

Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

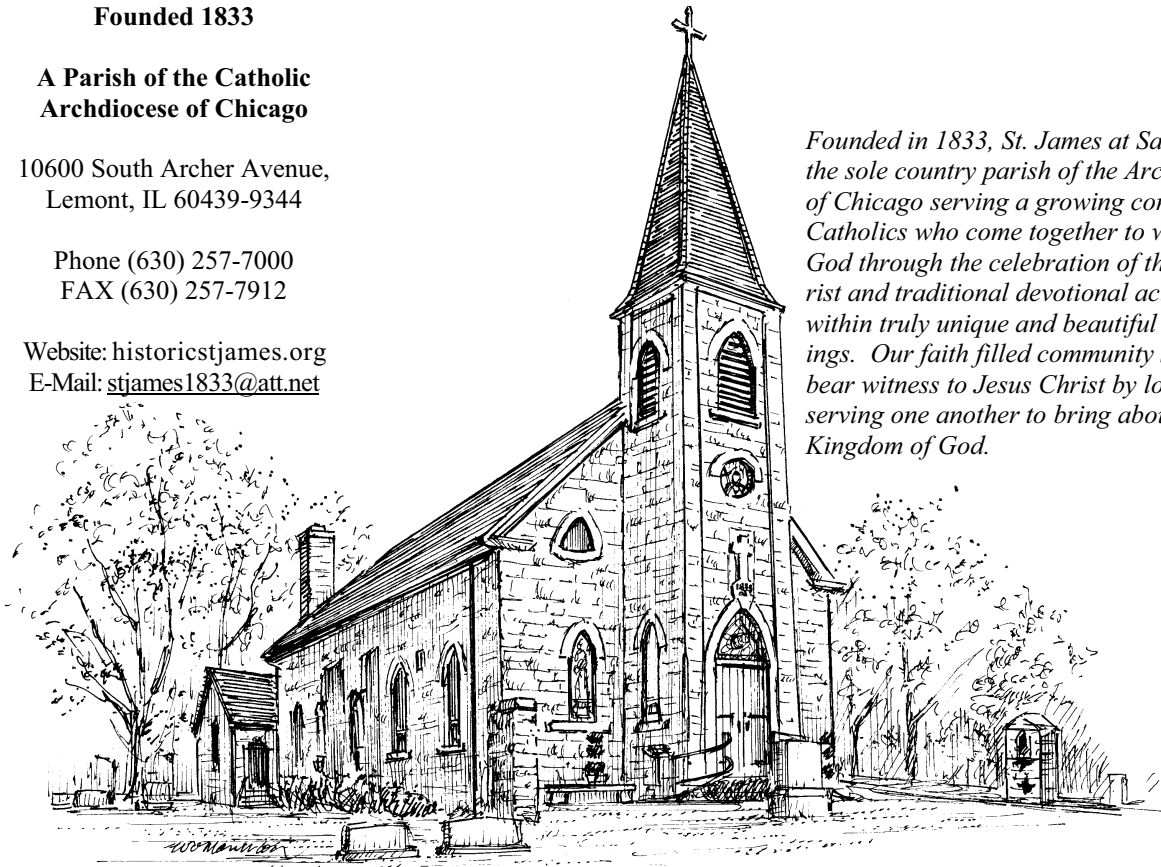
Founded 1833

A Parish of the Catholic
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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.

March 8, 2009 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Edward D. Gleeson, Pastor
Mr. John M. Wilkinson, Permanent Deacon

Parish Boundaries

The Village of Willow Springs
Unincorporated Lemont Township Along Archer Avenue
and Bell Road, Village of Burr Ridge (Cook County)

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturdays, 5:30 PM. Sundays, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:15 AM
Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

Confession Schedule

Saturdays: 4:30 to 5:15 PM
By appointment.

Baptisms

First Sundays of every month by appointment.
Parents must be registered parishioners.

Weddings

Minimum eight months in advance.
At least one partner must be a registered parishioner.

Religious Education Classes

1st through 8th Grade
Tuesday evenings, September through May
Parents must be registered parishioners.

Registration In Rectory

Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursdays: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Parish Ministerial Staff

Father Edward Gleeson, Pastor
Deacon John Wilkinson, Minister of Care
Brian Tishuk, RE Director
Pamela Stafford, Music Coordinator
Pamela Mikrut, Organist
JoAnn Starha, Altar and Rosary President
Rodney Poynter, Holy Name President
Barbara Tishuk, Our Lady of the Forest President

Rectory Support Staff

Donna Slosowski, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper
Bernice Raj, Housekeeper/Cook
Donald Lasica, Sacristan

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

THE TRANSFIGURATION: SAY WHAT?

While engaged in public ministry Jesus explained to His closest followers that He had to go up to Jerusalem in order to suffer and die and then be raised up. Six days later he led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain where He was “transfigured” before them. On this Second Sunday of Lent we hear the story in St. Mark’s Gospel.

“His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply: Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us

make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from a cloud came a voice: This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.”

The transfiguration: say what? The transfiguration was a visualization of the meaning of the Paschal Mystery. Jesus taught His apostles that He first had to suffer and die and only then come to the glory of the resurrection. The Paschal Mystery, that is, the belief in the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord, which should fill our minds and hearts especially during these forty days of Lent, gives light to our darkest hours and eases the burden of our greatest personal moments of grief.

Participation in the Mass, which is the necessary source of all life in the Catholic Church, focuses our attention on the Paschal Mystery. The scripture readings of the Lenten Masses urge us to embrace a constant meditation and reflection on the Paschal Mystery because it is the fulfillment of the Messiah’s coming into our world. It is the center of all liturgical celebrations. And it must become a preoccupation of our own prayerful thoughts as we listen to the Word of God.

The Paschal Mystery is the remarkable plan



*He was
Transfigured
Before Their Eyes*

of God the Father. We see symbols of the Paschal Mystery in the many aspects of human life. When night turns into day that is the Paschal Mystery. When a seed dies in the earth and rises to become a fruitful vine that is the Paschal Mystery. When a woman’s birth pangs turn into the joy of giving birth to a child, that is the Paschal Mystery. When an alcoholic is recovering from the slavery of addiction to a new life of freedom that is the Paschal Mystery. When food satisfies hunger and drink quenches thirst that is the Paschal Mystery. When health overcomes sickness that is the Paschal Mystery. When simple human decency overcomes loneliness that is the Paschal Mystery. When we

are forgiven from our sins that is the Paschal Mystery.

Our first sacramental experience of the Paschal Mystery took place in the Sacrament of Baptism. We Catholics are a people who have been plunged into the death of Jesus the Christ. And we Catholics have been raised with Him to a newness of life. Baptism is, of course, a once in a lifetime experience. But this initial sacramental sharing in the Paschal Mystery leads us to the Eucharistic celebration of the Paschal Mystery. When bread “dies” to become the Body of the Christ that is the Paschal Mystery. And again when wine “perishes” to become the Blood of Christ that also is the Paschal Mystery.

The ultimate sharing in the Paschal Mystery occurs in death. An unpleasant subject though it may be, death provides us with the reward of the resurrection, everlasting life. In the celebration of the Mass we are never allowed to forget the truths of the Paschal Mystery. The Mass enlightens us with faith and fills us with trust that the Father includes all of us in His plan that is the Paschal Mystery. In the Mass we go up on a high mountain. The Mass is our transfiguration.

God Bless Our Parish,
FATHER ED GLEESON, PASTOR

FLOWERS

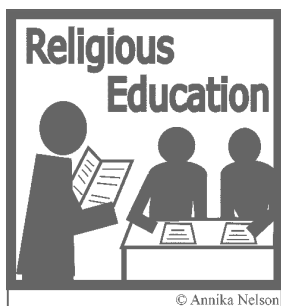
The two large bouquets adorning the main altar were made available through the kindness of the **TOM & GRACE KULAWIAK**. Thank you!



The collection for St. James on the weekend of March 1, 2009 was \$3,588.08
Ash Wednesday was \$807.57
Maintenance was \$1,144.00

The number of February March 1st Offer-tory Envelopes handed in the weekend of February 28th and March 1st was 157. The amount of money coming out of those envelopes was \$2,997.08 which averages out to \$19.09 per envelope. Our many thanks to the 157 contributing families.

BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHASTITY PRESENTATION

The **Evert Chastity Presentation video** will be shown to the 7th and 8th graders on March 17 in the rectory basement. Parents are welcome to attend.

Finally, both the 7th and 8th graders will participate in a retreat led by Father Lombardo. That will be held on March 31. Again, parents are welcome to attend.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about any of these events.

Brian Tishuk, RE Director



IRISH EYES ARE SMILING CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY HERE AT ST. JAMES

Come join in the fun and good food even if you are or are not Irish on March 15th at approximately 1:00pm in Sag Hall. A Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch will be catered and served. Cost is \$10.00 per person or \$40 per family. We will also be celebrating Father Gleeson's 66th birthday.



Mass & Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Saturday March 28th at 10:00am

The SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is not meant to be a private action involving only the priest and the sick person. Rather, it is a public action involving the whole Christian community, the whole body of Christ.

- Ordinarily, the recipients of the sacrament are as follows:
- Those who suffer from a serious illness.
 - Those who suffer from serious weakness caused by old age.
 - Those who have already been anointed, but suffer from a different illness, or the same illness grows worse.
 - Those who are to undergo surgery because of serious illness.
 - Small children who are seriously ill and sufficient reason to understand and respond to the sacrament with faith.

CONCENTRATE ON THIS SENTENCE

“To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. “When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence...“The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.”



St James Church Bell

The Buckeye Bell Foundry operated under the name "Buckeye Bell Foundry / Vanduzen & Tift" from 1866 to 1893. The Buckeye Bell Foundry was originally established by George Washington Coffin in 1837. The foundry was located on Second Street between Broadway and Ludlow Streets in Cincinnati. It may have been the successor to the Riga Furnace in Salisbury, CT founded by Holley and Coffin in 1810. The foundry's name was maintained throughout more than a century of operation, in spite of various changes in ownership. The foundry ceased operations in 1950.

W. A. Van Duzen was apprenticed to Mr Coffin, and by 1865 he and a Mr. Tift had bought out the company and changed its name. The G. W. Coffin Co made the most ornate bells ever made in the U.S. Some had cherubs put on them. Vanduzen changed his last name along the way to be one word instead of two, and also changed the shape of the bells and dropped the ornate work. There were just a few ornate Vanduzen bells made during the first couple of years after Vanduzen took over, but they must have been special order because most bells made even then were plain. Balancing that, the sound of the Vanduzen bells was much improved over the Coffin bells because of the change of the shape of the bells. Vanduzen made thousands of bells, and the name of the foundry changed several times as different family members ran it in different generations. The name Vanduzen & Tift was used from 1865 to 1894. When the firm officially closed in the early 1950's, it was called E. W. Vanduzen. It was the largest bell foundry in central and western U.S.A.

Our bell was cast in 1888 when Leo XIII was pope, Most Rev. Patrick A. Freehan Archbishop of Chicago and Rev. Joseph A. Bollmann pastor of St James. Sadly, all foundry records for those early years were destroyed by the Great Ohio River Flood of 1937.

A special thanks to Deacon John and Packy A'Hearn for their research and for braving the heights to take these pictures.

1COR 11:2 *I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the traditions just as I handed them on to you.*

Dear Lord, I thank you for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through Your eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth of my wrongdoing, and receive forgiveness.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example -- to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those who are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those who are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those who will delete this without sharing it with others. I pray for those who don't believe. But I thank you that I believe.

I believe that You change people and You change things for good reasons. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For each and every one of my family members, friends and their families. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are all out of debt and that all their needs are met.

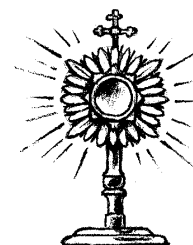
I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than You. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly. This is my prayer. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



LENTEN PARISH MISSION
TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH
YOUR FAMILY THIS LENT.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 6th & 7th, Preaching at 7:00pm followed by Confessions at 8:00pm. Ending on Wednesday, April 8th with Mass at 7:00pm and Confessions at 8:00pm.

IT JUST ISN'T LENT WITHOUT IT!



DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday April 3rd, St. James at Sag Bridge is having a special DAY OF PRAYER starting with Adoration at 9:00am until 6:00pm. As usual there will be a sign-up sheet in back of church so we know that all time slots are filled. You can sign up for 1/2 or 1 hour or more. Adoration is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners from 9:00am until 6:00pm. The women of our Altar & Rosary Sodality will meet in church at noontime to pray the Rosary during the Adoration. Benediction will be held at 6:00pm followed by our usual Friday Lenten Mass at 7:00pm with Stations of the Cross.

HOLY THURSDAY BUS
VISITING LOCAL CHURCHES

Again this year we have hired a bus to take us visiting local churches on Holy Thursday. As usual Deacon John and Father Gleeson will pick the best ones to visit.

There is no cost to go. However, the seating is very limited. There is a Bus Trip sign-up sheet in back of church. You must sign up in order to go. You can still attend Holy Thursday Mass at our own St. James parish and the bus will leave our parking lot promptly at 8:15pm.

LENTEN, HOLYWEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES



Sunday, March 8th
Second Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 13th
Rosary at 6:30pm
Mass and Stations of the Cross
7:00pm

Sunday, March 15th
Third Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 20th
Rosary at 6:30pm
Mass and Stations of the Cross
7:00pm

Sunday, March 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 27th
Rosary at 6:30pm
Mass and Stations of the Cross
7:00pm



Saturday, March 28th
MASS FOR THE
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK 10:00 am

Sunday, March 29th
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Holy Land Lecture by Carl DiNello
in Sag Hall 1:00pm

Day of Prayer, Friday April 3rd
Adoration 9:00am—6:00pm
Benediction 6:00pm
Mass & Stations 7:00pm



Saturday, Sunday,
April 4th & 5th
Passion Sunday
(PALM SUNDAY)
Masses with the
Blessing and
Distribution of Palms
5:30pm, 8:30, 10:00,
11:30am



LENTEN PARISH MISSION

April 6th
Preaching 7:00pm
Confessions 8:00pm

April 7th
Preaching 7:00pm
Confessions 8:00pm

Wednesday, April 8th
Mass 7:00pm
Confessions 8:00pm

Thursday, April 9th
HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Last
Supper 7:00pm
Adoration of the



Blessed Sacrament
8:30pm to 12:00 Midnight
Bus Leaves to Visit Churches
8:30pm



Friday, April 10th
GOOD FRIDAY
Outdoor Stations
of the Cross
3:00pm
Good Friday Liturgical Service
7:00pm

Saturday, April 11th
EASTER VIGIL
Blessing of Food
Baskets 1:00pm
Mass of the Easter
Vigil 7:00pm



Sunday, April 12th
EASTER SUNDAY
Masses with the Sprinkling of
the Holy Waters
8:30, 10:00, 11:30am



Sunday, April 19th
DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY
Adoration 1:00 to 3:00pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Benediction 3:30pm

VOTIVE CANDLES <i>Votive offering for the week of March 8th:</i>	Special intention of the Brady Family For Teodoras Simanavicius—Happy Birthday In memory of Julian Lly—Anniver. of Death
St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality	

FACTS ABOUT LENT

Q: Are chicken and fish considered meat?

A: Chicken yes, fish no. The Catholic Church's abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cattle or pigs—all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Fish are a different category of animal.

Q: What feasts are celebrated during Lent?

A: Though Lenten liturgies take precedence on most weekdays, the Church celebrates the feasts of St. Patrick on Mar. 17th and St. Joseph on Mar. 19th.

Q: What determines the date Easter Sunday falls on or when Lent begins?

A: The Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., determined that Easter should be celebrated the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. To determine the beginning of Lent, count back six Sundays before Easter. The Wednesday before the first of these Sundays is Ash Wednesday.

Q: What does the word Lent mean?

A: It is from the Anglo-Saxon word *lengten*, which means spring. [From Modern Catholic Dictionary by John Hardon, S.J.]

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
March 13	7:00PM
Altar Servers	R. Podkowski A. Podkowski J. Beecher
Lector	S. Beecher



Monday 8:15AM	March 9 Lenten Weekday †Mary Decker
Tuesday 8:15AM	March 10 Lenten Weekday †Betty Eby
Wednesday 7:00PM	March 11 Lenten Weekday Purgatorial Society
Thursday 8:15AM	March 12 Lenten Weekday †Rudy Purkart
Friday 6:30PM 7:00PM	March 13 Lenten Week- <i>day—Mass & Stations of the Cross</i> Recitation of the Rosary †Vera Janda 
Saturday 5:30PM	March 14 VIGIL: THIRDSUNDAY OF LENT †Daisy O'Hara
Sunday 8:30AM 10:00AM 11:30AM	March 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT INT. OF Rev. Edward D. Gleeson—Birthday †Mary Obrochta Living & Deceased Parishioners

March 14 & 15	5:30PM	8:30AM	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
Celebrant	Father Gleeson	Father Gleeson	Father Fenili	Father Gleeson
Altar Servers	F. Zabilka J. Zabilka W. Tishuk	J. H. Dillenburg E. Witter A. Dillenburg	J. Zubek M. Zubek D. LaSota	D. Lawler P. Lawler T. & B. Lawler
Lector	B. Tishuk	T. Gorski	M. Zubek	B. Quinn
LEM	B. Tishuk	M. Dillenburg	Deacon John	D. Lasica
Ushers	F. Zabilka J. Starha C. Hughes E. Liczwek	M. Hally T. Lang F. Pearman H. Grutza	M. Wall D. Butalla M. Lavery J. Pajkos	B. Czaja J. Neadly R. Poynter M. Fleckenstein