



## **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](http://stjamesbirmingham.org) – [stjamesbirmingham.org](http://stjamesbirmingham.org)



**Holy Eucharist**  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m. — May 5, 2024  
Rite II

# This Week at St. James

## May 5 – May 12

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person  
9:05 a.m. Adult Forum in the Lounge  
10:00 a.m. Church School for Pre-K – 6th  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed
- Mon. – Fri. Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week
- Mon. 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578095965>
- Tue. 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice  
7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578095965>
- Wed. Noon Bible Study – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940791816>  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578095965>
- Thur. 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578095965>
- Fri. 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578095965>
- Sat. 10:00 – 6:00 Art Birmingham Craft Table
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person  
9:05 a.m. Adult Forum in the Lounge  
10:00 a.m. Church School for Pre-K – 6th  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed  
10:00 – 5:00 Art Birmingham Craft Table



Now to find **ALL** of the active sign-ups for all things St. James  
just go to: <https://sjames.rocks/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

### ADULT FORUM

*Sundays at 9:05 a.m. in the Lounge*

Join us this Sunday when we discuss the book, *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*.

5/5 Chapter 3 – The Cursing Psalms

Books are available from Fr. Josh for \$10. You are welcome to join us whether you have read the book or not, there will be plenty to discuss.

### BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

*Coffee Hour May 5*

Every child who is Baptized at St. James receives a blanket in memory of the occasion. You can join Shar Wickens during coffee hour on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to help make the blankets that will be given out in the future. These blankets that are made by our community will be a strong symbol of the way that the newly Baptized are connected to us as siblings in Christ.

### NEW FORWARD DAY BY DAYS

Day by Day's for May/June/July are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy mailed to you please contact the Michelle in the Church office at 248-644-0820 or [parishadmin@stjamesbirmingham.org](mailto:parishadmin@stjamesbirmingham.org)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of May 6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. The Preschool Board will be offering fancy coffees and letting our teachers know that without them, we are 'muffin'. Vestry is also planning to get in on the act with donations toward snacks for the week. If you would like to send a donation you can do so with a check in the plate or send to the office with preschool on the memo line. To send a message of appreciation for all of their work, you can leave a note in the plate on any Sunday, or email Melissa Wojciechowski at [preschool@stjamesbirmingham.org](mailto:preschool@stjamesbirmingham.org)

## **ST. JAMES AT ART BIRMINGHAM**

One of our goals for this year is to increase our profile in the community by being more involved in city activities. A great opportunity is at Art Birmingham on Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Centered in Shain Park, booths for this event come right to our very doorstep. So why shouldn't we join in? Our vision is to set up on Martin Street in our covered parking area to make AMAZING cards for Mom, or any special person. To make that happen, we need your help. We are hoping to have parishioners participate in two-hour shifts to make this available to the Art attendees. Would you be willing to have some fun for a couple of hours on that Saturday and/or Sunday and let people know how welcoming a group of people we are? If so, there is a sign-up genius available at <https://stjames.rocks/art24>.

For more information, contact Shar at 248-763-5929, Michele at 248-875-5768, or Pam at 248-219-7464.

## **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.

## **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.

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

### **PENTECOST READERS NEEDED**

If you can read in a language other than English, we can use your help on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the Pentecost lesson. To celebrate the speaking and understanding in tongues that occurred that day, we like to read in multiple languages. Contact Fr. Josh to volunteer or with any questions.

## **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. This program has been feeding people in their neighborhood for 9 years, and St. James is proud to support them by providing sandwiches and granola bars. 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. The coming three months see a few of our regulars looking after their well-being in ways that will keep them at home for a bit. Questions about these ministries, ask Fr. Josh, Deacon Patti or Michele Wogaman.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL OR NURSERY CARE**

Godly Play is our new curriculum that puts our stories fully in the hands of our children as they ask their own questions and discover their own meaning. There are multiple roles available to support the classroom and each story is fully scripted for the storyteller.

Best practices dictate that we have two adults in the nursery when children are there—and we are now seeking volunteers to be 1/2 of those teams each week from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. If you are interested or have any questions, talk to Fr. Josh.

## **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 2024. 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.rocks/coffee23>

## **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.

<h2><b>OUTREACH</b></h2>
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## **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

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 5</b>	<b>Sunday, May 12</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. EM</b>	Vickie Hertenstein	John Wickens
<b>8:00 a.m. Lector</b>	Gillian Catchpole	Barbara Spencer
<b>8:00 a.m. Ushers</b>	John & Pam Grier	Pam Righter, Nancy Ward
<b>10:00 a.m. EMs</b>	Bruce Guenther, Michele Wogaman	Fred Austin, Nancy Schutte
<b>10:00 a.m. Lectors</b>	Michelle Boice, Chuck Furchak	Angie Righter, Allie Hoover
<b>10:00 a.m. Acolytes</b>	Angus Christianson, TBD	Elise Everett, Timothy Hoover
<b>10:00 a.m. Ushers</b>	Fred Austin, Barrett Newgeon	Marianne Ganiard, Nate Schmidt
<b>10:00 a.m. Tech</b>	Tim Catchpole	Hank Everett, John Everett
<b>10:00 a.m. Nursery</b>	Marianne Ganiard	Andrea Everett
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lauri Christianson, Marcia Murphy, Lois Yeats	Lauri Christianson, Marcia Murphy, Lois Yeats

### **Next Sunday's Readings: May 12**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; \*1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19