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WORSHIP

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The Saint James Worship Committee strives to provide excellence in worship generally, and specifically in preaching and music that together lift our minds and hearts to God. We are purposeful in our words and actions in order to encourage participation by each member of our parish. A daily, intentional and disciplined prayer life at Saint James Catholic Church provides all with the profound presence of God in our lives. The Worship Committee collaborates with the Clergy towards the achievement of these goals in each liturgical ministry. The Worship Committee as a whole meets 5-6 times a year, with sub-committee meetings scheduled as the need arises. Parishioners with many gifts and talents are encouraged to offer these to the Church for the betterment of meaningful Liturgy.

Worship sub-committees range from actively serving during the Mass to preparing the sacred environment of the Church and keeping the Church and its needs in the forefront of daily prayer.

80 ALTAR GUILD

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Volunteers are needed to assist in providing special care for Saint James Catholic Church and the linens used during Mass. The committee works to clean church *weekly* as well as launder altar linens and altar server robes. Most of the church cleaning will be concentrated in the Altar area and you can expect to spend 1-1/2 hours weekly. If choosing to launder and iron the linens, you can also expect to spend about 1-1/2 hours weekly. If keeping the Lord's house clean and inviting for parishioners and guests to worship and pray in a calming environment is important to you, then this ministry might be for you.

81 ALTAR SERVERS

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This is an opportunities for all parish youth in Grades 4-12 to actively participate in Mass through service. Young men and women who sign up to be Altar Servers are provided extensive training prior to participation at Mass. Young men who display the aptitude and reverence for a more challenging role on the Altar may be invited, at the recommendation of the Worship Chair or Clergy, to become a member of the Knights of Saint John Vianney Altar Servers.

82 ART & ENVIRONMENT

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The Art and Environment Committee oversees the liturgical environment during the different seasons of the Church year. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Planning Committee as well as assist with decorating throughout the year and especially special occasions. The committee is also in need of individuals with sewing skills.

83 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in assisting with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist during Mass. All those interested in being a part of this vital ministry in service to all of the Saint James community must attend the mandatory training sessions as required by the Archdiocese Office of Worship prior to scheduling for Mass. Dates for this training will be provided. *Opportunities are also available to assist in distributing the Holy Eucharist at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers – you can sign up for that through Social Concerns and Outreach, Sick and Homebound Ministry.*

84 HOSPITALITY MINISTERS/USHERS

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The Saint James Hospitality Ministry is responsible for welcoming every parishioner, as well as, all visitors entering the church for Mass. As a Hospitality Minister, you will also have responsibilities during Mass, such as: seating those arriving late for Mass, assisting with the

distribution of the collection baskets, and helping to assure the orderly flow of people during Communion. After Mass has ended, Ministers of Hospitality will hand out the bulletins to exiting parishioners/visitors and will clean up your assigned section as we want to ensure the church is ready for the next scheduled Mass. The Hospitality Ministry is an active, crucial part of the church and typically, 1-2 times per month of service is requested. Like Martha, Ministers of Hospitality are busy with many things; but like *Mary, you have chosen the better part, serving God's people with generosity and kindness, and it will not be taken from you (Luke 10:38)*

85 LECTORS

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Saint James Catholic Church desires more lectors to join our ministry. If you are a person who enjoys proclaiming God's Word, then please join us in serving the church in this capacity. We need people with strong, clear voices to share God's Word with the congregation. Training is provided to lectors prior to being scheduled for Masses; however, we do not have regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year. You choose the Mass time that best fits your needs or schedule.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Parishioners are encouraged to engage in full and active participation during Mass. One way to do this is to enhance the musical experience by becoming involved with the music ministry program. Opportunities available to all volunteers include the Saint James Catholic Church Choir.

86 Instrumentalist

86a Parish Choir

86b Resurrection Choir

86c Cantor

87 SACRISTAN

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The Saint James Sacristan Ministry promotes an environment that enables each parishioner to accept and practice his/her baptismal call, and at the same time, embrace the parish way of life that is stewardship. The ministry does this first by serving God, and second by serving the priests before each Mass. The Sacristan ministry prepares the unconsecrated bread and wine, Lectionary, Book of Gospels, etc. so to give the priests and deacons the opportunity to pray and prepare themselves for the sacred Mass. There is training involved and instructional binders for assistance. The Sacristan ministry is, and has been, a blessing to those already involved. If the Sacristan ministry interests you, please sign up and share your gift to God and his people.

88 TV MINISTRY

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Volunteers involved in this ministry tape Sunday Mass in order to bring it to the homebound in our community. Masses are broadcast on local cable channels – Comcast CH 2 and Brandenburg CH 1. The recording is also available on the Saint James Catholic Church YouTube Channel. All those interested will be trained prior to being assigned.