

Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

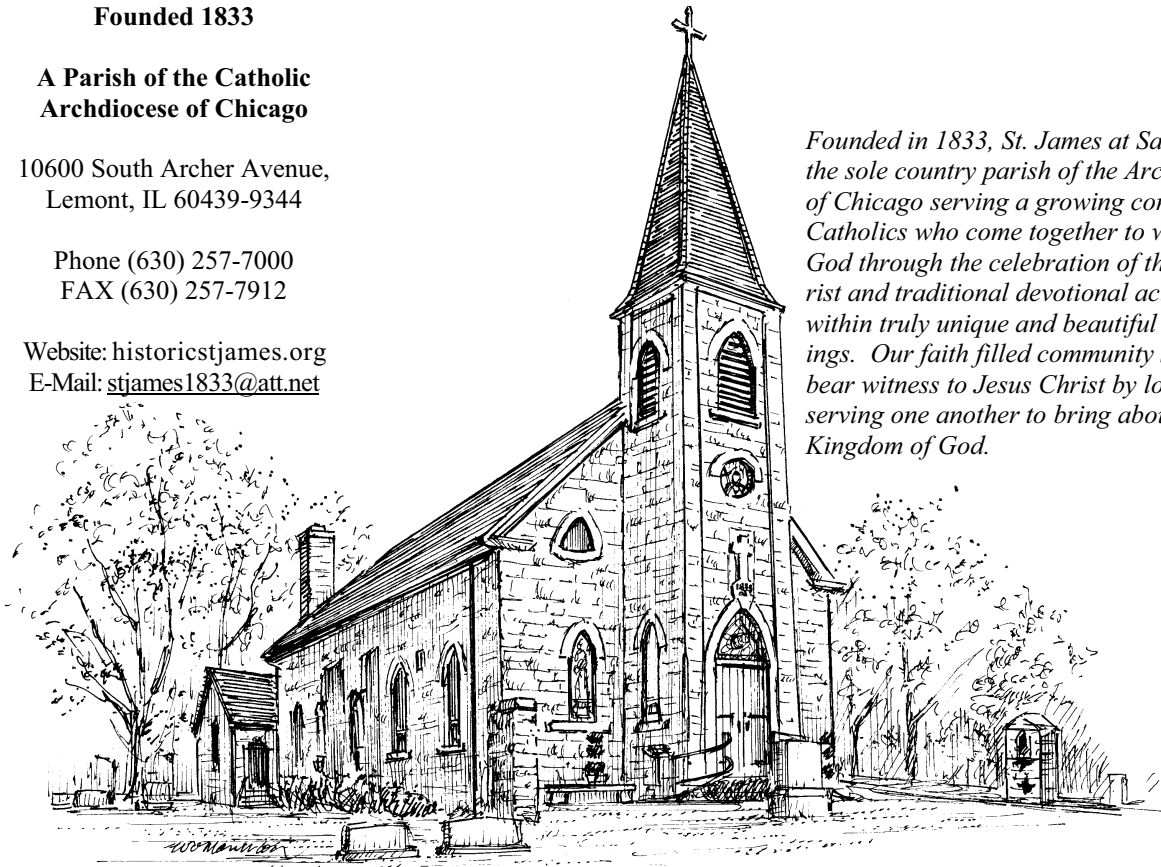
Founded 1833

A Parish of the Catholic
Archdiocese of Chicago

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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 29, 2009 — FIFTH 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

FOR US BELIEVERS IT IS ALL UPSIDE DOWN: DEATH MEANS LIFE

Two thousand years ago all of God's love was concentrated into a single action. His love was so intense that it exploded with such a force that it was propelled outward in a great sphere, moving not only forward but even backward in time. That action

was the death and resurrection of God's only Son. It is that central part of our faith that we call the Paschal Mystery. In the death and resurrection of God the Son we see the providence of God the Father. The Father's plan is that death unfolds into life. The death of His Son led to His resurrection. And His death will lead to our resurrection as well. God's plan is a critical part of all reality, not only of our own personal spiritual lives. In this Gospel Jesus explained His own Paschal Mystery by using the analogies of seeds and fruit.

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

All of us Catholics come into contact with the Paschal Mystery for the first time in the Sacrament of Baptism. It was just like what St. Paul wrote to the Romans. "We who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were indeed buried with Him through Baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life."

When we enter this wee bit of a parish church prior to our participation in the Mass, we walk right up to one of our two Holy Water fonts, dip our fingers into the bowl, and make the Sign of the Cross with Holy Water. It is a frequently repeated symbol.



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And every time that we do it we are reminded of our Baptisms. The Sign of the Cross with the Holy Water makes us aware that we gather in church to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Every time we join in the celebration

of Mass we do so in memory of the Christ's death and resurrection, His Paschal Mystery. Once each year we celebrate the Paschal Mystery in a special manner during those three days which are called the sacred Triduum. Although the celebration involves three different days in a reflection of the historical unfolding of these events of our salvation, the death and resurrection of God the Son are one reality, His Paschal Mystery, always present before God the Father. These three days represent more than a mere recalling of events in the past. They are the living memorial of the Paschal Mystery as we enter into the memory of God.

Our final sharing in the Paschal Mystery will not come until the day of our own physical deaths. For us believers it is all upside down. Death means life. Then the Eucharistic words of Our Savior will be fulfilled: "Those who eat My flesh and drink My blood have life everlasting and I will raise them up on the last day." In the meantime we get ready for that last day by joining our parish family together in this historic little old country church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

As we did last year we will prepare for the Easter Triduum in a special way with our annual Parish Mission on Monday, April 6, Tuesday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 8, leading us to Holy Thursday, April 9, Good Friday, April 10, and Easter Sunday, April 12. Fr. Bob Lombardo will be with us at 7:00pm on all three nights to be followed by Confessions.

God Bless Our Parish
FR. ED GLEESON, PASTOR

FLOWERS

A flower bouquet donation was made by **MARIA RAZO** in memory of Patricia & Agustin Jasso. The other flower bouquet donation was made by the estate of **Marie C. Murphy**. Thank you!



The collection for St. James on the weekend of March 22, 2009 was \$3,459.20

The number of March 22nd Offertory Envelopes handed in the weekend of March 21st and 22nd was 154. The amount of money coming out of those envelopes was \$2,869.00 which averages out to \$18.63 per envelope. Our many thanks to the 154 contributing families.

BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT.

Introducing the Cardinal's Network

Exciting and dramatic changes to digital and electronic communications are happening almost daily in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The most recent initiative, the ***Cardinal's Network***, has been introduced on the Archdiocesan web site.

Beginning in April, Cardinal George will occasionally share his thoughts, reflections and prayers electronically with all who subscribe by providing an email address.

To join Cardinal George's new communications initiative, visit www.archchicago.org and click on ***Cardinal's Network*** in the box on the Home Page.

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.

**LENTEN PERFORMANCE
THE LAST SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST**

The Little Flowers Catholic Dance and Theatre Troupe is proud to present their eleventh year of music, drama, and dance brought to Chicagoland.

This year's performance, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, features the classic musical by Du-bois, incorporating a live passion play performance by the troupe, along with a full chorus, vocal soloists, and orchestra. This unique Lenten performance is a very moving experience for the whole family. Mikayla Walsh is a member of the troupe and is playing 1 of the 2 sorrowful angels. Nichole Walsh is in the choir and Joseph Walsh is part of the stage crew. Call Mikayla Walsh at 630-863-7134 for more information and tickets..

Tickets: \$10 adults—\$5 children (5-12)

St. Michael's—Wheaton

310 S. Wheaton Ave.

Saturday, March 28—7:30pm

Nativity BVM—Chicago

6821 S. Washtenaw Ave.

Saturday, April 4—1:30pm

St. Jude's—New Lenox

241 W. 2nd Ave.

Tuesday, April 7—7:15pm

***Welcome to our
New Parishioners***



Over the past months the following people have joined St. James parish. We extend our best wishes to them and their families, and heartily welcome them to St. James.

- John & Irene O'Malley**
- Stanley & Patricia Ruminski**
- Catherine Hickey**
- Nancy Wasik**
- Gregory & Carrie Peters**
- Gary & Charlotte Johnson**
- Cheryl Dykas**
- Bob Fierke**
- Keith & Kathleen Killacky**
- Marilyn Miller**

ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE SHOP & SHARE

Shop at Jewel food stores on **March 23, 24, & 25; March 30, 31 & April 1; and April 6, 7 & 8** and Jewel will contribute 5% of your total grocery bill to Illinois Right to Life. Shop for Life coupons must be used and are available in back of church. Just give the signed coupons to the checkout clerk when paying for your groceries.

ALVERNIA MANOR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, April 4th Alvernia Manor Retirement Community is having their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser from 3:00 to 7:00pm. Come support their Seniors and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and music. Adults \$12.00 each and children under 10 are \$4.00 each. Located at 13950 Main Street, or call 630-257-7721 for more details.

ZACCHAEUS HOUSE THANK YOU

We thank you via our own signatures for your kind donation to our work at Zacchaeus House of \$1,251.71. This is a ministry of Catholic Deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago providing a home for men without a home while they reconstruct their lives following upon misfortune or mistake. Your generosity helps us house, feed, clothe and assist men on their way. You show yourself a companion in this work with the poor. Bless you!

SOUTH SUBURBAN PADS NEEDS HELP

Volunteers at the homeless Shelton on Monday night and Tuesday mornings are needed at St. Luke, 10700 So. Kean Ave in Palos Hills. There are three shifts 6-11pm, 10:45pm to 3am, 2:45 to 7am. If you are interested in taking a shift please contact Tom Kosbiel at 708-687-1129. Many people are needed to contribute time, talent and assistance. This is a great Lenten opportunity to help others in need.

ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL THEATER GROUP

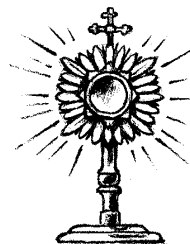
presents Cotton Patch Gospel by Harry Chapin. Public performances Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00pm and Saturday April 4th at 1:00pm. Tickets at the door \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 students with ID. St. Rita Auditorium is located at 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago. For questions email: lcondon@stritahs.com.



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!



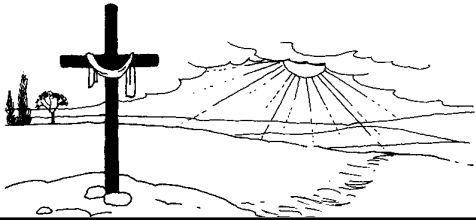
DAY OF PRAYER

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.



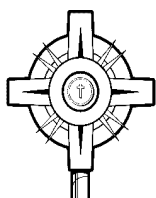
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 DAY OF PRAYER Adoration 9am—6pm; Benediction 6:00pm; Mass & Stations 6:45pm	4
5 H o s a n n a!  PALM SUNDAY	LENTEN PARISH MISSION			9  Mass 7:00pm Benediction 8:30 to midnight Bus visiting churches leaves at 8:15pm	10  Outdoor Stations 3:00pm Liturgical Service 7:00pm	11  Bless Food Baskets 1:00pm EASTER VIGIL Mass 7:00PM
12  EASTER SUNDAY Masses 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am	13	14 RE Classes 8th Grade Confessions 7:00pm in Church	15 Prayerful Wishes Society Mass 7:00pm HNS Mtg. 7:45pm	16	17	18
19 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>  Adoration 1:00- 3:00pm; Chap- let 3:00pm; Benediction 3:30pm	20	21 RE Classes Movie on the scapular will be shown	22	23	24	25 WEDDING 11:30am
26	27	28 RE Classes Confirmation practice 7:00pm in Church	29	30		

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



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



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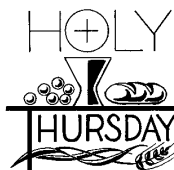
Friday April 3rd
Adoration 9:00am—6:00pm
Benediction 6:00pm
Mass & Stations 7:00pm



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

Votive offering for the week of March 29th:

St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality

In memory of Francis Brady
 In memory of Ted Zmuda
 Special intention for the Brady Family

MT. ASSISI ACADEMY SENIORS AWARDED OVER \$3.2 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

Members of the Mt. Assisi Academy's Class of 2009 are already surpassing the school record for most scholarship money awarded to a senior class. There are 81 seniors graduating who collectively have been awarded \$3,241,900 in scholarship funds from over 100 colleges and universities nation-wide. The amount of the scholarship awards vary, ranging anywhere from \$12,000 to two full rides valued at \$128,000 each, and average out to approximately \$40,000 per student. In addition to those scholarship awards ten Mt. Assisi Seniors were named 2009 Illinois State Scholars. For more information about Mount Assisi Academy please contact Camille Auskainis, Director of Recruiting at 630-257-7844 ext. 39 or at recruiter@mtassiacademy.org.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 3	7:00PM
Altar Servers	K. Smuda T. Wall W. Tishuk
Lector	B. Tishuk



Monday 8:15AM	March 30 Lenten Weekday int. of Peter Diamond
Tuesday 8:15AM	March 31 Lenten Weekday int. of Peter Diamond
Wednesday 7:00PM	April 1 Lenten Weekday †Raymond Arndt
Thursday 8:15AM	April 2 Lenten Weekday †Barbara Iles
Friday 9:00AM TO 6:00PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM 7:45PM	April 3 DAY OF PRAYER Adoration  Benediction Recitation of the Rosary Mass †Marie C. Murphy Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:30PM	April 4 VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY Thomas Kane family, living & deceased
Sunday 8:30AM 10:00AM 11:30AM	April 5 PALM SUNDAY †Marcella & Joe Malloy †Robert Biochin & Sanora Castrovono †Robert Diamond

April 4 & 5	5:30PM	8:30AM	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
Celebrant	Father Gleeson	Father Gleeson	Father Fahey	Father Gleeson
Altar Servers	R. Podkowski A. Podkowski M. Ginger	P. Lawler D. Lawler T. & B Lawler	B. A'hearn D. LaSota T. Wall	A. Gorniak K. Janociak M. May
Lector	L. Pieprzyca B. Tishuk	R. Lawler M. Dillenburg	D. Lasica D. LaSota	T. Kulawiak B. Quinn
LEM	B. Tishuk	Deacon John	D. Lasica	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