



# Saint James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 2023-JUNE 2024 STEWARDSHIP

*Volunteer Opportunities*

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# 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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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 Facilities/Maintenance Manager 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. Please also annotate on the Stewardship form what skills you would be interested in performing, i.e. bush hogging, painting, etc. *Safe environment training and/or a background check may be required, depending on the project type and/or location. The Facilities/Maintenance St. Manager 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. Volunteers are primarily needed to substitute during the parish office's Administrative Assistant's absences 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 hours are during normal parish office work hours. The number of volunteer hours will vary based on the parish's needs and the volunteer's availability.

## **05 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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The Saint James Parish Pastoral Council serves a consulting role to the pastor regarding governance (spiritual and temporal) of the Parish, pastoral planning, and communication efforts. As openings on the Council arise, parishioners interested in serving as members can be nominated by a member of the parish or by self-nomination. Interested parishioners can participate in a discernment process for membership and are selected by a drawing of names. New members are 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 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 weeks for 1.5 to 2 hours each session. Participation in this ministry requires a clear criminal background check,

utmost confidentiality, accuracy (double counting), use of a computer and a calculator, integrity, and organizational skills to sort, record, and count the collections, then prepare and process the bank deposit. When required, volunteers to substitute for regular counters 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 interested in parishioners' safety and security of the church during Mass and other parish events is welcome to attend meetings or 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 first Monday of each month or as needed.

## **08 SPECIAL PROJECT – PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

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Volunteers are needed to assist in the research of directory options, interview and select a company to produce the directory, work alongside the company to communicate information to parishioners, schedule photo sessions, finalize the design and production of the directory, and distribute directories. Committee volunteers will also coordinate photography space, including access and lockup. Committee meetings will be scheduled as needed throughout the process. This committee will disband after the production of the parish directory.

# 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) CHAIR**

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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 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 (Note: Paragraph 12 is not used in 2023-2024)**

### **13 CONFIRMATION**

(2-year program—Grades 9 and 10)

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The Confirmation process is integrated with High School Youth Ministry and aims to *inform* and *transform* the lives of the candidates. Teens registered for Confirmation will participate in the High School Youth Ministry Discipleship groups, along with monthly Confirmation specific meetings. **Adult volunteers** are needed to serve as Discipleship group mentors and attend retreat weekends or other events. *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 2023-2024)**

### **\*\*16 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (age 3 – Grade 6)**

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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 6 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. during the academic year.

## **17 (Note: Paragraph 17 is not used in 2023-2024)**

### **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 Saint James continues to grow, parishioners fluent in Spanish are invited to assist with sacramental preparation and catechesis for all ages. *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 seeking to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Opportunities are available to assist in the process of RCIA as a **mentor**. Mentors meet twice monthly with a candidate to introduce them to Catholicism as a way of life. Additionally, they are encouraged to attend twice-monthly RCIA group sessions with their candidate. Group sessions are on Mondays 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 of 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! Youth volunteers are most welcome! *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those 18 and older interested in being involved.*

## **22 YOUTH MINISTRY**

## **22a MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

(Grades 7 - 8)

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Middle School Youth Ministry is a community of 7th and 8th graders, along with their mentors and families, journeying together in becoming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Middle School Youth Ministry runs simultaneously with Family Faith Formation on Wednesday nights and consists of whole group activities, lessons, and games while also including small group time, specific to age and gender. **Adult volunteers** are needed to serve as mentors and attend events outside of the evening. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those 18 and older interested in being involved.*

## **22b HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

(Grades 9-12)

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Saint James High School Youth Ministry is a community of 9th-12th graders, along with their families and mentors, striving to grow as disciples, encountering Jesus through the sacramental life, and imitating Him. This ministry empowers the young church to develop and foster personal and spiritual growth through weekly Discipleship groups and Family Dinner nights. Additionally, the teens will grow in their love of Jesus Christ and their neighbors through service projects and retreats. **Adult volunteers** are needed to serve as Discipleship group mentors, serve as host homes, and assist with retreat weekends or other events. *A background check and Safe Environment training are required for all those 18 and older interested in being involved.*

## **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 will host periodic lectures and other events as announced through the parish bulletin and website.

## **24 YOUNG ADULT STUDY GROUP**

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The Young Adult Study Group consists of men and women post-college age, forming themselves in their faith and understanding of the Catholic Church through book study, Sunday Gospel Lectio Divina, and social time. This group meets typically on Tuesday evenings for regular book studies, and also meets periodically for family social events (such as a Memorial Day BBQ)

## **25 (Note: Paragraph 25 is not used in 2023-2024)**

## **26 MEN'S MINISTRY**

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Join a group of Catholic men desiring to grow in discipleship and fraternal support. The group meets weekly following the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass to break open and discuss the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. New participants are welcome at any time!

## **27 (Note: Paragraph 27 is not used in 2023-2024)**

## **28 WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

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We are a group of Catholic women desiring to learn more about our faith and develop virtuous friendships with other like-minded women. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and are usually held in members' homes. 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! *This ministry is seeking a co-chair, especially in the early months of 2023! Please contact Sarah if you can assist!*

# 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.*

## **29 “SEEDS OF KINDNESS” MINISTRY**

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The “Seeds of Kindness” ministry is a group of volunteer parishioners who meet to write and send notes and greeting cards, and other acts of kindness for those parishioners who need prayer and cheering up for various reasons, i.e., illness, shut-in, or who are in assisted living/long-term care. This ministry meets as a group approximately every two months at the parish, or individuals may be able to perform their volunteer activities from home. Christmas and other Holy Days/holidays will usually require a group meeting of the ministry at the parish. Cards, materials, stamps, etc. will be provided by Saint James Parish; and/or donated by parishioners. All we ask of you is your kindness and gift of time.

### **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. The Cultural Diversity Committee invites all parishioners to embrace and celebrate this aspect of our faith community through various ways and events, particularly in the annual multicultural Epiphany Liturgy and multicultural potluck dinner, the International Rosary, seminars, etc. Volunteers from all cultures are needed to assist in planning and participating in these events. Examples of volunteers needed are cantors, lectors, musicians, preparing/serving food, and set-up/clean up. 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 that meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the gym in Batcheldor Hall on the Saint James Church campus. 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 114-year history of having the honor and privilege of providing 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 58th 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, [kofc.org](http://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 to home and foreign missions. Volunteers are welcome to join this group in making rosaries. Classes are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

## **36 SAINT JAMES PLAYGROUP**

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The Saint James Playgroup is for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and young children as young as newborns. This supportive group comes together to enrich their children's lives through outings and fellowship. The group is always welcoming 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 all widows and widowers, and to be a valuable resource for newly widowed. The group meets monthly and welcomes all widows and widowers.

## **\*\*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 that 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 the 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.*

### **39 (Note: Paragraph 39 is not used in 2023-2024)**

#### **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: 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 over 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 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 2023-2024)**

## **47 LIBRARY**

### **Martha West**

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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 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 further promoting a positive environment for students and staff at Saint James Catholic School.

## **48, 49, and 50**

**(Note: These paragraph numbers are not used in 2023-2024)**

## **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 ten 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 at 7:00 p.m. 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. Women will visit the female inmates. Currently, ministry hours are in the evenings and on weekends. 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](http://clarityky.com)) fundraising initiatives. The committee also supports the Kentucky Right to Life Association and the Kentucky Right to Life Heartland Association in several 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 installing 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 Thursday 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 serves as a host warming shelter on Wednesday nights/Thursday mornings from December through February. The warming shelter is an initiative that brings together several 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, breakfast, lunch sacks, 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”**

Located in Batchelder Hall

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach 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 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”**

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. 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-STORE-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 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 Hospital, local rehabilitation facilities, 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

## **Lou Edmondson, Parish Pastoral Council Chair**

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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**

### **Linda Bacher**

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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, parishioner welcome events 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 2023-2024)**

### **72 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **Lou Edmondson**

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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 fruits of their time, talent and treasure with Saint James Catholic Church. This active, working committee meets once a month, September through May, 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 to be a part of this committee and share those gifts.

### **73 SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUTS**

#### **James Bellware**

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This committee provides Sunday morning parish fellowship through serving coffee and donuts in Batcheldor Hall after 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on the first Sunday of each month. While there is no official training required for this ministry, committee members are willing to give approximately 1.5 hours on the first Sunday of the month 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**

### **Gail Hereford**

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### **Susan Burgess**

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### **Ann Marie Reilly**

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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 inventing new ways to show our Saint James hospitality to new parishioners. ***An important aspect for the Welcome Committee members is to think of new and inventive ways to honor 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 helping with events.

# Worship

## **Jeff Lanz, Parish Pastoral Council Representative**

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## **Patrick Meredith**

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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**

### **Elaine Pike**

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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 the 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**

**Rita Walker (Co-chair)**

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**Lisa French (Co-chair)**

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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**

### **Frank Bryan**

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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**

### **Paul Moran**

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A Saint James Catholic Church usher is responsible for seating individuals and families before Mass, assigning gift bearers, assisting in the 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 the 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**

### **Helen Wheatley**

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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**

### **Tim Watts, Director of 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 and have a strong enough voice to sing the responsorial psalm.

## **\*\*87 SACRISTANS**

### **Patrick Meredith**

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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. Taping may include other parish events. 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**

**Dr. William Godfrey**

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After Mass and Holy Communion, Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest prayer of worship 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 2023-2024)**

## **91 SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE**

### **Janet Trapp**

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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. To find out more information, contact Janet Trapp, or visit [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://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.*

## 92 FASTING BROTHERS

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Fasting Brothers are groups of six men (or more) who offer various forms of fasting as a way of praying for the needs and intentions of one of our parish priests on a specific day of each week. A minimum of six men per priest is needed. Groups for each parish priest are assigned by the ministry leader. Each man prayerfully discerns the type of unique fasting he will offer and commits to doing the fast on a designated day of each week (except Sundays/Solemnities). Examples of the types of fasting could involve fasting from food or drink, refraining from social media, radio, etc., for the assigned day each week. This generous weekly fasting commitment is asked for a period of one year, but it can remain open-ended in time as each Fasting Brother discerns his call to continue. These groups are for the spiritual benefit of our priests. Fasting Brothers have a particular devotion to Saint Joseph as a strong patron for their endeavors. *“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” - Saint John Vianney, patron saint of priests.*

# *Saint James Stewardship Prayer*

My Parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into its worship,  
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and  
faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it  
what it is, am filled with these things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to  
the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Amen



**Saint James**

CATHOLIC CHURCH