



**Saint James
Catholic Church**

2020-2021 STEWARDSHIP

Volunteer Opportunities



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Administration

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The committees which make up the administrative arm of Saint James Catholic Church work with the Pastor to develop long-range plans as well as provide oversight and direction for the annual budget, building projects, facilities, and Saint James Cemetery.

01 CEMETERY

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The Cemetery Committee meets two times per year. The committee defines policies and guides future decisions for Saint James Cemetery as well as plans beautification efforts. The committee needs new members to share their talents to help with administrative support and beautification. The number of stewardship hours will vary and is determined by the role of each committee member.

02 FINANCE COUNCIL

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The Finance Council develops, approves, and monitors the temporal and financial operations of the parish including facilities management. The council meets once a month for two hours. *Volunteers are appointed by the pastor.*

03 LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Saint James Catholic Church needs volunteers to lead as well as provide assistance to beautify and maintain the grounds and gardens on the West Dixie campus. Specific needs include weeding, mulching, watering, shrub trimming, concrete planter maintenance, perennial and annual flower planting, edging, and landscape design. Many of these duties are required on a daily, weekly, or annual basis. The time commitment has not been determined and will be defined once a ministry leader is identified. *Currently, we do not have a ministry leader for this group. If you would be interested in leading this group, please annotate that on your stewardship form.*

04 PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER

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Saint James is a very active parish. Occasionally, the office staff needs administrative assistance for some of the many projects, and for office coverage. The parish office staff and volunteers are the positive face of Saint James to our community. As a volunteer, you can choose to help in one or more of the many areas: answering phone calls, distributing messages, receiving mail and packages, preparing mailings to the homebound, stuffing bulletin inserts, and other administrative tasks. The time and talent you give to this ministry is invaluable.

05 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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The Saint James Parish Pastoral Council serves in a consulting role to the pastor regarding governance (spiritual and temporal) of the Parish, pastoral planning, and communication efforts. The Saint James Pastoral Council is currently at capacity of membership. As vacancies occur in the future, it is helpful to have a list of interested parishioners. Terms differ according to the type of member. Committee Chairs remain in their position on the Council until a change is warranted. Additional members have been selected for the task of strategic planning and will finish their term once that process concludes. Parishioners interested in serving on the Council are nominated by Parish members or by self-nomination. Interested parishioners participate in a discernment process for membership, and are selected by a drawing of names. Members are also appointed at the privilege and discretion of the pastor..

06 COLLECTION COUNTER

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Under the direction of the parish financial manager, and under Archdiocesan financial policy, become a member of a team to count the weekend Mass collections and/or special collections. Teams of volunteers are established and rotated weekly to count the collections. Each team counts approximately every four to six weeks for one and one-half hour to two hours each session. Participation in this ministry requires utmost confidentiality, accuracy (double counting), use of a computer and a calculator, integrity, and organizational skills to sort, record, and count the collections and prepare and process the bank deposit. Volunteers to substitute for regular counters, when required, are also needed with the same duties as above. Training and instructions will be provided.

07 SAFETY COMMITTEE NEW!

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The Safety Committee defines safety and security policies, and guides future decisions for Saint James. The committee is in need of new members to share their talents in being watchful for possible disruptive persons or situations during Mass attendance. The number of stewardship hours will vary and is determined by the role of each committee member. The Safety Committee meets on the second Monday of each month.

Faith Formation Ministries

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Seeking to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, we are committed to intentional faith formation from the moment of baptism until the moment of death. In the recognition that “knowledge draws love,” we pursue authentic education in the teachings of the Catholic Church and formation in the radical discipleship to which Christ invites us. Because we cannot give what we do not have, we engage in continued active formation for ourselves, even as we seek to teach and model the faith to others.

11 CATHOLIC WOMEN OF SAINT JAMES (CWOSJ)

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We are committed to deepening our faith through our Catholic beliefs and tradition. Our goal is to bring all women of the parish together to better understand and value the richness of our Catholic faith. Led by the Holy Spirit, we will share relevant information, reading and discussion, fellowship, and service ministries designed to open our minds and hearts so we can bring God more fully into our lives and the lives of others. Catholic Women of Saint James Church has something for every woman. We meet regularly on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., September through May. Volunteer opportunities within the CWOSJ include facilitators/co-facilitators, prayer leaders, day trip coordinators, special project coordinators, and charitable service coordinators.

12 CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Volunteers are needed during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass to teach and assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to learn more about the Sunday readings in a child-friendly manner. They are sent forth after the Opening Collect (Prayer), and return during the preparation of the gifts. Volunteers are provided with a simple lesson plan and work in teams of two or more. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those interested in being involved.*

13 CONFIRMATION

(2-year program--9th and 10th Grade)

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The Confirmation program, offered as part of St James youth ministry, aims to *inform* and *transform* the lives of the candidates. Weekly Catechesis serves to deepen the youth's understanding of their faith. As they encounter Christ in prayer, study, and service, they open their hearts to be transformed. Volunteer catechists are needed to lead weekly sessions and assist with confirmation service events and retreats. *A background check and Safe Environment training is required for all those interested in being involved.*

14 (Note: Paragraph 14 is not used in 2020-2021)

15 HOLY LEAGUE FOR SAINT JAMES MEN

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In tribute to the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League convenes today to combat the forces of evil in our society with a call for men to come back to the state of grace and transform culture through prayer. We gather at the church the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. for Devotion, Holy Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and Fellowship among brothers of Saint James Church. Volunteers are needed for upcoming service projects and to lead the Holy Rosary at events and before Masses on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

16 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (age 3 – Grade 8)

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Recognizing that “parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith,” our religious education program involves the whole family. Children age 3 through Grade 8 receive grade-level catechesis while the parents receive complementary religious formation. Opportunities to volunteer in this ministry include: classroom catechist, office/administrative support, childcare, and event planning. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those interested in being involved.* Family Faith Formation meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

17 MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

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Join married couples of all ages for a monthly “date night” dedicated to deepening the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is an evening of fellowship, conversation, prayer, and study focused on living your Catholic

marriage and family life. Learn from the witness of other married couples of the parish and share mutual encouragement in the monthly recommitment to faithful, Christ-centered love. "Date night" is the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Ways to serve in this ministry include: assisting with organization, catechesis, and childcare.

18 MARRIAGE SPONSOR COUPLES

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Married couples are invited to assist those who are preparing for marriage. A sponsor couple is asked to meet with an engaged couple both before and after the wedding to pray with them, journey with them, and help them tap into the grace of the sacrament. Sponsor couples are required to attend a training session for *Joined by Grace*, the marriage preparation program used at Saint James.

19 SPANISH-LANGUAGE CATECHESIS

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As the Hispanic community at St. James continues to grow, parishioners fluent in Spanish are invited to assist with preparation catechesis for all ages including: preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, catechesis for children preparing for 1st Communion, youth seeking confirmation, adults wishing to go through RCIA, and ongoing adult faith formation *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those interested in being involved.*

20 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

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It takes a village, or in this case a *parish* to welcome new members and introduce them to the rich beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. Deepen your own faith as you share it with those who are seeking to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Opportunities are available to assist in the process of RCIA as a sponsor or team leader. RCIA meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

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A yearly summer event, VBS immerses children of the parish in the wonders our Catholic faith in a non-academic setting. VBS seeks to build an authentic Catholic culture, utilizing music, drama, art, play, and prayer to help children encounter one another and Jesus Christ. Many volunteers are needed to organize and facilitate this week-long event! *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those 18 and older who are interested in being involved.*

22 YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 9th-12th)

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Saint James Youth Ministry aims to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ through the fostering of their personal and spiritual growth with Sunday evening fellowship and catechesis, and regular events such as service projects and retreats. All teens are invited to participate.

Adult volunteers are needed to serve as catechists, plan events, and assist with meals and games at weekly youth nights. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for adult volunteers 18 and older.*

23 EXPLORING CATHOLICISM – ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEW!

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Join fellow Catholics in an exploration of the riches of our Catholic faith. Each Tuesday evening, adults of all ages gather to deepen and discuss the teachings of the faith. Come once or come weekly.

24 DOGMA ON DRAFT YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEW!

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Dogma on Draft is a young adult group that meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Here, we come together to study the dogmas of the Church and how they help us learn more about who God is and how we are to live a more truthful, beautiful and good life according to Natural Law and His Divine Commands. Most topics are determined and presented by the priests of the parish, but there are also times when there are guest speakers. Dogma on Draft is open to all from the ages of 18-35. Location varies each meeting. Please consult the bulletin or contact Father Kirby Rust for further details and/or questions.

25 THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 P.M. NEW!

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This co-ed Bible study group aims to foster knowledge and understanding of the word of God as expressed in both the Old and New Testaments, with

emphasis on the latter. It also covers many fields related to Christian life. The format usually consists of watching a video, followed by discussion on the subject among the participants. The authors of the DVDs are recognized Catholic teaching authorities and questions and answers are helped by a facilitator. Attention is equally applied to Tradition and the teaching of the Magisterium when interpreting Scriptures. The Bible Study group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

26 THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 9:00 P.M. NEW!

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Women and men are invited to participate in peer-led study groups on a bi-weekly basis. Groups pursue faith and fellowship by way of guided studies, book studies, or topical conversations. The women's group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 p.m. and the men's group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 9:00 p.m. It is never too late to join in.

27 SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE NEW!

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Join the Seven Sisters Apostolate to pray for one of our parish priests in a Holy Hour once per week. You will be assigned a distinct day of the week; and may complete the Holy Hour at any time of the day. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament – either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle – but not restricted to the parish of which the Seven Sister is a member. This generous commitment of one hour per week of prayer is asked for a period of one year; but can remain open-ended in time as each individual discerns her call to continue. You will offer up prayers and sufferings during your Holy Hour for the priest's needs and intentions. To find out more information contact Janet Trapp, or visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>.

“In strengthening the priest
you strengthen the whole Church . . .

Strengthen the priest
and you strengthen the whole foundation,
you strengthen everything in the Church.”

- Father Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

Parish Life

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The committees which make up the Parish Life of Saint James Catholic Church encompass all areas of the parish community. These committees provide an array of ministry opportunities available to all those in our faith community who are interested in full, active participation.

30 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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The Bereavement Ministry is a ministry of support and comfort for grieving parishioners and families during and after funerals. Volunteers are needed to assist with prayers, post-funeral meals (set-up, prepare food, serve, and clean-up), house-sitting, and cards of encouragement. The committee also provides periodic contact with the family of the deceased for the first year following the loss of a loved one.

31 CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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This committee works to inspire all parishioners to embrace and celebrate the rich diversity of our faith community. Participants from all cultures are needed for the annual multicultural Epiphany Mass and potluck dinner.

32 FOREVER YOUNG CLUB

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The Forever Young Club meets the second Tuesday of every month in the gym in Batcheldor Hall. The Forever Young Club is open to Saint James' parishioners, guests, and community members ages 50 and older. The club provides social activities, potluck dinners, interesting programs and outings.

33 HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

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The goal of the Health and Wellness Committee is to create events, educate, and invite parishioners of all fitness levels to join in wellness activities such as exercise classes, biking/running groups, and group Bible studies followed by fitness. There are volunteer opportunities available on the committee for anyone who is interested in helping to provide a spirit of health and wellness among our faith community.

34 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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The Knights of Columbus Elizabethtown Council 1455 began in 1909 and has a rich history of having the honor and privilege of providing for both monetary and physical assistance to the many needs of the Saint James Parish and others in the region.

As the Elizabethtown Council concludes its 110th year, our mission continues to serve our community through charities such as our annual Brotherhood Banquet which benefits Kosair Charities. This year will be the 55th year hosting the Brotherhood Banquet. The Knights' working relationship with

Kosair Charities is so close that Kosair Charities awarded the Knights Council 1455 with a grant of \$200,000 to establish the NICU department at Hardin Memorial Hospital in 2015. We also have our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the mentally challenged. We host our weekly Lenten fish fries and other social activities. Many of the Knights also work within other church vocations and ministries. The Knights of Columbus also supports and sponsors those in seminary studying for the priesthood; currently, we sponsor four men in seminary. Much of the success of our seminarian program comes from generous donations attained from our seminarian collections. In short, if you are involved in any church activity, you may know a Knight. We are: Priests, Deacons, Communion ministers, members of the Holy League, Parish Picnic Committee, Forever Young Club, Bereavement Committee, Confirmation team members and sponsors. The Knights are also police officers, sheriffs and deputies, fire fighters, EMTs and paramedics, and doctors . . . the list of church and community involvement and backgrounds of the many men we call Knights is endless. The list of WHY we are Knights is short: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

35 OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY GUILD

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The purpose of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Guild is to encourage greater devotion to the rosary and to make and provide rosaries for home and foreign missions. As a result of the diligence of Saint James rosary makers, 38,000 rosaries were shipped to foreign missions and military this past year. Approximately 200 were supplied locally to confirmation candidates, RCIA, hospitals and nursing homes. Volunteers are welcome to join this group and assist in teaching children and adults how to make rosaries. Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

36 SAINT JAMES PLAYGROUP

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The Saint James Playgroup is for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and children from newborn to 5 years of age. This supportive group comes together to enrich their children's lives through service work, outings and fellowship. The group meets every Friday at 10:00 a.m.

37 WIDOWED FRIENDS GROUP

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The mission of the Widowed Friends Group is to provide a faith-based group that fosters a safe and supportive community of friends while enhancing the social and spiritual needs of widows and widowers. Goals of the group are to provide a venue for those who have lost a spouse, opportunities to gain practical assistance, support, and education of the grieving process. The group meets monthly and welcomes all those grieving the loss of a spouse.

38 PARISH PICNIC

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The Saint James Parish Picnic provides the opportunity for both our parishioners and school families to continue to grow in relationship with one another and to raise funds to support the parish and the school. An event like a parish picnic takes many individuals to assist with the planning, working the event, supporting the effort in the background, etc. The Core Picnic Committee meets on a monthly basis. We also need individuals to assist on sub-committees which do not require monthly meetings. The sub-committees do require volunteers closer to the event date and on the day of the event. *If you would like to be involved in this fun initiative, please be sure to*

include this as part of your stewardship commitment at Saint James.

39 SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY NEW!

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Volunteer to assist in the Sunday nursery during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The nursery is for children walking age to age 4. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those 18 and older who are interested in being involved.*

40 HOSPITALITY – MASS DOOR GREETERS NEW!

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This ministry helps to provide a welcoming and hospitable environment to all those who enter our parish doors. These ministers greet and welcome the community before liturgies. It is requested these ministers arrive 20 minutes prior to Mass. This is an ideal “family” ministry with young and old being able to participate. Assignments are made for each entry/exit door to the church. Please indicate which Mass(es) you would like to serve at: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 Noon, or Spanish Mass 5:00 p.m. The chairperson of this ministry would coordinate and schedule the ministers.

Saint James Catholic School

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Saint James Catholic School is a significant ministry of the parish. In its current year, the school continues the 149-year tradition of Catholic education in Hardin County. There are many opportunities for parishioners to be involved in school activities as outlined below. A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those interested in being involved with activities at the school.

41 ATHLETICS

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Saint James Catholic School has a thriving athletic program with a myriad of sports offered for students of all grade levels. Within the athletic department there are a variety of opportunities for parishioners to be involved. Currently, we are looking for individuals who are interested in assisting as a member of the athletic committee or a coach. We also need individuals who are interested in working during games and tournaments and those activities include: concession stand, gate, game clock, stat book, and clean-up crew. If you have a passion for athletics and would like to be involved with the students at Saint James Catholic School, please share your time and talent with us.

42 CAFETERIA

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Parishioners are welcome to assist Saint James Catholic School with daily lunch service. Volunteers who choose to help will assist the cafeteria staff in serving lunch to students. All those interested in this opportunity need to be available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at least one day a week.

43, 44, 45, and 46 (Note: These paragraphs are not used in 2020-2021)

47 LIBRARY

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The library volunteers at Saint James Catholic School share their time and talent during the school year by shelving and straightening books daily. Typically, 1-3 volunteers are needed every afternoon for about 20-25 minutes. Without the help of these volunteers, the library would not run as smoothly! In addition, volunteers are needed to assist with the K-3 grade classes who come to visit the library. These classes come for about 45 minutes each week and volunteers assist in locating books and monitoring student behavior. Library volunteers help free up the library aide so she can be free to check out books for anyone else visiting the library. Finally, volunteers are needed for the twice yearly SJS book fairs. Volunteers help set up (two to three hours) and take down (one to two hours). In addition, volunteers can assist students shopping at the fair and can run the register. We also need volunteers to donate their time and talents by baking items for the book fair evening and morning events. Volunteers are instrumental in the library's success, and further promoting a positive environment for students and staff at Saint James Catholic School.

48, 49, and 50 (Note: These paragraphs are not used in 2020-2021)

51 GENERAL VOLUNTEER

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There are a variety of opportunities for parishioners to be involved in the life of Saint James Catholic School and assist faculty, students and staff.

These volunteer opportunities include math and/or reading help, assisting classrooms, working with the art teacher, assisting faculty with extra-curricular clubs and activities as well as providing administrative assistance in the office. If you enjoy being a part of an educational, faith-filled community, sign up to help Saint James Catholic School continue to provide a premier Catholic education for its students.

Social Concerns/Outreach

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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/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.

60 BLOODMOBILE “Visit the Sick”

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The Saint James Catholic Church’s Bloodmobile events work in conjunction with the American Red Cross to collect blood for our community. Our main focus is to obtain as many blood donations as possible. The blood drives occur quarterly with ten volunteers required for each drive. You may volunteer to help with canteen, escorting, or registration. The volunteers need to be at least 16 years of age. Please consider giving a few hours 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. With our parish support, we help to fill the needs of Saint Marc Parish and Saint Marc Tech School, which our parish helped

build. Donated items are collected and shipped annually to Saint Marc Parish and Saint Marc Tech School. Volunteer opportunities are available to anyone interested in being a part of this important ministry, including our youth. We especially need volunteers to help collect and prepare the packages for shipment. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, as needed. Your membership in this ministry is vital for us to continue our mission--a mission for "the poorest of the poor".

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 to spend one hour spreading the message of God's love, forgiveness and hope. Men will visit the male inmates the first and second Thursdays every month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Women will visit the female inmates the third and fourth Thursdays every month from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Visits are conducted at the Hardin County Detention Center. Training is required, and a background check of all volunteers is required. People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, a person deserves the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ. Both men and women volunteers are needed to keep this ministry active at Saint James. Please consider giving of your time and heart.

63 RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE "Instruct the Ignorant"

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The Saint James Respect Life Committee affirms and promotes the dignity and intrinsic value of all human life from conception to natural death. The committee supports and promotes the following public witness programs: newspaper ads signed by hundreds of pro-lifers; day-long Kentucky State Life Conferences; sidewalk life-chain demonstrations; and youth conferences, such as the Right To Life Rally at the State Capital that Saint

James 8th grade students attend each year. The committee also aids and supports Kentucky Right To Life Association and the Kentucky Right To Life Heartland Association in several of their pro-life endeavors. We participate annually in the installation of crosses for the Cemetery of the Innocents aimed at bringing public awareness to the horrible fact that an average of approximately 3,000 little boys and girls lose their lives to abortion every day in our United States of America! We sponsor, promote and participate in Clarity Solutions fundraising initiatives such as their annual banquet and Walk For Life. At their Elizabethtown and Radcliff campuses, Clarity Solutions provides free and confidential help and practical alternatives to abortion for women with unplanned pregnancies. Our Respect Life column in the weekly Saint James Church bulletin endeavors to bring pertinent, life-affirming information and articles to our parishioners. We welcome volunteers who would like to join us in working to raise awareness of our duty to protect and defend those most vulnerable. Our committee meets monthly, normally on the first Tuesday of the month.

64 ROOM IN THE INN WARMING SHELTER (RITI) **“Shelter the Homeless”**

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Saint James Catholic Church (in lower level of Batcheldor Hall) serves as a host warming shelter on Wednesday nights/Thursday mornings 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. Tasks include set-up of cots with bed linens, provide snacks, provide breakfast, provide lunch sacks, provide transportation from/to Warm Blessings, visit with guests, stay overnight with guests (women sleep in women’s room; and men sleep in men’s room), clean-up, and launder bed linens and towels. Volunteers may choose and sign-up for specific tasks.

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 desire of Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers to pass that love on to those we help. Volunteers may choose to work one day a month, one day a week, or whatever time fits their schedule.

66 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL STORE “Feed the Hungry”

Located at 1011 North Mulberry Street

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The store provides monetary assistance to the local Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach 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. Tasks include greeting shoppers, assisting shoppers, and sorting and pricing donations. If you have some time to share with us, volunteers are needed. Visit our Facebook page at [stvincentdepaul-etown](https://www.facebook.com/stvincentdepaul-etown) to learn more about the store.

67 SICK AND HOMEBOUND “Visit the Sick”

Deacon Karl and Patricia Drerup

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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, and 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 plans, coordinates, and implements the annual Thanksgiving Dinner in conjunction with Helping Hand of Hope and other area churches. The dinner is held each year on Thanksgiving Day at Saint James Catholic School. In addition to monetary and food donations, volunteers are needed on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving, to help with preparation and set-up. Volunteers are needed on Thanksgiving Day to cook, serve, deliver meals, and clean up.

Stewardship/Mission Advancement

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Stewardship is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. A way of life that helps us have an excellent relationship with Christ; an excellent relationship with one another; and bring Christ to others in excellent ways. Rooted in awareness and understanding that our lives, families and all possessions come to us through God, we are led to a faith response through gratitude and hospitality. It is through this gratitude and hospitality that we commit ourselves to give generously of our time, talent and treasure for the advancement of our faith community and the Kingdom of God.

70 SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

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The Social Events Committee provides dinner for special events. This may include a visit from the Archbishop or the arrival of a new priest. No formal meetings or training is required. Committee members are notified of scheduled social events and help with set-up, clean-up, preparation of food, baking desserts, staying to help serve, etc.

71 SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Saint James Catholic Church is a very active parish with a regular offering of events and activities for our parishioners, young and old. We need a group of volunteers who are willing to help us keep our parish active by volunteering to assist with set-up and tear-down for events and activities. Members of this committee may be asked to help set up or tear down tables and chairs, assist with putting down or taking up the gym floor covering, or assist with other logistics as necessary. The time commitment required for those signing up to be a part of this committee may be one to two hours per month depending on what type of event or activity might be scheduled. *Currently, we do not*

have a ministry leader for this group. If you would be interested in leading this group, please annotate such on your stewardship form.

72 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Saint James Stewardship Committee promotes an environment that empowers each parishioner to accept and practice his/her baptismal call of discipleship and stewardship. The committee does this by connecting individually with parishioners through hospitality, by educating parishioners about the practice of stewardship through various ministry offerings, and by inspiring parishioners to live lives of gratitude through full and active participation of sharing the first fruits of their time, talent and treasure with Saint James Catholic Church. This active, working committee meets year-round, usually once per month for 60-75 minutes, and more often before the January renewal process. If you have a love of hospitality, parish fellowship, and the desire to facilitate a better understanding and practice of stewardship in our parish, please sign up and share those gifts.

73 SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUTS

Steve & Maclean Knapp family

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This committee provides Sunday morning parish fellowship through serving coffee and donuts in Batcheldor Hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on the second Sunday of each month. While there is no official training required for this ministry, committee members are willing to give approximately 1 1/2 hours on the second Sundays to assist in providing a cordial, welcoming, social gathering for the Saint James community and guests. Your participation in eating the donuts is optional, but highly encouraged!!!

74 WELCOME COMMITTEE

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The Welcome Committee hosts two events each year to welcome our new parishioners to the Saint James community. We truly enjoy showing our Saint James hospitality to all. More than that, we highlight all the volunteer opportunities and classes available for each new Saint James parishioner. Members on the Welcome Committee set up and tear down tables and chairs, prepare food, and serve the food. Committee members also attend the events for fellowship with the new parishioners; and they also recruit other parishioners to attend and welcome the new members to the Saint James family. Our aim is to help new parishioners feel at home and become a vital part of our parish community. If you feel you are called to show the love of God's family to each newcomer to Saint James, this ministry is for you.

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 provide special care for Saint James Catholic Church and the linens used during Mass. The committee concentrates most on cleaning church in and around the altar area for approximately 1 1/2 hours weekly. For laundering the purificators and corporals used during weekday and weekend Masses, you can also expect to spend 1 1/2 hours. We are blessed to have an open church where parishioners and guests can drop in and pray throughout the day. Please consider volunteering in this ministry to maintain a clean and peaceful environment within the church.

81 ALTAR SERVERS

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This is an opportunity 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 given 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 different seasons of the Church year. Volunteers are needed to serve on the planning committee and assist with decorating, especially special occasions. The committee is also seeking individuals who enjoy sewing, quilting, painting, drawing, arranging flowers, interior designing, carpentry, and any other skill that can benefit the décor of our church environment.

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 must attend 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 ministry through *Social Concerns and Outreach, Sick and Homebound Ministry, Item #67.*

84 USHERS

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A Saint James Catholic Church usher is responsible for seating individuals and families before Mass, assigning gift bearers, assisting in distribution of collection baskets, and helping to assure the orderly flow of people during Communion. After Mass has ended, ushers hand out bulletins to exiting parishioners/visitors and will clean up assigned seating section as we want to ensure the church is ready for the next scheduled Mass. The usher is an active, crucial part of the church and typically, 1-2 times per month of service is requested.

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, 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.

86 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:

Instrumentalist

If you play a brass or woodwind instrument and would like to participate during Mass, please contact our choir director, Tim Watts. He would be able to discuss adding you into our music ministry with our Saint James Parish Choir.

Parish Choir

Our parish is always seeking more singers for our choir. Please contact our choir director, Tim Watts. He would love to meet with you and discuss your interest in our 10:00 a.m. choir here at Saint James Parish.

Resurrection Choir

Our parish is blessed with volunteers who seek to serve in our Parish Resurrection Choir. This choir meets an hour prior to funerals to practice and then sing for parish funerals. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve, please contact our choir director, Tim Watts.

Cantor

Our parish has a dedicated few cantors for the weekend Masses, but we are always seeking others to join our ranks. The parish cantor is a solo singer who can lead the assembly in singing hymns and Mass parts as well as have a strong enough voice to sing the responsorial psalm. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve, please contact Dean Sears.

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 as 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 with 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.

89 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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After Mass and Holy Communion, Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest prayer of worship we have in the Catholic Church. We have Eucharistic Adoration for three purposes: 1) to increase vocations to the priesthood and sisterhood; 2) to end abortion in our land; 3) to increase our own holiness. We invite every parishioner to spend one hour of Adoration per week before our Lord in the Eucharist. We need you. Christ needs you. Please sign up on our stewardship form or call me. The 25 hours of Adoration at Saint James are listed weekly in our Sunday bulletin.

90 (Note: Paragraph 90 is not used in 2020-2021)

Ministerio Hispano

96 LITURGIA ;NUEVO!

Ricardo Benitez

Nuestro comité de liturgia tiene varias oportunidades de servicio que incluyen: Servidores de altar, Lectores, Bienvenida / acomodadores, Portadores de ofrendas, coro, Ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía y Sacristanes. Sus talentos y esfuerzos son bienvenidos en cualquiera de estos ministerios. Los líderes del comité se reúnen mensualmente para discutir los próximos cambios, mejoras y eventos.

97 ASUNTOS SOCIALES ;NUEVO!

Francia Bennett

Nuestra comunidad celebra las diversas culturas de donde provienen nuestros feligreses. Hay muchas oportunidades para que los voluntarios ayuden a establecer devociones marianas, posadas, quinceañeras, presentación de niños y cenas culturales mensuales. Las comunicaciones a través del boletín parroquial, la página web y la página de Facebook son otra área donde necesitamos el apoyo de voluntarios. También nos gustaría formar un comité de corresponsabilidad pronto.

98 FORMACIÓN DE FE ;NUEVO!

Jose Landeros

Nuestra comunidad ofrece preparación para los sacramentos (bautismo, primera comunión, confirmación, matrimonio) en español. También ofrecemos formación continua en grupos de oración / formación de hombres y mujeres. Hay oportunidades para ayudar como catequistas y parejas de mentores matrimoniales. Nuestros jóvenes necesitan ayuda de liderazgo para poder lanzar un grupo de jóvenes hispanos.