



**Saint James
Catholic Church**

2021-2022 STEWARDSHIP

Volunteer Opportunities



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** Denotes Youth Service Hours may be earned.

Administration

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The committees which comprise 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. Examples of specific tasks are planting flowers, planting trees, painting, and string-trimming. 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 GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE

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At times throughout the year, the Director of Facilities at Saint James Catholic Church needs help to complete a project on the parish and/or school grounds. These projects may include bush hogging a field, helping clean up the grounds for a specific project, or assisting with some simple maintenance. These projects are not ongoing, rather, they are determined by the Director of Facilities on an as-needed basis. If you would like to support and help our Facilities crew, please choose Grounds and Maintenance on your stewardship card. *Safe environment training and/or a background check may be required, depending on the project type and/or location.* The Director of Facilities will provide more information about this, as necessary.

04 PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER

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The parish office staff and volunteers are the positive face of Saint James to our community. Volunteer assistance is primarily needed to substitute in the parish's front office in the absence of the administrative assistant by answering the phone, distributing messages, receiving and distributing mail and packages, greeting visitors, processing Mass intention requests, and performing other administrative tasks as needed. An instruction guide regarding front desk duties is available. Additional volunteer opportunities include assisting in the preparation of large mailings, and

stuffing bulletin inserts. Volunteer needs are during normal parish office work hours. The number of volunteer hours will vary based on the parish's need and the volunteer's availability.

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 COUNTERS

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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 1.5 to 2 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

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The Safety Committee defines safety and security policies and guides future safety and security decisions for Saint James. Anyone with an interest in parishioners' safety and security of the church during Mass and other parish events is welcome to attend meetings or to contact the ministry leader for additional information. The committee needs 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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Catholic Women of Saint James Church has something for every woman. Our ministry goal is to bring all women of the parish together to better understand and value the richness of our Catholic faith, and to deepen it through our Catholic beliefs and Tradition. Led in fellowship by the Holy Spirit, we share relevant information, reading and discussion, and perform service ministries designed to open our minds and hearts so that we can more fully bring God into our lives and the lives of others. We

meet regularly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 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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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) provides an environment where children, ages 4 through Grade 1, are invited to learn more about the Sunday readings in a child-friendly manner. They are sent forth with a CLOW volunteer after the Opening Collect (Prayer) of the Mass and return during the preparation of the gifts. Volunteers work in teams of two or more and are needed during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass to teach and assist with CLOW. Simple lesson plans are provided. Youth volunteers are welcome to serve as assistants. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those interested in being involved.*

13 CONFIRMATION

(2-year program—Grades 9 and 10)

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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 are required for all those interested in being involved.*

14 and 15 (Note: these paragraph numbers are not used in 2021-2022)

****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. Youth volunteers to babysit or be classroom assistants are most welcome! *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. in the Rodney Thomas Room. Ways to serve in this ministry include assisting with the organization of monthly gatherings, set up/clean up, organizing babysitters for monthly meetings, catechesis, and babysitting. Youth can earn service hours by helping with babysitting services. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those 18 and older who will be helping with childcare services.*

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 graces 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 sacramental preparation and catechesis for all ages including: preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, catechesis for children preparing for First

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 Sunday following the 10 a.m. Mass.

****21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

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A yearly summer event, VBS immerses children of the parish in the wonders of our Catholic Faith in a non-academic setting. VBS seeks to build an authentic Catholic culture, by 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! Youth volunteers are most welcome! *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 9 - 12)

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Saint James Youth Ministry empowers 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 through 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

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Join fellow Catholics in an exploration of the riches of our Catholic faith! Volunteers are needed to help select and coordinate programming. Exploring Catholicism meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. on the church campus.

24 DOGMA ON DRAFT YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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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 occasionally 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

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This co-ed Bible study group fosters knowledge and understanding of the word of God as expressed in both the Old and New Testaments, with emphasis on the latter, and covers many fields related to Christian life. The format usually consists of watching a video from a recognized Catholic teaching authority, followed by a facilitated question and answer discussions on the subject. 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 – 8:00 p.m. on the church campus.

26 MEN'S STUDY GROUP NEW!

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Join a group of Catholic men desiring to grow in discipleship and fraternal support. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Rodney Thomas Room from 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. The group is a peer-led exploration of our Catholic faith by way of guided studies, book studies, or topical conversations. New participants are welcome at any time!

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28 WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP NEW!

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We are a group of Catholic women desiring to learn more about our faith and to develop virtuous friendships with other like-minded women. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month from 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. in the Rodney Thomas Room. The group is a peer-led exploration of our Catholic faith by way of guided studies, book studies, or topical conversations. New participants are welcome at any time!

Parish Life

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The committees which comprise 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 provides support and comfort for grieving parishioners and their 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 during the first year following the loss of a loved one.

31 CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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Saint James is blessed to be a vibrant and ethnically diverse community comprised of numerous cultures from all parts of the world. The Cultural Diversity Committee invites all parishioners to embrace and celebrate

this aspect of our faith community through a variety of ways and events, particularly in the annual multicultural Epiphany Liturgy and potluck dinner. Volunteers from all cultures are needed to assist in planning and participating in this event, especially as cantors, lectors, and musicians. Because it is a multicultural potluck dinner, food from various countries is served, and assistance is needed with setting up, preparing and serving the food, and clean-up afterward. Won't you share your unique culture with the Saint James community?

32 FOREVER YOUNG CLUB

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The Forever Young Club is a dues-paying social ministry which meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Batchelder Hall gym. The Forever Young Club is open to Saint James' parishioners, guests, and community members ages 50 and older. The club arranges social activities, potluck dinners, educational programs, entertainment programs, and outings throughout the year. Volunteers are always needed to serve as president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. Volunteers are also needed to set up/decorate for meetings and to clean up afterward.

33 HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

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The goal of the Health and Wellness Committee is to address the physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of the parish by offering events to help address each of these. Such activities would include educational offerings, physical activities, support groups, and

spiritual offerings. Health and Wellness is about living a healthy lifestyle, regardless of age or fitness level.

The Health and Wellness Committee welcomes volunteers of all ages to brainstorm and assist in bringing forth events and offerings to help provide a spirit of health and wellness among our faith community. Volunteers do not need to be a health care professional to join this committee. The meetings are currently held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month in the Rodney Thomas Room.

34 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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The Knights of Columbus Elizabethtown Council 1455 began in 1909 and has a rich 111-year history of having the honor and privilege of providing both monetary and physical assistance to the many needs of the Saint James Parish and region. Our mission continues to serve our community through charities such as our annual Brotherhood Banquet, in its 56th year, which benefits Kosair Charities. We prepare and host weekly Lenten Fish Fry dinners, assist the mentally disabled of Kentucky and Hardin County through a "Tootsie Roll" drive, and support and sponsor seminarians from the Archdiocese of Louisville. The list of church and community involvement and backgrounds of the many men we call Knights is endless. The WHY we are Knights comes from the principles of our Order . . . Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Catholic men, age 18 and over, may become a Knight. Additional information may be found at the Knights of Columbus website, www.kofc.org.

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, approximately 38,000 rosaries are shipped to foreign missions and military each year. Approximately 200 are supplied locally to confirmation candidates, RCIA, hospitals and nursing homes. Volunteers are welcome to join this group in making rosaries and to assist in teaching the art of rosary-making to children and adults. 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. Currently, the group is looking for families and individuals who are interested in establishing convenient times and days for them and their young children to participate in this special and fun ministry. If you are interested in participating or finding out more about the Saint James Playgroup, please sign up on your stewardship form.

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 for widows and widowers. Goals of the group are to provide fun and fellowship for all its members. 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. A parish picnic requires many individuals to assist in planning, working the event, supporting the effort in the background, etc. The Core Picnic Committee meets monthly. 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. Youth may earn community service hours through prior coordination with above listed ministry chair. If you would like to be involved in this fun initiative, please include this as part of your stewardship commitment at Saint James.

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40 HOSPITALITY – MASS DOOR GREETERS

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This ministry provides a welcoming environment to all those who enter our parish doors. Hospitality ministers should arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass to greet and welcome parishioners and guests as they gather for the Saturday evening and Sunday liturgies. 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 3:00 p.m. The chairperson of this ministry will coordinate and schedule the ministers. The number of stewardship hours involved will vary depending on the number of weekends you wish to volunteer for this important ministry.

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 150-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, 43, 44, 45, and 46 (Note: These paragraph numbers are not used in 2021-2022)

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, one to three 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. Having library volunteers allows the library aide to 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 promote a positive environment for students and staff at Saint James Catholic School.

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51 GENERAL SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

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A variety of opportunities exist for parishioners to be involved in the life of Saint James Catholic School and assist faculty, students, and staff. These volunteer opportunities include helping students with math and/or reading, assisting in classrooms, working with the art teacher, assisting faculty with extra-curricular clubs and activities, helping with the school lunch program, as well as providing administrative assistance in the office. If you enjoy volunteering in an educational, faith-filled setting, 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 meet the personal and economic needs of those in our community through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. If you have a heart for service to others, a wide array of volunteer opportunities exists 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 purpose is to obtain as many viable blood donations as possible. The blood drives occur quarterly with 10 volunteers required for each drive. You may volunteer to help with canteen, escorting, or registration. Youth may earn community service hours through prior coordination with above listed ministry chair; however, 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, and the Saint Marc Tech School, which our parish helped to build. We help to fill their needs by collecting donated items that are 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. Visits are conducted at the Hardin County Detention Center. 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 2:00-3:00 p.m. A background check and training are required of all volunteers. 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 “Champion Life!”**

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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 prayer vigils; youth conferences, such as the Right To Life Rally at the State Capital; and local Clarity Solutions (clarityky.com) fundraising initiatives. The committee also supports the Kentucky Right to Life Association and the Kentucky Right to Life Heartland Association in several of their pro-life endeavors. To increase public awareness of the loss of the lives of nearly 3,000 babies to abortion every day in the United States, we participate annually in the installation of crosses for the Cemetery of the Innocents. 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. Youth may earn service hours through our various initiatives.

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/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”**

Located in Batcheldor Hall

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach (food pantry) provides spiritual and material assistance to those who are financially unable to meet basic needs such as food, utilities, and rent; and strives to help them help themselves. The Outreach is open four days per week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed and may choose to work as much or as little time as fits their schedules. Volunteers help by interviewing clients to determine/verify need, by filling food bags, stocking the pantry, and by picking up food from Feeding America, local grocery stores and restaurants. Very minimal training is involved and normally can be completed in one four-hour shift. On a limited basis and with prior coordination, teens may earn community service hours.

****66 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL STORE “Feed the Hungry”**

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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. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Youth may earn community service hours through prior coordination with above listed ministry chair. 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 Ministry 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 Baptist Health Hardin, HealthSouth Rehabilitation, local nursing homes, and the homebound. Because the sick and homebound need to know that they are still a vital part of our faith community, volunteers are needed to reach out and maintain parish contact with them. **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. Opportunities are available on both days for students to earn service hours. Information concerning volunteer sign up is given in mid-to-late October via the bulletin, the weekly Parish update, and in the local paper.

Stewardship/Mission Advancement

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Stewardship is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is 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 of 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, the arrival of a new priest, or hosting special guests and occasions. No formal meetings or training is required. Committee members are notified of the scheduled social events and help with planning, set-up, preparation of food, baking desserts, staying to help serve, clean-up, etc. Youth may earn service hours through coordination with Linda Bacher.

71 (Note: Paragraph 71 is not used in 2021-2022)

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

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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 will give approximately 1.5 hours on the second Sundays to assist in providing a cordial and welcoming social gathering for our Saint James community and guests. Your participation in eating the donuts is optional, but highly encouraged!!!

****74 WELCOME COMMITTEE**

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Susan Burgess

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The Welcome Committee hosts two events each calendar year to welcome our new parishioners to the Saint James community. We enjoy showing our Saint James hospitality to all by highlighting all the volunteer opportunities and classes available for each new Saint James parishioner. At these events, members of the committee help set up and tear down tables and chairs, decorate, prepare welcome baskets, prepare and issue invitations, develop the menu, prepare food, serve the food, and clean up afterward. ***An important aspect for the Welcome Committee members is to attend each of these events for fellowship with the new parishioners.*** Meetings are held as needed when planning each of the events. We want new parishioners to feel at home and become a vital part of our parish community. If you feel called to show the love of God's family to each newcomer to Saint James, this ministry is for you. Teens may earn service hours in the set up and cleanup of the events, and in other tasks as needed.

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 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 entire Worship Committee meets 5-6 times a year, with additional 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 mostly on cleaning church in and around the altar area for approximately 1.5

hours weekly. Additionally, laundering the purificators and corporals used during weekday and weekend Masses takes about 1.5 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. Opportunities for the youth to earn service hours are available through coordination with Elaine Pike.

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 the 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. Youth may earn service hours in assisting with decorating during special occasions, i.e. Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

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 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 – 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 the collection baskets, and helping to assure the orderly flow of people during Communion. After Mass has ended, ushers will hand out the bulletins to exiting parishioners/visitors and will clean up assigned seating section 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 an instrument and would like to participate during Mass, please contact Tim Watts to discuss accompanying the Saint James Parish Choir and music ministry.

Parish Choir

Our parish is always seeking more vocalists. Tim Watts would love to meet anyone interested in singing in our Sunday 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.

Cantor

Our parish has a few dedicated 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.

****87 SACRISTANS**

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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 and deacons before each Mass. The Sacristan prepares the unconsecrated bread and wine, Lectionary, Book of Gospels, etc. prior to the beginning of Mass. Training is required and instructional binders are provided for assistance. The Sacristan ministry is, and has been, a blessing to those already involved. If interested, please sign up and share your gift with God and His people. Teenagers, as well as youth with a parent, are invited to this ministry. Youth can shadow to earn service hours.

88 TV MINISTRY

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Volunteers involved in this ministry tape Sunday Mass 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 foster our own growth in holiness. We invite every parishioner to spend one hour of Adoration per week before our Lord in the Eucharist. Christ needs you. Please sign up on our stewardship form or call me. The 23 hours of Adoration at Saint James are listed weekly in our Sunday bulletin.

90 (Note: Paragraph 90 is not used in 2021-2022)

91 SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

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Join the women's Seven Sisters Apostolate to spend a Holy Hour once per week praying *in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament* for the needs and intentions of one of our parish priests. Although the Holy Hour is not restricted to the parish of which the Seven Sister is a member, each member will be assigned a distinct day of the week and may complete the Holy Hour at any time of the day. This generous prayer commitment of one hour per week is asked for a period of one year, but it can remain open-ended in time as each member discerns her call to continue. For more information contact Janet Trapp or visit 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.