

Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

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AUGUST 4, 2013 EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

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.



Parish Boundaries

The Village of Willow Springs, The Village of Burr Ridge (Cook County only). Unincorporated Lemont Township along Archer Avenue, Bell Road, and Route 83.

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturdays, 5:30 P.M.
Sundays, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:15 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Weekdays: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays: 8:15 A.M.
Wednesdays: 7:00 P.M.

Confession Schedule

Saturdays: 4:30 to 5:15 P.M. or by appointment.

Baptisms

Sundays after the 11:30 A.M. Mass by appointment.
At least one parent must be a registered parishioner.

Weddings

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

Funerals

For families of registered parishioners. For non-parishioners to be buried in our own cemetery.

Religious Education Classes

1st through 8th Grade
Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
September through April.
At least one parent must be a registered parishioner.

Rectory Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays:
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Marriage preparation by appointment only.

Parish Ministerial Staff

Father Thomas Koys, M.A., S.T.L., Pastor
Father Edward Gleeson, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John Wilkinson, CKM, Minister of Care/RCIA
Mr. Brian Tishuk, Director of Religious Education
Mr. Thomas Kulawiak, Business Manager
Mrs. Pamela Stafford, Music Coordinator
Mrs. Pamela Mikrut, Organist
Mr. Rodney Poynter, Holy Name President
Mrs. JoAnn Starha, Altar & Rosary Sodality President

Rectory Support Staff

Mrs. Jane Mayer, Administrative Assistant/Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Bronislawa Raj, Housekeeper/Cook

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

GOD IS ETERNAL WHILE WE LIVE IN HISTORY

I must share a thought with you today regarding our beautiful little church on the hill. I believe we can all learn a valuable lesson about our faith as we re-visit an old matter. I understand re-visiting old wounds can be painful, but I believe this one is worth it. I was inspired to write this article after Deacon John showed me an old picture of our sanctuary as it looked after the “post-Vatican II updating”. I can’t tell you the exact date, but I imagine there are a few of you who will remember it. The picture showed the altar where it is now, but the back walls as well as the walls upon which St Joseph and the Blessed Virgin are, are completely bare. I know I am not telling you anything new, but we have all seen churches that have been “stripped” of traditional attire for the sake of simplicity and keeping up with the times. After slapping myself in the face with a cold wet rag to bring me out of the state of panic I was in after seeing this precious “naked” sanctuary I began to think about why such a “renovation” was such a mistake especially here at St James. It has to do with faith in God and a sense of history.

We begin by contemplating God. One of our basic beliefs about God is that God is eternal, right? Right! But we must not take this for granted, because not all people think this way. Paganism, which dominated the world before Christianity always consider their gods as incapable of death, but they never considered them as outside of time. They were more powerful than us humans but they lived in time just like us. Today, as Christianity fades away and is replaced in the minds of the “new pagans” the Christian sense of time is obscured. Witness the great popularity and reverence that many give to the divine spirits that make up the religions of the numerous indigenous tribes of our land.

So what does this have to do with remodeling our sanctuary? Well, about 93.5% of the people that I have met so far here and especially those people who love to

visit this old church love to talk about history. It usually begins with stories of the people buried here, but quickly expands to all sorts of historical details. I must confess, I have been bitten by the bug of historical research as soon as I set foot within our holy walls. When you step into our church you are transported in time

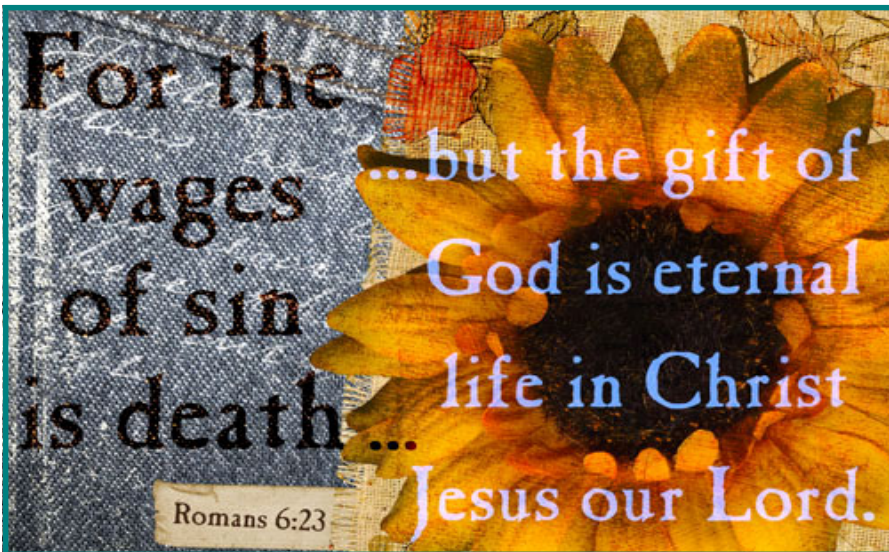
while being firmly rooted in the present. There is something almost magical, mystical about praying here. When you come to this church you can’t help but realize you are in a place that has withstood the test of time. You can feel, almost 200 years of Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. You begin to feel that

your life, as complicated and marvelous as it is, is only a small chapter in a longer story. The stories of the French Missionaries who brought the Gospel and the Sacraments to the Black Hawks, the Potawatomi, the poor Irish immigrants, Civil War generations and all the rest. We need to let the ages speak to us here. And so, the removal of some of the old things has a certain sense of forcing the past to keep silent. Seeing the sanctuary so bare made me think that the new generation did not respect the past generations enough. It was the right thing to do when the renovation after the renovation brought back the old high altar.

God is eternal while we live in history. But us historical beings don’t appreciate history enough. And if we don’t appreciate our history we won’t marvel in the eternal God who lives outside of history and calls us to live with Him in a future timeless glory. A young person who awakens to the fact that the world does not begin and end with himself is ready to receive God. Only then, is he ready to make his mark in history.

that God will lead us to make our nation, unlike other nations...

FATHER THOMAS KOYS, M.A., S.T.L., PASTOR



ALTAR-FLOWERS



The two large bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available in memory of
 †**FLORENCE H. STACH** by Mr. & Mrs. Pearman.
THANK YOU!



The collection for St. James on the weekend of July 28, 2013 is \$3,415.50.

Missionary CO-OP for July was \$528.00*
Maintenance total for July was \$1,582.15
ZH Sharing total for July was \$1,172.15

The number of July 28th *Offertory Envelopes* handed in the weekend of July 27th and July 28th was 126. The amount of money coming out of those envelopes was \$2,707.00 which averages out to \$21.50 per envelope. Our many thanks to the 126 contributing families.

BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT.

*Clarification regarding the Summer Mission Co-op 2nd collection. Each summer every parish is asked to sponsor a "Missionary speaker" who works or represents a Religious Community that labors, usually in Africa or Latin America. Overt, which is the envelope company that sends us our envelopes arbitrarily stamps the Summer Mission Co-op envelopes with a summer date. This year it was July 28, last weekend. Unfortunately, I did not foresee the confusion, since, obviously, we did not have a Mission speaker last weekend. The \$528.00 we have collected will be saved and sent to the archdiocesan Missions office along with any other gifts that we collect. Sorry for this confusion.

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JOIN US ON SUMMER MISSIONARY CO-OP WEEKEND Aug. 10th & 11th At ALL the Weekend Masses with Guest Speaker Sr. Kathy Schmittgens, School Sister of Notre Dame

Sr. Kathy Schmittgens, a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) will be speaking regarding the needs of the SSND Missions in Africa: Ghana, Nigeria, The Gambia, Kenya and Sierra Leone at all the weekend Masses on **August 10th and 11th**. Sr. Kathy is the development Director for the Province of Africa for the SSND, an international congregation. She worked for five years in the West African country of Sierra Leone as a secondary school science and math teacher. When civil war escalated in Sierra Leone she returned to the U.S. and worked as Director of Mission Education in the Missions office in the Diocese of San Diego. Until recently beginning her current ministry, Sr. Kathy spent eight years on the Provincial Council for her province in St. Louis.

Save the date:
Chastity Education Initiative
 Sat Oct. 12, 2013
 Reception @ 6pm
 St John Brefeuf
 8307 N Harlem, Niles, IL
www.RespectLifeChicago.org

ST JAMES' CYCLE CLUB
Ride with Fr. Koys on the I.&M. Canal Trail to Lockport.
Tuesday, Aug 6th, 2013
Mass at 8:15am
Breakfast: At the St James' Café
Departure: 9:30am
Lunch Stop: (time?)
Return: about 4:00pm
Bring: \$ for lunch, helmet & water bottle.
Chaperones Needed !!!

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MEMORIAL PATHWAY BLOCKS For OUR LADY OF THE FOREST GROTTO



We have many new parishioners and families since the Grotto was first built. If you have not done so already it would be an ideal time to get your personally inscribed grotto stones. Why not honor those special people in our lives with a gift that will last a lifetime. Or perhaps if you have recently lost a loved one, have them remembered with a lasting engraved stone in their memory.

We will be taking Grotto Stone orders now. *Please note that bricks will be located randomly and cannot be determined where any individual brick will be placed.*

8" x 8" STONES limit of 12 characters per line, including any spaces

8" Square Stones
cost \$250.00 ea.

12" Square Stones
cost \$500.00 ea.

12" X 12" STONES limit of 15 characters per line, including any spaces

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ block (s). Make check payable to St. James at Sag Bridge Church.

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Another military chaplain punished by base commander. Lt Col Ken Reyes published an article entitled “No Atheists in Foxholes, Chaplains Gave All in World War II”. When atheists complained about this article, the base commander, Col. Brian Duffy demanded that Reyes’ article be removed from its media outlets. These incidents are the results of a meeting between Michael Weinstein, an avowed atheist and Pentagon brass. Visit American Family Association for more info and to send a message to Col. Duffy.

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Chaplain’s Corner: No Atheists in Foxholes:Chaplains Gave All in World War II

by Lt. Col. Kenneth Reyes

Many have heard the familiar phrase, “There is no such thing as an atheist in a fox hole.”

Where did this come from?

Research I verified in an interview with former World War II prisoner of war Roy Bodine (my friend) indicates the phrase has been credited to Father William Cummings.

As the story goes, Father Cummings was a civilian missionary Catholic priest in the Philippines.

The phrase was coined during the Japanese attack at Corregidor.

During the siege, Cummings had noticed non-Catholics were attending his services. Some he knew were not Catholic, some were not religious and some were even known atheists. Life-and-death experiences prompt a reality check.

Even the strongest of beliefs can change, and, I may add, can go both ways – people can be drawn to or away from “faith.”

With the pending surrender of allied forces to the Japanese, Cummings uttered the famous phrase “There is no such thing as an atheist in a fox hole.”

In one of my many discussions with Roy, he distinctly remembered a period on the “Hell Ships” – these were ships the Japanese used to bring POWs from the Philippines back to Japan. They were unmarked and thus ‘fair game’ for attacks from the allies from the air and sea. Of the 3,000-plus POWs listed on the ships, only 180 survived the journey.

“When our own planes were attacking us,” Roy said, “I remember Father Cummings calming us down by reciting the Lord’s Prayer and offering up prayers on our behalf. For a brief moment I did not hear the yells and screams of dying men as our boat was attacked by our own men.”

He went on to say, “There was a peaceful quiet during the attack that I cannot explain nor have experienced since.” Later on during the trip to Japan, Cummings, after giving his food to others who needed it more, succumbed to his own need and died of starvation. Later on during the trip to Japan, Cummings, after giving his food to others who needed it more, succumbed to his own need and died of starvation.

Everyone expresses some form of faith every day, whether it is religious or secular. Some express faith by believing when they get up in the morning they will arrive at work in one piece, thankful they have been given another opportunity to enjoy the majesty of the day; or express relief the doctor’s results were negative.

The real question is, “Is it important to have faith in ‘faith’ itself or is it more important to ask, ‘What is the object of my faith?’”

Roy never affirmed or expressed whether his faith was rooted in religion or not, but for a moment in time on the “Hell Ships,” he believed in Cummings’ faith.

What is the root or object of your faith? Is it something you can count on in times of plenty or loss; peace or chaos; joy or sorrow; success or failure?

What is ‘faith’ to you?

“I Want The Church To Go Into The Streets”
Vatican City, 26 Vatican City, 26 July 2013 (VIS)

Yesterday Pope Francis added a new activity to the official program; he visited the Cathedral of Rio to greet his Argentine compatriots, to whom offered an impromptu address. The Holy Father thanked the young people who had come to greet him and spoke to them colloquially. “I want the Church to go out into the streets, I want us to defend ourselves against all worldliness, opposition to progress, from that which is comfortable, from that which is clericalism, from all that which means being closed up in ourselves. Parishes, schools, institutions are made in order to come out ... if they do not do this, they become a non-governmental organization, and the Church must not be an NGO”.

“I think that, at this time, this global civilisation has gone beyond its limits; it has gone beyond its limits because it has created such a cult of money, that we are in the presence of a philosophy and a practice of exclusion of the two poles of life which are the promises of the populace. The exclusion of the elderly, obviously. One might think that there exists a sort of hidden euthanasia; or rather, that we do not take care of the elderly. But there is also a cultural euthanasia, because we do not allow them to speak, we do not allow them to act. And then there is the exclusion of the young. The percentage of young unemployed is very high, and we have a generation without experience of the dignity one earns through work. This civilisation, that, is, which has led us to exclude the two peaks that form our future”.

The Pope encouraged the young to rise, to make themselves recognised, to fight for their values, and urged the elderly to speak, to teach us and to transmit their wisdom. “In the Argentine people, I ask the elderly with all my heart: do not disappoint in your role as the cultural reserve of our people, a reserve that transmits justice, that transmits history, the transmits values, that transmits the memory of the people. And you”, he said, addressing the young, “please, do not oppose yourself to the elderly: let them speak, listen to them and proceed. But know that in this moment you, the young, and the elderly, you are condemned to the same fate: exclusion. Do not allow yourselves to be excluded. Is this clear? It is for this, I think, that you must strive”.

Francis emphasised that faith is not a joke, but is rather a very serious matter. “It is a scandal that God made Himself one of us. It is a scandal that he died on a cross. It is a scandal: the scandal of the Cross. But it is the only sure path: that of the Cross, the path of Jesus, that of the incarnation of Jesus. Please, do not 'liquidise' your faith in Jesus Christ. We liquidise oranges, apples, bananas, but please – do not drink liquidised faith. Faith is whole, it cannot be liquidised or reduced. It is faith in Jesus. It is faith in the Son of God made man, who loved me and died for me. So, make a fuss! Take care of the extremes of the population, the elderly and the young! Do not let yourselves be excluded, and do not exclude the elderly. And secondly: do not liquidise your faith in Jesus Christ.

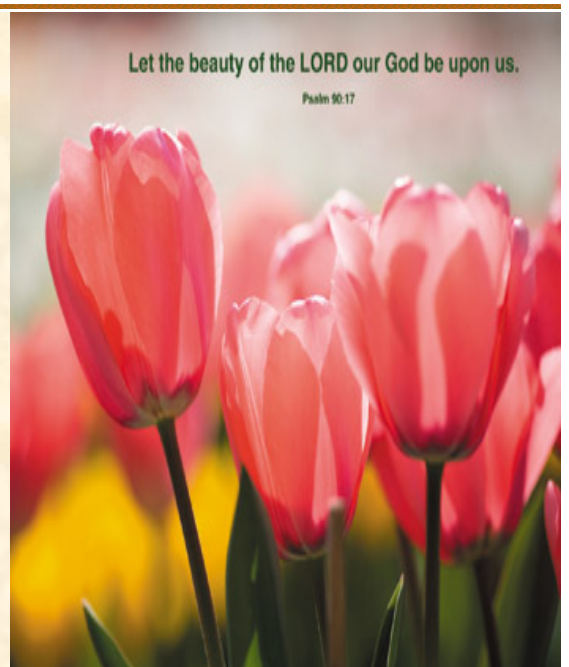


LOVING MOTHER OF THE
REDEEMER

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
 Gate of heaven, star of the sea,
 Assist your people who have
 fallen yet strive to rise again.
 To the wonderment of nature you
 bore your Creator, yet remained
 a virgin after as before.
 You who received Gabriel's joyful
 greeting, have pity on us, poor sinners.
 Amen.
Ancient Prayer

Let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us.

Psalm 90:17



VOTIVE CANDLES
 Votive offering for the week of August 4, 2013

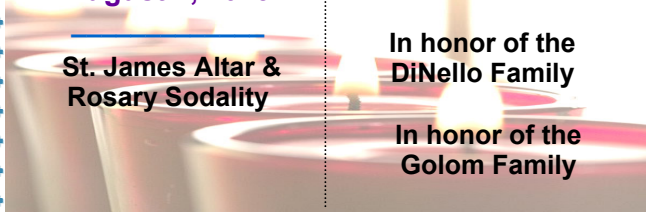
St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality

Special int. for the Arra Family

In memory of †Joseph Curry

In honor of the DiNello Family

In honor of the Golom Family



	St. Maximilian Kolbe	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	8/14/13 7:00p.m.	8/15/13 8:15a.m.	8/15/13 7:00p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. P. Guzman	Fr. Gleeson	Fr. P. Guzman
Altar Servers			
Cross	Lawler	J. Beecher	D. Wall
Right Candle	Lawler	J. Beecher	T. Szazynski
Left Candle	Lawler	M.C. Witter	J. Szazynski
Lectors	Lawler	Witter	D. Szazynski



2013—2014 MASS INTENTIONS
 If you want Mass intentions for 2013-2014 especially on weekends you need to request and pay for them now. The weekend Masses fill up very quickly and some of them are already spoken for. Come to the rectory or call during normal business hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 5 Weekday
 8:15 AM **Special int. for Ryan, Sibyl, Madelyn & Ryan Gabriel Jr. Guzior**

Tuesday August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:15 AM **Thanksgiving & Blessing for our new Pastor, Fr. Koys**

Wednesday August 7 St. Sixtus II
 7:00 PM **Special int. for †Michael & †Bonnie Mack**

Thursday August 8 St. Dominic
 8:15 AM **Special int. for Carla, Adrian & Ricardo Cardona-Tapia**

Friday August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 8:15 AM **Thanksgiving & Blessing for the Mayer & Wilkinson Families**

Saturday August 10
VIGIL: NINETEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY
 5:30 PM **†Louise Schweih**

Sunday August 11
NINETEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY
 8:30 AM **†Betty Eby**
 10:00 AM **Special int. †Richard Meister**
 11:30 AM **†Joe Vantrees**

19th Ordinary Sunday 8/10/13 & 8/11/13	5:30PM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
Celebrant	Father Koys	Father Koys	Father Gleeson	Father Gleeson
Altar Servers	P. Peters J. Szazynski T. Szazynski	A. Bertucci J. Wesolowski M.C. Witter	D. LaSota J. Beecher J. Beecher	M. May F. Zabilka J. Zabilka
Lector	L. Pieprzyca	C. Stach-Pearman	D. LaSota	T. Kulawiak
LEM	Deacon John	Deacon John	Father Koys	Father Koys
Ushers	S. Hillstrom J. Quigley C. Hughes	J. H. Dillenburg M. Hally T. Lang F. Pearman	D. Butalla M. Lavery J. Pajkos J. Wall	B. Czaja J. Neadly R. Poynter M. Fleckenstein