

# Parish Worship Department

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- **Acolytes** include youth from third grade through high school who lead the procession and serve at the altar during the worship services. Contact Caroline Ross, [carolineross@cox.net](mailto:carolineross@cox.net)
- **Altar Guild** sets up and cleans at the Eucharist services, keeps the silver polished, linens washed and ironed, and supplies in stock. Contact Jane Christensen, [tqmsystems@aol.com](mailto:tqmsystems@aol.com)
- **Eucharistic Ministers** assist in distribution of the elements during the Eucharist. Contact Fr. Ralph, [rhowe@stjamesbr.org](mailto:rhowe@stjamesbr.org)
- **Lectors** are volunteers who read the appointed scripture at church services. Contact Shirley Young, [shirleyyoung51@cox.net](mailto:shirleyyoung51@cox.net)
- **St. Martha's Guild** members serve as hostesses for visitations held in the church parlor before funerals. Contact Emily Wray Lamont, [ewrayl@aol.com](mailto:ewrayl@aol.com)
- **Ushers** welcome, provide seating assistance, distribute service bulletins, collect the offering and make sure the church is clean after each service. Contact Kyle Landrem [skyland76@hotmail.com](mailto:skyland76@hotmail.com)
- **Ushers for Funerals** provide a warm welcome and directions to guests at St. James for visitations and requiem Eucharists. Contact Phillip Wright, [carfilwrt@cox.net](mailto:carfilwrt@cox.net)
- **Wedding Guild** members provide assistance to the clergy, the wedding parties and families involved with weddings. Contact Sue Larisey, [suelarisey@cox.net](mailto:suelarisey@cox.net)

## Music Ministries

- **Chancel Choir** is open to all singers college age or older. Contact Eric Johnson or Sara Bray, [music@stjamesbr.org](mailto:music@stjamesbr.org)
- **St. James Treble Choir** is an auditioned choral group for serious singers, girls, and boys with unchanged voices, in fifth through tenth grade. Contact Eric Johnson, [music@stjamesbr.org](mailto:music@stjamesbr.org)
- **Cherub Choir** is for all children three years old and older. The choir will meet in the Choir Room, during Sunday School (9:15-10:15) on September 30, October 28, and December 9, and they will sing at the 10:30 service on those dates. Contact Sara Bray, [music@stjamesbr.org](mailto:music@stjamesbr.org)

## Pastoral Care Department

**Church Staff Contact:** Fr. Ralph Howe, [rhowe@stjamesbr.org](mailto:rhowe@stjamesbr.org)

**Vestry Contact:** Claudia Black, [atblack@cox.net](mailto:atblack@cox.net)

- **Altar Flowers for Friends** freshens up and delivers our altar flowers to two homebound parishioners for their enjoyment each week. Contact Barrie Griffen, [lnblee@aol.com](mailto:lnblee@aol.com)
- **Eucharistic Visitors** are licensed by the bishop to take the consecrated sacrament to sick or infirm members of the congregation. Contact Fr. Ralph Howe, [rhowe@stjamesbr.org](mailto:rhowe@stjamesbr.org)
- **Hospital Visits** are made by our clergy on a rotating schedule. Contact [srabalais@stjamesbr.org](mailto:srabalais@stjamesbr.org) to let us know if you need a clergy member to visit you or a loved one during a hospital stay.
- **Lay Pastoral Care Committee** strives to care for our church family. Contact Fr. Ralph, [rhowe@stjamesbr.org](mailto:rhowe@stjamesbr.org)
- **Nursing Home Ministry** coordinates church services at area nursing homes. Contact Robin & Thomas DiNapoli, [dinapoli@lsu.edu](mailto:dinapoli@lsu.edu)
- **Meals Ministry** is our newest Pastoral Care ministry, utilizing the gifts of church volunteers who love to prepare and deliver dinner meals — as a gift to the recipient from their personal resources and time — to help our church family who are recovering from medical issues, personal crisis, or loss, as well as to our families with newborn infants. To volunteer, or to request a meal, contact Kelly Williams, [meals@stjamesbr.org](mailto:meals@stjamesbr.org)

# Christian Life Department

**Church Staff Contact:** Mary Boutwell, [mboutwell@stjamesbr.org](mailto:mboutwell@stjamesbr.org)

**Vestry Contact:** Anna Catherine Soule, [acbsoule@gmail.com](mailto:acbsoule@gmail.com)

## Fellowship

- **Bad Girls Book Club** is a women's group that meets monthly to discuss timely books, enjoy an informal meal, and socialize. Contact Monica Murphy, [monicabr@att.net](mailto:monicabr@att.net)
- **EfM Graduates Group** is for Education for Ministry grads to gather once monthly, on the second Thursday, for lunch and theological reflection. Contact Nancy Jo Poirrer, [npstudio@bellsouth.net](mailto:npstudio@bellsouth.net)
- **Foyer Groups** are assigned in the fall and meet in participants' homes for food and fun. Newcomers are especially encouraged to join! Contact Brent Caldwell, [caldwellbn@cox.net](mailto:caldwellbn@cox.net)
- **Garden Guild** helps to maintain the church grounds including plants, flowers, shrubs and trees. Contact Rosemary Campbell, [rosiecampbell@cox.net](mailto:rosiecampbell@cox.net)
- **Greeters' Guild** members direct visitors to offices and meetings at the church and Ministries Center, assist the staff in answering telephones, and distributing *We Care* bags. Volunteers serve once a week from 9-noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Contact Carole & Phillip Wright, [carfilwrt@cox.net](mailto:carfilwrt@cox.net)
- **Holy Grillers** is a group of men who enjoy grilling and fellowship for church events. Contact John Cadwallader, [jgcad@i-notification.net](mailto:jgcad@i-notification.net)
- **The James Gang** is comprised of the age-affluent in the church community who gather for luncheons, tours and enjoy speakers throughout the year, staying active, involved and building new friendships. Contact Belva & David Dewey, [belvadewey@yahoo.com](mailto:belvadewey@yahoo.com)
- **Parlor Flowers** members create seasonal flower arrangements for the center table of the foyer in the Parish Hall, or fresh flower arrangement to place on the Parish Hall parlor banquet table. Contact Belva Dewey, [belvadewey@yahoo.com](mailto:belvadewey@yahoo.com)

- **St. James Artists Guild** is for any practicing artist and member of St. James. Two parish exhibits are scheduled yearly: one in July, and one in November. Contact Nancy Jo Poirrer, [npstudio@bellsouth.net](mailto:npstudio@bellsouth.net)
- **Welcoming Newcomers Committee** strives to share a ministry of hospitality and welcome to all who come to Saint James. Contact Ashley Frey, [ashleyfrey@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyfrey@yahoo.com)

### ***ECW (Episcopal Church Worker) Chapters***

- **St. Agnes/Edith/Monica** is a gathering of venerable ladies of the church for fellowship, study and refreshments one morning a month. Contact Lubna Culbert, [laculbert@aol.com](mailto:laculbert@aol.com)
- **St. Joan of Arc** holds a once-a-month gathering of ladies of the church for study and lunch. The focus of study changes yearly. Contact Nina Broyles, [nbf3141@gmail.com](mailto:nbf3141@gmail.com)
- **St. Mary's Bible Study** is a group of women who meet every third Thursday in each others home for bible study and fellowship. Contact Anna Catherine Soule, [acbsoule@gmail.com](mailto:acbsoule@gmail.com)
- **Gumbo** is St James' premier opportunity for fellowship and involvement while we invite our downtown neighbors into our church home for Lenten Gumbo luncheons. Funds raised are dedicated to mission programs, Episcopal outreach, and special projects of the Episcopal Church Workers of St. James Episcopal Church. Takeout and Eat-In options are available. Fifty volunteers are needed each Friday during Lent to bring our "Pop-Up" Gumbo shop to life. Volunteers answer phones, take orders, serve, cashier, wash dishes and greet our visitors. To volunteer, contact Vicki Schenk, [vschenk@cox.net](mailto:vschenk@cox.net)
- **Loaves & Fishes** is group that meets from time to time to cook and freeze meals so that we can deliver to our parishioners in need of a meal due to an illness, death in the family or when they are welcoming a newborn. Contact Mary Boutwell, [mboutwell@stjamesbr.org](mailto:mboutwell@stjamesbr.org)

## **Christian Formation**

*Overseen by the Christian Formation Committee*

### **Adults**

- **Education for Ministry**, is a four-year program designed for lay people to become effective ministers, developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South and guided by Sewanee-trained mentors. Contact Marsha Wade, [mwade50@gmail.com](mailto:mwade50@gmail.com)
- **Center for Spiritual Formation** offers programs to help us pray and put prayers into action. All are invited to participate in the Center for Spiritual Formation programs, designed to cultivate our spiritual growth and our awareness of God's presence in our life and in the lives of those we encounter daily. Contact Marsha Wade, [mwade50@gmail.com](mailto:mwade50@gmail.com)
- **Adult Confirmation** classes are typically offered during the 9:15 Sunday School hour in the Spring. Contact Sylvia Rabalais, [srabalais@stjamesbr.org](mailto:srabalais@stjamesbr.org)
- **S.M.I.L.E.** Bible Study is for senior men and meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the library on the second floor of the Ministries Center. Contact Phillip Wright, [carfilwrt@cox.net](mailto:carfilwrt@cox.net)
- **Sunday School** classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. with various topics, leaders, and locations. Contact Mary Boutwell, [mboutwell@stjamesbr.org](mailto:mboutwell@stjamesbr.org)

### **Youth**

- **Episcopal Youth in Community (EYC)** is an opportunity for youth in grades sixth through their senior year of high school to grow spiritually in our faith community. Contact Annie Jung, [ajung@stjamesbr.org](mailto:ajung@stjamesbr.org)
- **Youth Sunday School** is offered each Sunday in the Youth Room at 9:15. Annie leads discussion based Sunday School classes. Contact Annie Jung, [ajung@stjamesbr.org](mailto:ajung@stjamesbr.org)
- **Youth Mission Trips** take place each summer. Contact Annie Jung, [ajung@stjamesbr.org](mailto:ajung@stjamesbr.org)
- **Youth Confirmation** classes and confirmation is offered in the spring. Contact Annie Jung, [ajung@stjamesbr.org](mailto:ajung@stjamesbr.org)

## Children

Under direction of the St. James Children's Council,  
[childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org](mailto:childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org)

- **Children's Sunday School** programs are available for children of all ages and are coordinated by the Children's Council. Contact Julie McCall, [julie@kswb.com](mailto:julie@kswb.com)
- **Vacation Church School** is offered to PreK-4 – fourth grade children each summer, during the second week of June. Contact [childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org](mailto:childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org)
- **Summer Playdates** are scheduled for children and their families during the summer months. To volunteer, contact [childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org](mailto:childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org)
- **Family Fun Events** are planned throughout the year by the Children's Council. Contact [childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org](mailto:childrenscouncil@stjamesbr.org) to help plan fun events.
- **Children's Church** is an opportunity for youngsters to experience, at their own level, what's going on during our worship service. At the 10:30 service, youngsters interested can gather immediately following the Gospel reading, and have their own time in the Chapel of the Twelve Apostles, returning in time for communion with their families. Contact Martha Vasquez, [marthawhitevasquez@gmail.com](mailto:marthawhitevasquez@gmail.com)



# st james children's council

# Outreach Department

**Church Staff Contact:** Fr. Chris Duncan

**Vestry Contact:** Craig Rhodes, [craig@newtonlandscapegroup.com](mailto:craig@newtonlandscapegroup.com)

- **Angel Tree** is a Christmas season program in which St. James works with the Salvation Army and VOA to help children and the elderly receive gifts. Contact Betsy Harper, [bharper@stjamesbr.org](mailto:bharper@stjamesbr.org)
- **Christmas Feast at St. James** helps to plan, prepare gifts, and serve a noon meal in December to our neighbors living on the streets or in area shelters. Contact Alice Nelson, [alicenelson@cox.net](mailto:alicenelson@cox.net), and read the eMessenger in November for a volunteer call.
- **St. James Food Pantry** helps distribute food from the Baton Rouge Food Bank and parish donations on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month to qualified recipients in our area. Contact Allen Paterson, [allenpaterson2@gmail.com](mailto:allenpaterson2@gmail.com)
- **We Care Bags** are our lunch/snack bags distributed to the hungry at our door. Helpers go shopping, help pack, or distribute small lunch bags given to those who come to the Ministries Center in need of sustenance. Contact Carole & Phillip Wright, [carfilwrt@cox.net](mailto:carfilwrt@cox.net)
- **Hearty Breakfasts** are dedicated to hospitality as we invite our street neighbors to come and enjoy a meal served by parish volunteers in Bishops Hall, generally on fifth Sundays, about four times per year. Contact Nancy Jo Poirrer, [npstudio@bellsouth.net](mailto:npstudio@bellsouth.net)
- **Kids' Orchestra** provides an opportunity school day afternoons for children from all socioeconomic backgrounds to learn how to play a musical instrument. Contact Jody Hanet, [jhanet@kidsorchestra.org](mailto:jhanet@kidsorchestra.org)
- **Outreach Grants Committee** oversees the awarding of a designated portion of our proceeds to deserving programs focusing on the needs identified by the committee, and reviews the follow-up reports., Contact Shirley Young, [shirleyyoung51@cox.net](mailto:shirleyyoung51@cox.net)
- **Stephen Ministry** is a nationally-recognized program training members work closely with the clergy to assist people in times of personal need, grief or crisis. Contact Allen Paterson, [allenpaterson2@gmail.com](mailto:allenpaterson2@gmail.com)

## **St. James Episcopal Day School**

An outreach ministry of St. James Episcopal Church, our national Blue Ribbon of Excellence award-winning Day School is committed to developing each child's unique gifts by providing a strong foundation combining academic excellence and spiritual formation within a warm, loving Christian community. For more information, or to arrange your personal tour, visit ***www.stjameseds.org***, or email ***info@stjamesbr.org***, or phone 225-344-0805.