

Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

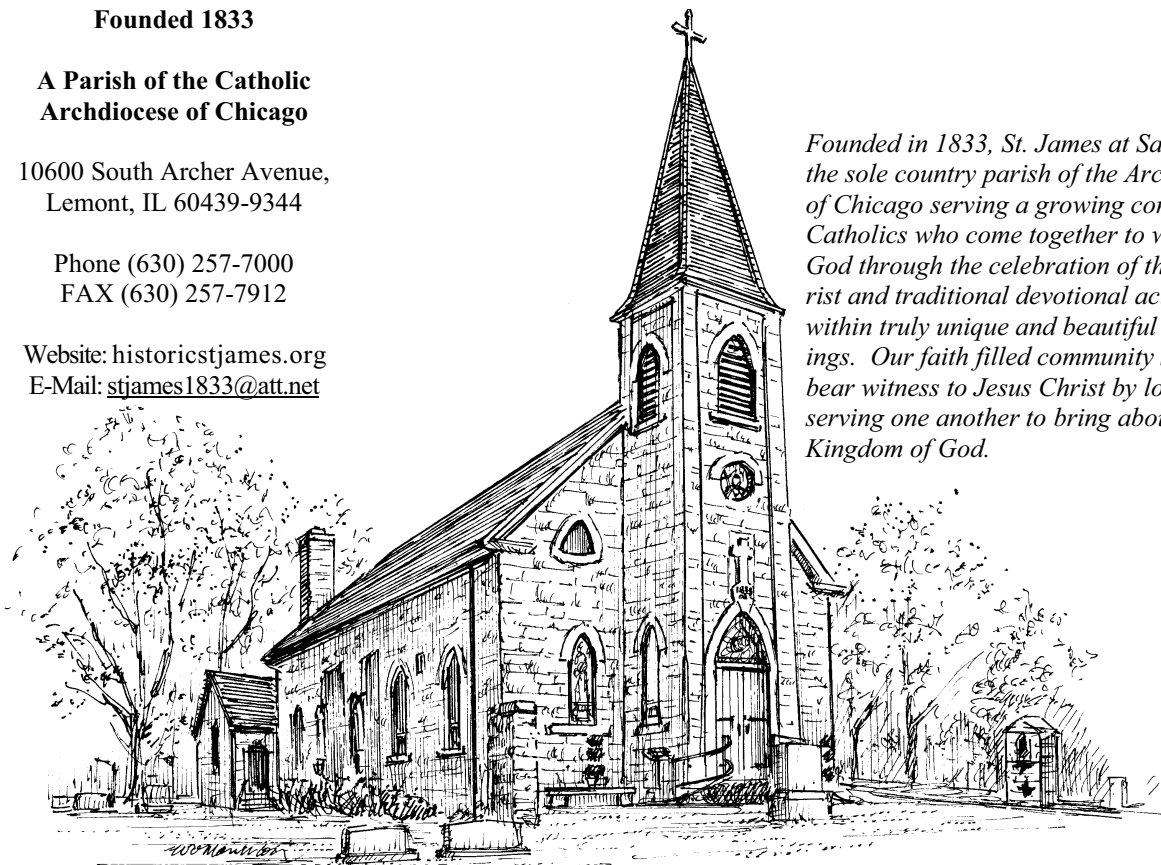
Founded 1833

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 22, 2009 — FOURTH 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

There Are Only Two Things That Are For Certain: Death And Taxes But Some People Don't Pay Taxes

The tulips which bloom early this spring will have died long before summer arrives. Newly born infants who brighten the lives of loving parents will themselves grow old and follow those parents into the darkness of the grave. In the far distant future the sun, which is our furnace, will exhaust its energy and the earth will endure a frozen death. As a matter of fact the entire universe is finite, limited in the resources which are needed for continued existence. Even as this old country curate writes this article the universe is slowly but surely passing away. Pessimistic as all of this sounds, we Catholics have been given the gift of Hope.

Along with Faith Hope is like a bright light shining on the awesome truth within God's plan. We call this truth the Paschal Mystery.

According to God's plan death leads to life. This same plan applies to all of us. It has been said that there are only two things in life that are for certain: death and taxes. But some people don't pay taxes. So death is the only thing that cannot be escaped. In the preface for the Mass of the dead the priest says: "In Christ who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection has dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthy dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven." And then in the Eucharistic Acclamation of every Mass we cry out to our Risen Savior: "By dying You destroyed our death; by rising You restored our life."

In this Gospel Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life". Then St. John explained what the Lord meant. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

Jesus the Christ declared that He must be lifted

up. It was His way of referring to His Crucifixion. The manner of His death was the kind inflicted on hardened criminals. The lives of executed criminals always ends in tragedy. And so the cross seemed to indicate a defeat, not a victory. Faith, however, tells us something totally different. The only crime that Jesus had committed was not a crime at all. He robbed death of its power. The cross was neither a tragedy nor a defeat but a glorious triumph. In that triumph we already share since God the Father in His great love has brought to us a life in God the Son when we were dead in sin. He has also reserved

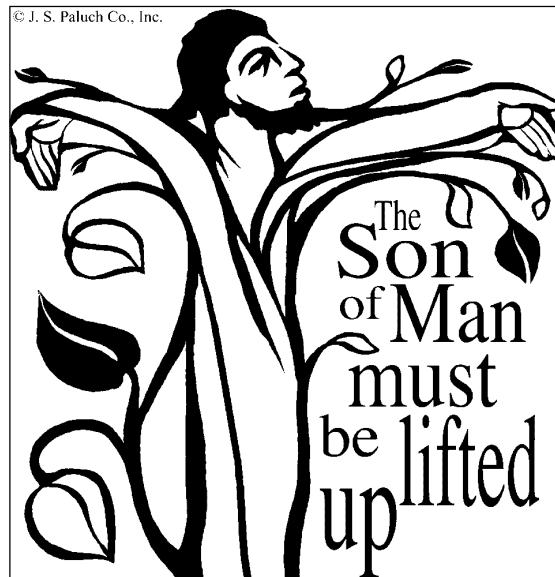
for us a place in His Heavenly Home so that in the ages to come He might display the great wealth of His favor toward us. This is precisely the truth that St. Paul told the Ephesians about in the second reading of this Mass.

"Brothers and sisters: God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. By His grace you have been saved and raised up with Him, and seated with Him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come

He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Lent gives all of us Catholics the opportunity to rise from the death of sin to the life of grace. We can accomplish this through prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Especially we can accomplish this through the Sacrament of Penance. Confessions are heard here every Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15pm. During our annual parish mission Confessions will be heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 6, 7, and 8 at 8:00pm. Now is the right time for us to rise from our sinful graves.

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 **CAVALLO FAMILY** in memory of Ruben Martinez. Thank you!



**The collection for St. James on the weekend of March 15, 2009 was \$4,818.00
Aid for Church in Central
& Eastern Europe was \$876.00**

The number of March 15th Offertory Envelopes handed in the weekend of March 14th and 15th was 182. The amount of money coming out of those envelopes was \$ 4,037.00 which averages out to \$22.18 per envelope. Our many thanks to the 182 contributing families.

BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT.

**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:

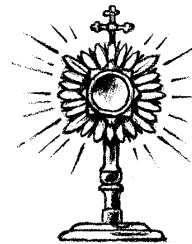
- Those who suffer from a serious illness.
- Those who suffer from serious weakness caused by old age.
- Those who have already been anointed, but suffer from a different illness, or the same illness grows worse.
- Those who are to undergo surgery because of serious illness.
- Small children who are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



**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. The churches are: St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Mary of the Angels, Holy Trinity Polish Mission, St. John Cantius and Holy Innocents.

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.

2009 Catholic Lenten Calendar



22 *Sunday* **The Mission** John 3:16-18
Jesus' mission is summed up in His name: "He and I are One." It is to "bring to the one whom God has sent."

23 *Monday* **Lectio Divina** John 5:14
"Multiply the occasions for fasting and reading the Word of the Lord, especially through the practice of the five and powerful reading of Scripture!" —Pope John Paul II

24 *Tuesday* **Healer of My Soul** Luke 13:18
Jesus cures us of all sorts of ailments, but the Word is to be made flesh—in heart! Today may we allow God's Word to be done—in us!

25 *Wednesday* **Hail, Mary!** Luke 1:28-38
Today Gabriel announces to Mary that the Word is to be made flesh—in her! Today may we allow God's Word to be done—in us!

26 *Thursday* **Abide in Him** John 15:4
"The only way to abide in the spirit of Christ." —Pope Benedict XVI
Let your life be full of love, prayer to God, life turning towards Him. Delight in Your Father!

27 *Friday* **Living Water** John 7:37-38
Jesus bids all who are thirsty to believe in Him, so that they may have the living water that flows from His heart, and to come to Him, and to drink of the living water that flows from His heart.

28 *Saturday* **All Are Called** 1 Thessalonians 4:11
Today is the day of silence! Live the Good News joyfully, courageously, and with integrity. God is calling us to holiness.

29 *Sunday* **Glorify Thy Name** John 12:13-15
The Father glorified His Name through the selfless gift of Jesus. Today I will not complain for the sake of the Name.

30 *Monday* **Rescued!** John 8:11
God redeems His following children just as with the woman caught in adultery, God rescues us, even from our own sin.

31 *Tuesday* **Unconditional Love** John 3:14-15
As we move toward Easter, as we become more aware of the mystery of Jesus in our lives! Meditate today on the crucifixion.

1 *Wednesday* **Sin's slavery** John 8:11-12
The slave of sin does what the power of an evil one wants to do. Call upon the Lord today to help you recognize something that enslaves you.

2 *Thursday* **Covenant Love** Genesis 12:9-10
God loves us—passionately! His covenant with us shall endure forever. In gratitude, go more often to Mass this week.

3 *Friday* **The Father's Works** John 10:37-39
"If I do the Father's works, believe in me, so as to believe...the Father is in me." Today do a good work for someone.

4 *Saturday* **Solitude** John 11:54
God speaks in the quiet spaces of our life. Even Jesus needed to get away to be renewed. Take some time with Him today!

5 *Sunday* **Out of the Depths** Psalm 121:1-2
"Prayer enables us to meet God at the most profound level of our being. Through prayer you will learn to know the light of the world!" —Pope John Paul II
Out of the depths I call to you, LORD, / Lord, take my eye!

6 *Monday* **Suffering Servant** Isaiah 42:1-4
Jesus is the Suffering Servant, upheld by God. God will also uphold you as you offer your suffering today with Christ.

7 *Tuesday* **Unwanted Disciple** John 13:36-38
We are like Peter: strong and weak, courageous and fearful. Seek to recognize your weakness and rely completely on Jesus.

8 *Wednesday* **Betrayal** Matthew 26:14-16
Lord, when I mistrust others I betray You. Forgive me for hurting others in what I have done or failed to do.

9 *Thursday* **Holy Thursday—April 9** John 13:1-15
Take and Eat: Wash the Feet
Tonight Jesus gives us Himself as our Living Bread. He also gives us Himself as our Servant, in the washing of the feet. He commands us to receive Him in the Eucharist, and to serve one another in humility.

10 *Friday* **Good Friday—April 10** John 18:1-19:42
The Passion of the Christ
"When the cross is embraced it becomes a sign of love and total self-giving. To carry it behind Christ means to be united with Him in offering the greatest proof of love... The 'way of life' is the way of the cross." —Pope John Paul II

11 *Saturday* **Exeter Vigil—April 11** John 18:1-19:42
This is the Night!
This is the night when Jesus steps forth triumphantly from the tomb, victorious over sin and death! "If we have died with Him then we shall rise with Him, if we endure with Him, then we shall reign with Him!"
Romans 6:3,11

12 *Sunday* **Traditional Lenten Observances** John 13:36-38
Fasting and Abstinence: The Church calls Catholics aged 14 and older to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent. Also, Catholics from age 18-59 are called to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

13 *Monday* **Prayer** John 17:20-26
During Lent the Church invites all believers to pray more, especially with Scripture. Catholics are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

14 *Tuesday* **Almsgiving** Luke 11:21-22
"Blessed are those who consider the poor" (Psalm 41:2). Jesus calls us to care for the poor with material blessings given from our heart. One way is to give to the poor the money saved by fasting this Lent.

15 *Wednesday* **The Paschal Triduum** John 13:36-38
From Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday
Holy Thursday—April 9
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the midst of Lent, with its drama of sin and grace, of evil and good, I write about a threat to our freedom to practice our religion in our State.

Before the Illinois General Assembly there is a proposal (HB 2354, the "Reproductive Health and Access Act") that would remove the right to conscientious objection to abortion and related procedures for all health care workers. Thirty years ago, we were told that abortion is a rare but necessary tragedy and that abortion providers should not be legally punished. Today we are being told that abortion is a human right and that those who qualify it in any manner or who will not provide it should be legally punished.

This proposed law will drive Catholic doctors and nurses from health care and will make it impossible for Catholic hospitals to continue to be places where life is always respected, where no one is deliberately killed. In our country, we recognize conscientious objection to war, even though defending one's country is a noble and moral act. We recognize the conscientious objection of those doctors who will not cooperate in administering the death penalty, even for terrible crimes. Why do some Illinois legislators want to take away conscientious objection to abortion?

The enemies of human life and religious freedom in Illinois are well funded. Pressure on legislators is great and is increasing. I ask you to contact your Representative this week to express your dismay that the Illinois legislature, elected democratically, would debate a bill that removes freedom of conscientious decision-making for health care workers as a condition of their employment. If, as we are told, the State should not come between a doctor and a mother, then surely all can agree that the State should not come between a health care worker and God.

We have, unfortunately, had to get used to the fact that our laws no longer protect unborn human life; now we are to get used to the fact that our laws will no longer protect conscience. In 1844, Abraham Lincoln broke with his own party, the often anti-Catholic Whigs, and proposed: "Resolved, that the guarantee of the rights of conscience, as found in our Constitution, is most sacred and inviolable, and one that belongs no less to the Catholic, than to the Protestant; and that all attempts to abridge or interfere with these rights, either of Catholic or Protestant, directly or indirectly, have our decided disapprobation, and shall ever have our most effective opposition." Illinois HB 2354 betrays the legacy of Lincoln in his home State.

This proposed law will rend the already fragile garment of our civic unity and further alienate many from our government. Catholics and all people of good will should work to ensure its defeat. I also ask you to thank those legislators who are courageously opposing HB 2354 and to pray for those who are supporting it. To contact your legislator, please go to www.ilga.gov, or call 312-368-1066. Thank you and God bless you.

Francis Cardinal George, OMI

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Cardinal George, OMI".

Archbishop of Chicago

**LENTEN, HOLYWEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE
OF DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES**



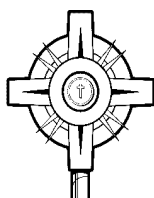
Sunday, March 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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
Monday, April 6th
Preaching 7:00pm
Confessions 8:00pm
Tuesday, 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	Special intention for the Brady
Votive offering for the week of March 22nd:	Family
St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality	In honor of Harry & Ann Schickel
Special intention for Mary Jane Purkart	In honor of Jack Oremus
	In honor of Charles Arnold

ALTAR & ROSARY CORNER

Members of the St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality are making a Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN, on Saturday, March 28th. They plan to meet in the church parking lot at 8:45am. Any questions, please call JoAnn Starha at 630-323-2864.

WHERE JESUS WALKED

The Lady of the Forest Guild invites you to visit the Holy Land through sight and sound. Your guide for the afternoon is the distinguished lecturer Carl Dinello. Through Carl's personal collection of slides, you will be taken on a scriptural journey during the time of Jesus.

We invite your family on **Sunday March 29th at 1 PM** in Saginaw Hall to this outstanding presentation. Make this part of your Lenten journey. It is an opportunity to enhance your knowledge in our Catholic Traditions.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
March 27	7:00PM
Altar Servers	E. Witter J. H. Dillenburg A. Dillenburg
Lector	S. Witter



Monday March 23 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15AM †Adalbert Stach

Tuesday March 24 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15AM **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

Wednesday March 26
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
7:00PM †Thomas & Matt Doyle



Thursday March 26 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15AM †Sophie Podlasek

Friday March 27 *Lenten Week-day—Mass & Stations of the Cross*
6:30PM **Recitation of the Rosary**
7:00PM †Michael Nelson



Saturday March 28
VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10:00AM ANOINTING OF THE SICK
5:30PM †Jerry Mogy

Sunday March 29
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30AM **Living & Deceased Parishioners**
10:00AM **int. of Irene Slosowski**
11:30AM †Dr. William Graber

March 28 & 29	5:30PM	8:30AM	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
Celebrant	Father Gleeson	Father Gleeson	Father Gleeson	Father Schmidt
Altar Servers	D. Veitkus M. Ginger R. Veitkus	R. Podkowski J. Beecher A. Podkowski	Z. Reitz J. Reitz J. Reitz	B. A'hearn K. Smuda K. Janociak
Lector	C. Zarzycki	C. Beecher	B. Woeslaw	D. Lasica
LEM	Deacon John	Deacon John	D. Lasica	D. Lasica
Ushers	J. Starha C. Hughes E. Liczwek	M. Hally T. Lang F. Pearman H. Grutza	R. Lawler D. Butalla M. Lavery J. Pajkos	B. Czaja J. Neadly R. Poynter M. Fleckenstein