrup
- coffee
- spaghetti sauce
- tuna
- jelly
- ketchup
- hamburger helper (tuna, chicken)

additional needs

- computer paper boxes
- pears (canned)
- mixed fruit (canned)
- frosting

No paper or plastic bags needed at this time!

PLEASE - Do Not Leave ANY fresh or perishable food items!

Please be aware, expired items are not accepted and will be disposed of.

Easter Basket Project

Our annual Easter Basket Project is underway! Last year 131 local children were given a beautiful Easter basket filled with numerous healthy snacks, a few small toys and, of course, a large chocolate bunny. Our goal is to provide approximately 120 baskets this year.

Items needed for this project are available for choosing from the SignUp Genius on the St. James website at www.stjamesnovi.org. Additionally, a poster board has been placed in the narthex with sticky notes listing several of the items needed to fill the baskets. If you would like to support this project but prefer not to shop, an option for monetary donations is available on the website under Easter Basket Project. Checks can be made payable to St. James Catholic Church and sent to the parish office attention: Beth Bush. If donating by check please be sure to write **Easter Basket Project** in the memo line.

We have changed our focus over the past few years to providing baskets filled with healthier snacks. It has been well received by the parents of our recipients. Snacks in individual sizes like trail mix, granola bars, goldfish, applesauce and fruit cups are a few of the items we use to fill each basket.

Donations can be placed in the blue bin in the narthex labeled "Easter Basket Donations". **All donations are due no later than Sunday, March 17th. THANK YOU!**



Food Pantry Update

Please remember to check the list of items needed on page 4 of this bulletin and help whenever you can. We receive calls for emergency assistance every week from those needing food. These are families not on our monthly food program. Your donations allow us to help them, as well as our monthly families. Thank you!

Computer Paper Boxes Needed



Thank you to those who continue to bring in computer paper size boxes for our monthly food distribution. Your support keeps our Food Pantry Ministry running smoothly! We request only computer paper size boxes due to the ease in handling and storage.

Household Hazardous Waste Event Wixom



Take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of many items considered "hazardous" and not accepted by your garbage service. Televisions, computers, printers, oil-based paints, batteries (all kinds), expired medications, pesticides, nail polish, etc. Accepted items also include 3 boxes or up to 100 pounds of paper for shredding. If you have questions regarding what is included or other dates and locations please contact 248-208-2270 or go to www.rrrasoc.org. All items may be brought to Wixom Department of Public Works, 2041 Charms Road between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th. You must live in one of the following cities to participate: Novi, Farmington Hills, Farmington, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake or Wixom.



Where Do You Shop?

Thank you to the **339** households that have designated St. James Catholic Church to benefit from the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

For the quarter ending 1/31/2024, St. James Food Pantry received \$760!

The Kroger Community Reward Program is a no-cost easy way to help the St. James Food Pantry. If you have not yet taken the time to enroll, please do so today! An easy way to determine if you are participating is to check the bottom of your Kroger receipt. It will say:

At your request, Kroger is donating to
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Information regarding the Kroger Community Reward Program may be found on the table under the Bulletin Board in the narthex or by visiting their website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. There is also a link on our website, <https://stjamesnovi.org/>. The St. James Catholic Church organization number is **IH458**.



Pain and Pain Management

Pain, whether chronic or acute, can be devastating. It can be debilitating and frustrating. Unfortunately, it is a reality for many people. It can interfere with sleep, work, activities and quality time with family and friends. Pain management provides relief so we can enjoy life. Treatment is complex and can sometimes lead to harmful effects, if not properly administered and monitored.

There are many types of pain and there is no one-size-fits-all treatment. It is important to understand the differences and work with a physician who specializes in pain medicine and management. Pain, whether chronic or acute, can be devastating and unfortunately it is a reality for many people. Effective pain management can reduce pain and help improve function so people can enjoy what

matters to them most. To find effective treatment options, talk to your doctor about managing pain safely. You and your doctor should discuss:

- Health history
- How activities have been impacted by pain
- What you hope to gain from managing your pain

There are two types of pain. One is acute pain that usually starts suddenly and has a known cause - injury or surgery, and normally gets better as your body heals. The other is chronic pain. This can last 3 or more months and can be caused by a disease or condition, injury, medical treatment, inflammation or even an unknown reason. There are options for pain management without opioids. Some suggestions are over the counter pain medication which your doctor or pharmacist can prescribe. Also, physical therapy, interventional therapy, acupuncture and massage can be helpful in managing pain.

Here are some things to remember when making a pain management plan:

- Be open to managing pain without opioids
- Be informed and know your options
- Talk to your doctor about which options may work for you. Work with a specialist if needed.
- Follow up regularly with your doctor about your plan and whether your plan is working.
- Understand that it can take time to reduce your pain.

It is important to use a variety of strategies to help reduce pain. Do not rely on medicines alone. People can lower the levels of pain they feel by:

- Staying active
- Pacing their daily activity so as to avoid pain flares.
- Avoiding pain triggers
- Using coping strategies

www.cdc.gov

**Ascension has
Pain Management Centers
near you to help with your
pain management
Call - (866) 501-3627**



baptisms

None this week



**I – Betira Shahollari
& Patrick Torosian**

scripture readings

WEEK OF MARCH 3

SUNDAY

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

MONDAY

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



1. What is the liturgical color of Lent?

Answer. Violet

2. What are the three pillars of Lent?

Answer. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

3. What are the ashes for Ash Wednesday made from?

Answer. From palms used during previous years' Palm Sunday

4. What biblical event does the time of Lent represent?

Answer. Jesus retreated to the wilderness; he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil

5. Which three disciples went with Jesus to the Mountain of Transfiguration?

Answer. Peter, James & John

Lent Challenge

The banner is divided into two main sections. The left section has a light purple background and features the text 'I AM HERE' in a stylized font at the top. Below it, it asks 'HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS AT MASS?' in large, bold letters. It then describes the challenge: 'Starting on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, join us for a daily trivia game to dive deeper into the Mass — turning learning into an adventure!'. At the bottom left is the URL 'iamhere.org/lent' and at the bottom right is an orange button that says 'LEARN MORE' with a hand cursor icon. The right section has a dark purple background with a green vine graphic. It says 'DAILY TRIVIA CHALLENGE FOR LENT' in large white letters. Below this, it encourages signing up: 'Sign up **today** to join the challenge, play the daily trivia, and explore the Mass together!'. It lists three benefits: '» Receive a daily text message with a trivia question.', '» Play the daily trivia for free on the Hallow App or online.', and '» PLUS: weekly videos to help you dive deeper into Sunday Mass.' At the bottom right, there is a small logo and text: 'We thank the Michigan Knights of Columbus for their support of the I AM HERE Challenge. Learn more at mikofc.org'.

Join our archdiocese at the
National Eucharistic Congress
Indianapolis | July 17 - 21, 2024

For more information,
please scan the QR
code at the right.



[Learn More](#)





Lent Fasting Rules: Frequently Asked Questions

What Is Fasting?

In the Catholic Church, fasting is a practice in self-discipline with a penitential focus. In the context of Lent, it refers to reducing food intake and limiting how many meals we have.

What are the Lent fasting rules?

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals, which, combined, would not equal a single typical meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent.

What are the Lent rules on abstinence?

In this context, abstinence refers to "abstaining" from meat on Fridays during Lent. Whereas Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with just one large meal, Catholics must refrain from eating meat on other Fridays, though they can have three full meals.

At what age do you start fasting for Lent?

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those

14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

Who is exempt from fasting during Lent?

Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women, and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that "common sense should prevail" and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast.

When is fasting over?

Lent ends on Holy Thursday, but Lenten fasting (and personal commitments) usually continues until Easter. Papal document *Paschalis Solemnitatis* recommends this so that we "with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection."

Can you eat meat on Good Friday?

On the one hand, Good Friday is part of the Easter Triduum, which marks the end of Lent. However, since Good Friday is a day of abstinence, it's best to abstain from meat, as in the Fridays of Lent.

Do Sundays count for fasting?

It's been a custom for Catholics to give something up during Lent, in addition to the fastings and abstinence rules. Some continue their sacrifice, but Sundays during Lent are not "prescribed days of fasting and abstinence." Ultimately, it's a personal decision.



**SIMPLE
LENTEN SUPPER**

Friday Evenings During Lent

Feb. 16 – March 22

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Followed by Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm

Sponsored by: Men For Others

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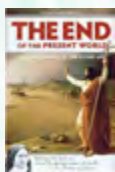
AOD Recommended Reading for Lent

Ash Wednesday
by T.S. Eliot



The End of the Present World
and the Mysteries of the Future
Life

by Father Charles Arminjon

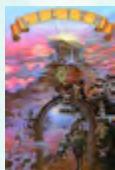


How to Be Holy
by Peter Kreeft



Lilith

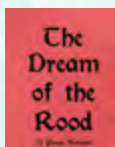
by George MacDonald



Jesus of Nazareth
by Joseph Ratzinger



"The Dream of the Rood"
by Anonymous



LENTEN SCHEDULE

2024



FEB. 16 - MARCH 22 SIMPLE SUPPERS

5:30 - JOIN US FRIDAY EVENINGS FOR A
6:45 PM SIMPLE SUPPER BEFORE STATIONS
OF THE CROSS.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR VARIOUS CHARITIES.

FEB. 16 - MARCH 22 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM JOIN US FRIDAY EVENINGS FOR
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EXCEPT FOR FRIDAY DURING HOLY WEEK

FEB. 20 - MARCH 12 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:30 AM AM ADORATION
7:00 PM TUESDAY EVENINGS

MARCH 19 PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7:00 PM TUESDAY, RECONCILIATION SERVICE
IN CHURCH

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

6:00 PM WEDNESDAY
2:30 PM SATURDAY
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, NO CONFESSIONS HOLY
SATURDAY

ON-LINE LENTEN RESOURCES @ stjamesnovi.org

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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START YOUR DAY WITH JESUS

Please join us for
Lenten Adoration - Start your day with Jesus
6:30am – 7:30am Day Chapel
Thursdays during Lent 2/15 - 3/21

SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER



PrimeTimers

The PrimeTimers is a club for our family of parishes members, singles or couples, who are 50 and up. Our goal is to provide for the spiritual, social and educational needs of our members and give service to the broader community. **All family of parishes members are welcome to join. Annual dues are \$10 per person.** Parishioners are welcome to attend a meeting to see if they would like to join. Meetings are held once a month at the St James Parish Hall.

March Meeting

March 11th at noon

Please join us for a traditional St Patrick's Day luncheon. There is \$15.00 per person charge for lunch. Please send your check payable to 50+ to: Marge Jonesku, 234 Winslow Circle, Commerce Township, 48390. Following lunch, we will be entertained by Beyond Belief, a group of senior singers and dancers.

April Meeting

April 8th at 1:00 P.M.

We will have our annual April Showers meeting when we ask our members to bring a gallon size plastic bag with a full size shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant and liquid soap or hand sanitizer. We received a generous donation from a hotel of towels and washcloths. These gifts will be given to Sanctum House. They offer rehabilitation and shelter for battered women. We will listen to a presentation from a representative from Sanctum House and someone who was a recipient of their care.

**Any question - call Pat Woody
847-217-0515.**



Men for Others

All men of St. James are welcome to join Men for Others for faith, fellowship and service. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Disciples Room.

Ladies of St. James

Please join us as we kick off a new organization here at St. James.

All women of the parish are invited to join.

A variety of activities to include a Spiritual, Social and Charitable element to our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 5 at 6:30 pm where we will host Mary Gilhuly with a Lenten message and an opportunity to make a mosaic tile. Details will be available soon and at the February meeting. Stay tuned.

Meetings will vary between daytime and evening.

Join us as we embark on this new group and help set the course.

2nd Friday Euchre Group

We are happy to announce the resumption of 2nd Friday Euchre play beginning in September. This activity is open to all parish members including our family of parishes members. Interested members should come to the classroom area in St. James Church on the second Friday of each month between 7 and 7:15 pm. Card games begin at 7:30. Come alone or with a partner but know that we do play with different partners throughout the evening. Also, please note that space is only available for 48 players, so latecomers may not be able to play. Remember to bring your own beverage, a small snack to share, plus \$1.00 per person admission fee. Don't forget to bring a few dimes to cover those "euchres". Then let the fun begin. For more information, call John at 248-525-4121 or Dave at 248-320-3953. The Next Euchre Night date is **March 8th.**

Word Among Us Bible Study

Bible Study using The Word Among Us meets every Wednesdays at 10:00 am, unless it's a holiday.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact

Mary Reichel at

maryreichel3@gmail.com

Monday Night Bible Study

Join our Monday night Bible Study as we begin studying the Book of Daniel from Ignatius Press.

For questions, contact Philip Dobias at (630) 363-1592

or philip.dobias@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

ALL are welcome to the Wednesday morning bible study in classroom 2A, 10 to 11:30 am. We study the upcoming weekend gospel message. We believe that the bible is the Basic Information Before Leaving Earth guide. For more information call Connie at 248-348-8889.

Evening Book Club

The St. James Evening Book Club will meet in the parish library at **6:30 on March 21st.**

Our new book selection is: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

New members are welcome!

Please call Krystn at 248-305-5814

if you have any questions.

Body & Soul Classes

All classes are from 9-10am in the gym

Monday - muscle conditioning

Tuesday - beginner yoga

Wednesday - fitness yoga

Thursday - beginner pickleball

Please bring a mat and water bottle.

Call Sue Flanagan with any questions 248-895-6643.

mass intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

4:00 PM
Kathleen and Tim Michels (Family)
Beatriz Nunes
(Mascarenhas Family)
Sandy Guerard (Penny Sepanski)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM
Edward Durigon (Family)
9:30 AM
The Intentions of the
St. James Parish Family
11:30 AM
The Intentions of the
St. James Parish Family

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM
Mary Ann DeKane
(JB and Carmel Kelly)
Nicholas Mensor (Graziano Canini)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM
Ken Hartmus (Family)
John Pierce (Kay Welch)
7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 PM
Margaret Gail Lajiness
(Fr. Ed Zaorski)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

NO MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

5:30 PM *Simple Supper*
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00 PM
Russ Bush (Family)
Ida Zanot (Family)
Nicholas Mensor (Graziano Canini)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 AM
Irene Zawlocki
(Joe and Dianne Laura)
9:30 AM
Shirley Molenda
(St. James Parish Family)
For the special Intentions
of Lyn Schrecengost
(Walter and Sharon Huczek)

11:30 AM
Nicholas Mensor (Graziano Canini)



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

A parishioner may be homebound due to age, illness, physical and/or mental incapacities and unable to attend Masses. The Homebound Ministry is aimed at helping the homebound parish member stay connected to the parish community and activities by bringing most importantly, Our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist and other materials like the bulletin, newsletter, prayer cards/books and also rendering any other needed services. Sacraments of Anointing of the sick and Reconciliation could be administered by the Pastor when needed or requested.

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Reflections

Third Sunday of Lent

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship. Now you might jump to the conclusion that all the statues and crucifixes in our churches must be destroyed. Not so.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art. In that sense, they are no worse than using a beautiful sunset or mountain scene to help you pray.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor

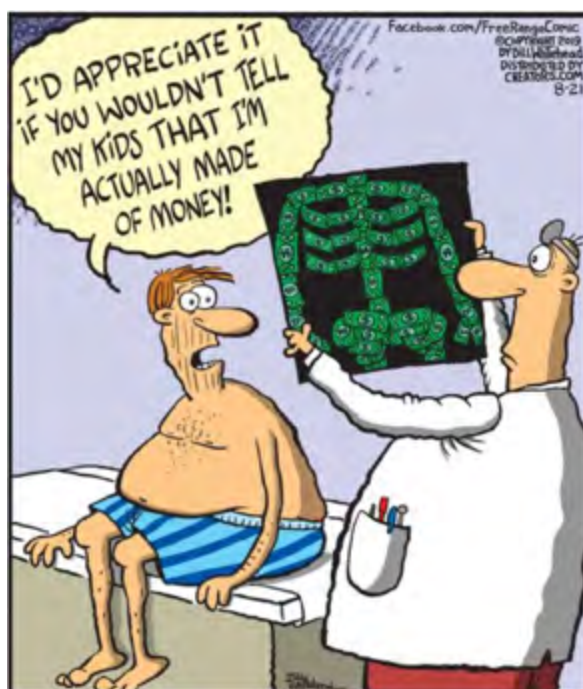
from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

The reason God gives for the first commandment is that he is a passionate God, who has chosen the Israelites to be his people. When he punishes sin, he allows the effect of our bad choices to hurt us and those around us. But when we repent and change our ways, his love is everlasting.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it. Taking his name in vain originally meant perjuring yourself after taking an oath to tell the truth. That is similar to the eighth commandment about false witness.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

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