



## **The Light**

WELCOME to St. James!! Whether online or in person we are so happy you are sharing this journey with us. If you have ideas for what we might be doing, concern about the welfare of a member, needs for help with technology or want to ask for prayers, we encourage you to contact the office or Fr. Josh.

**This Sunday at St. James  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
In-Person at 8:00 a.m.  
and  
In-Person and Live Streamed at 10:00 a.m.**

On [Facebook Live](#) at [facebook/ stjamesdowntown](https://facebook.com/stjamesdowntown) or  
Via a live-stream on our [website](https://stjamesbirmingham.org) – [stjamesbirmingham.org](https://stjamesbirmingham.org)



**Holy Eucharist**  
The Day of Pentecost  
10:00 a.m. — May 19, 2024  
Rite II

# This Week at St. James

## May 19 – May 26

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person
	10:00 a.m.	Church School for Pre-K – 6th
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed
	11:45 a.m.	Vestry Meeting
Mon.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965</a>
Tue.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965</a>
Wed.	Noon	Bible Study – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940791816">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940791816</a>
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965</a>
Thur.	2:30 p.m.	Baldwin House Holy Eucharist
	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965</a>
Fri.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/83578095965</a>
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed



Now to find **ALL** of the active sign-ups for all things St. James  
just go to: <https://stjames.rock.s/SJSUG>  
On that page you'll find tabs for Hosting Coffee Hours, Sandwich Making,  
Sponsoring Worship, and all youth activities and events. Bookmark the page to be  
able to easily find it!



**COMPLINE**  
**Weeknights at 7:50 p.m. on Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967846391>

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## SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Don't forget to wear red this Sunday for the Feast of Pentecost. We will give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the church. And yes – there will be cake.

### **HOST COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee Hour after both of our services is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and guests. We are in need of volunteers to sign-up to host coffee hour in May and throughout the summer. Coffee and tea are provided by the church and you only need to provide the treats. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall or at

<https://stjames.rock.s/coffee23>

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### **BIBLE STUDY**

*Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940791816>

Each Wednesday we meet on zoom to discuss one or more of our lectionary readings for the coming week. Participants learn methods of Biblical Criticism in order to delve more deeply into possible meanings of scripture. We ask about the author, the historical context, the narrative context, and, most importantly what it might mean for how we think about God and the way we live our lives today. This year we are focusing on the lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures, but will be reading stories from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season.

### **WORSHIP at the BALDWIN HOUSE**

*Thursday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m.*

Join us at Baldwin House for our monthly Holy Eucharist worship service. Members of the church and residents of Baldwin House meet together to worship and socialize in their 5<sup>th</sup> floor chapel.

## **SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS**

*New Email address: [photos@stjamesbirmingham.org](mailto:photos@stjamesbirmingham.org)*

Whether attending a special event, like our book fair this Thursday, or our booth at Birmingham, or taking a Sunday morning photo at worship or people making blankets during coffee hour... we need your photos. To update our website (horizontal photos are best) or for the spirit or flyers, we want to show the world what St. James is about. Please send any pictures you have of worship, fellowship, service, or any of the other parts of our congregational life to [photos@stjamesbirmingham.org](mailto:photos@stjamesbirmingham.org) Thank you.

## **NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES**

### **HEALING PRAYERS**

*Sunday, May 26*

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

After the dismissal, you are invited to go to a prayer station for laying on of hands and prayers for healing. You may ask for a prayer for yourself, someone you care for, or a general prayer. All prayer requests will be kept in private confidence.

## **COMING UP AT ST. JAMES**

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The office is closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

### **BOUND TOGETHER OPEN HOUSE**

You are invited to Bound Together's 30 Year Celebration on Thursday, May 30 from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. (171 West Pike Street, Pontiac). Come out and take a tour, meet staff, volunteers and program partners, have a treat, and hear about what the future holds for the kids and families! For more information visit [www.boundtogetherpontiac.org](http://www.boundtogetherpontiac.org)

### **SUPPORT GROUP FOR NEW MOMS**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Diocese of Michigan, St. James is starting a support group for new moms. The group will meet Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the lounge beginning on May 31.

Modern motherhood is tough, and so often it feels like we're doing it alone. People need the space to breathe, to finish that sentence, to know they're not the only one that feels like this. We see a future where the mental health struggles of mothers postpartum are recognized, validated, and treated with seriousness and gentleness. Amanda Reister, a board-certified counselor, (LLC) as well as being a member here at St. James will facilitate the group.

If you know a new mom who could use support or just a morning out, please share the news. The group is free to attend, and women can sign up here:

<https://www.amandareistercounseling.com/new-moms-support-group>

Babies are welcome, but no judgement if moms need a few minutes to themselves.

## **SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*One service at 9:00 a.m. June 2 – September 1*

Beginning on June 2, we will be switching to our summer service schedule and have a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. This change for the summer alleviates some of the work for our many volunteers and also allows the entire St. James community to worship together.

## **GRAMMY NOMINEE COMES TO ST. JAMES**

*June 2 – 9:00 a.m. service and 2:00 p.m. concert*

Multiple Grammy Nominee, Justin Roberts, will join us for our first summer worship service on June 2. He will play a song during the service and then perform a concert starting at 2:00 p.m. The St. James Preschool is sharing in bringing Justin to St. James for what is guaranteed to be a fun and festive occasion.

Justin is famous for his Indie music for children – sometimes branded as Kindie Rock. NPR says, “Roberts continues to craft masterpieces in miniature, equivalent to A. A. Milne’s Winnie the Pooh,” and USA Today says he is, “hands down the best songwriter in the genre.” We are so excited that he will be here, sharing his music that always welcomes in participation. Children of all ages will be delighted and we encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors.

## **HELP CLEAN UP OUR GROUNDS**

Sunday, June 9, wear your gardening clothes to church. After the 9:00 a.m. service, you can help us weed, spread mulch, and otherwise care for our grounds as we make our church beautiful for the summer. Bring your favorite trowel, gloves, and any other tools you may want to use, but we also will have some here.

## **FATHER’S DAY PHOTOS**

St James is celebrating Father’s Day on Sunday, June 16 with an exhibit featuring a favorite photo of your father, stepdad, foster father, grandfather or anyone else who has been like a father to you.

All you have to do is provide us with a duplicate, original, or scanned copy of a photo of the man you want honored from any time during his life – from infant to adult. We’ll have a card available for you to note a few facts, such as approximate date of photo, where taken and any interesting information you would like to share.

We’ll be accepting photos for the display at a table staffed by Shar Wickens on Sunday June 1 and Sunday, June 8. Photos will be displayed on Sunday, June 15 and through the end of the month when they’ll be available for a safe return to you.

Many of our parishioners will recall the May 2016 Mother's Day photo event "buzz" and the sense of community this event inspired. Whether you select something recent or find an historic photo from a dusty photo album, let's start searching! Kids, you are welcome to join in the fun with your favorite Dad photo.

### **CELEBRATING GRADUATES**

Do you have someone in your family who is graduating this season? Whether it is from High School, College, or Graduate School, we want to celebrate with you and congratulate them on their accomplishment. Please let us know by contacting Michelle Metry ([parishadmin@stjamesbirmingham.org](mailto:parishadmin@stjamesbirmingham.org)) and she'll send you a form to let us know some of the details about your graduate. The deadline to return the form is June 15.

## **VOLUNTEER AT ST. JAMES**

### **MAKE PB&J SANDWICHES for PONTIAC**

Every Thursday we need a volunteer or a family to come into church and make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. We donate these sandwiches to a Community Breakfast at All Saint's in Pontiac. You can help by taking the time to make sandwiches (it takes an individual about 45 minutes to 1 hour). Sign up at <https://stjames.rocks/pbj>

### **HELP OUT DURING THE SERVICE**

Eucharistic Ministers assist Fr. Josh and Deacon Patti during communion. Tech support ensures our service is viewed by those who cannot be with us in person for worship. Questions about these ministries, ask Fr. Josh, Deacon Patti or Michele Wogaman.

### **HELP BREAKDOWN AFTER COFFEE HOUR**

We need families, or individuals, to sign up to help breakdown the tables and chairs after the 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. You don't have to do the job by yourselves, just coordinate a few others in the room to get Centennial Hall ready for our Preschoolers on Monday morning. This would be a different group than those that sponsor coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall or at <https://stjames.rocks/coffee23>

### **LET'S GET TO CHURCH**

Do you know someone who needs a ride to church? Or perhaps you are willing to drive someone to church on an occasional Sunday? Please contact Jane Barnes to volunteer as a driver and/or give her the name of someone who would appreciate a ride to church. [Jane\\_barnesdivabasket@live.com](mailto:Jane_barnesdivabasket@live.com) or 989-293-2262.

## **OUTREACH**

### **MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE NUMBER**

For people experiencing a crisis, they can call or text 988 to immediately get help from a trained mental health professional.

## STAFF & WARDEN CONTACT INFORMATION

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## PRAYER LISTS

### IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST

Penny; Anne; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane Barnes; Michael Curry; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda Baldwin; Patti Fraley; Julian; Andy; Claire; Joe; Betsy Kent; and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

### SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Michelle; Richard; Noah; Maryanna; Natalie; Chuck & Mickie; Corinne; Evi; Pete; Mary; Marty; Sally; Don; Bill; Rachel; Dave; Sue; Mary Jo; Jean; Dave; Rob; Jacob; Bob.

### IN MEMORIAM

## WORSHIP SPONSORS

### SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR FLOWERS, LIVESTREAMING

The flowers are given this week in thanksgiving for the marriage of Jesse Jezak and Sophie Hardig and in loving memory of Carolyn and Joseph Hardig.

Sign up to sponsor our service by paying for flowers, the sanctuary candle or the livestream: <https://stjames.rocks/sponsor> Or, you can call the office.

The cost is: Altar Flowers: \$75 / Sanctuary Lamp \$50 / Livestreaming \$100  
Or ALL THREE for \$200

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	<b>Sunday, May 26</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. EM</b>	Vickie Hertenstein	Jon Wickens
<b>8:00 a.m. Lector</b>	Diane A'Hearn	Michele Wogaman
<b>8:00 a.m. Ushers</b>	John & Pam Grier	Nancy Ward, Michele Wogaman
<b>10:00 a.m. EMs</b>	David Stout, Michele Wogaman	Fred Austin, Nancy Schutte
<b>10:00 a.m. Lectors</b>	Murray Christianson, Debra Lawson	Elaine Linstedt, Barrett Newgeon
<b>10:00 a.m. Acolytes</b>	Iain Hennebury, Luke Hennebury	None today
<b>10:00 a.m. Ushers</b>	Brody Gable, Mark Gable	Marianne Ganiard, John Hoeffler
<b>10:00 a.m. Tech</b>	Aiden Gable, Sophie Gable	Tim Catchpole
<b>10:00 a.m. Nursery</b>	Marianne Ganiard	Michele Wogaman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara Spencer, Lois Yeats, Andrea Everett	Barbara Spencer, Lois Yeats, Keli Newgeon

### Next Sunday's Readings: May 26

\*Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17