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SOCIAL CONCERNS/OUTREACH OVERVIEW

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*“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.”
Matthew 25:40*

Saint James Catholic Church continues to be a spiritual leader in the Heartland of Kentucky through its community outreach. The social concern and outreach committees within the parish are serving those in our community through corporal acts of mercy and spirituality by meeting their personal and economic needs. If you have a heart for service to others, there are a wide array of volunteer opportunities within these committees for those who are interested.

60 BLOODMOBILE “Visit the Sick”

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The Saint James Catholic Church Bloodmobile works in conjunction with the American Red Cross to collect blood for those in our community who find themselves in need. Blood drives occur quarterly with 10 volunteers required to support each drive. **New volunteers are always needed!** Please consider giving a few hours if you would like to support this life giving ministry.

61 HAITI PARISH PROGRAM “Give Alms to the Poor”

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This ministry provides spiritual, material and financial support to our twinned parish, Saint Marc in Haiti. Our committee holds an annual "Saint Marc Haiti Benefit Yard Sale." Also, donated items are collected and shipped to Saint Marc. With our parish support, we have helped to build Saint Marc Secondary Tech School and are currently working to equip it.

Volunteer opportunities are available to anyone interested in being a part of this important ministry. Meetings are held the second Thursdays of the month as needed.

62 JAIL MINISTRY “Visit the Imprisoned”

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The Saint James Jail Ministry gives hope and self-worth to those in need. Volunteers are needed from 2-3 p.m. every Thursday to assist in providing Mass, music and prayers for both men and women at the Hardin County Detention Center. There is training provided for this ministry.

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

63 RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE “Instruct the Ignorant”

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The Saint James Catholic Church Respect Life Committee affirms and promotes the sacred dignity and intrinsic value of all human life from conception to natural death. We welcome any volunteer who would like to join us in working to bring awareness of our duty to protect and defend those most vulnerable. This committee meets monthly. Extra meetings are called for special projects, such as the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

64 ROOM IN THE INN WARMING SHELTER “Shelter the Homeless”

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Saint James Catholic Church serves as a host warming shelter from December through February each year. The warming shelter is an initiative which brings together several Elizabethtown area churches following the format designed by Father Charles Strobel in Nashville, TN. Volunteers show the inviting spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ by offering the homeless in our community, our “guests”, a clean, warm friendly environment during the coldest winter months.

65 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH “Feed the Hungry”

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Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach provides spiritual and material assistance to those who are financially unable to meet basic needs such as rent, utilities and food; and strives to aid them in helping themselves. Parishioners can show their love for Jesus by helping those in need. It is the duty of Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers to pass that love on to those we help. **We would like to extend the hours we are open, but are in need of additional volunteers to do so.** Volunteers may choose to work one day a month, a week, or whatever time fits their schedule.

66 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL STORE “Feed the Hungry”

Located at 512 North Mulberry Street

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The store provides monetary assistance to the Saint Vincent de Paul program at Saint James Catholic Church which provides for those in need within our community. The store sells items that are donated and consigned to produce revenue. The store is operated by volunteers who work schedules that fit their own personal calendar. Additional volunteers are needed if you have some time to share with us. Visit our Facebook page at stvincentdepaul-etown to learn more about the store.

67 SICK AND HOMEBOUND “Visit the Sick”

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The purpose of the Sick and Homebound Committee is to be Christ’s eyes, hands and feet in serving the sick and homebound of our parish community. Committee members minister Communion to all Catholics in Hardin Memorial Hospital, Healthsouth Rehabilitation, local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the homebound in our area. There are ministerial opportunities available through this committee to assist with either hospitals, nursing homes or the homebound. This is an opportunity for anyone interested to reach out and help our members know that they are still a vital part of our faith community. **Please consider being a Co-Chair for this important ministry.**

68 THANKSGIVING DINNER "Feed the Hungry"

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This committee coordinates, plans and implements the annual Thanksgiving Dinner held in conjunction with Helping Hand of Hope and other area churches. The dinner is held on Thanksgiving Day each year at Saint James Catholic School. Many volunteer opportunities exist from working on the planning committee, set-up, preparation, delivery drivers, etc.