



SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Leading people to heaven with Christian hospitality and fostering Eucharistic Discipleship."

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



AUGUST 20, 2023

THEN JESUS SAID
TO HER IN REPLY,
"O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR
FAITH! LET IT BE
DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH."
—MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30PM

Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM, 7:00PM XLT | Adoration

Wednesday: 8:30AM

Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon)

Friday: 8:30AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Convent Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00PM - 4:00PM or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here!

If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the new parishioner link. Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church.

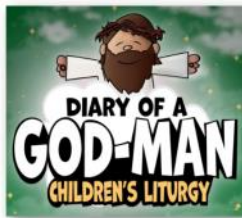


Thank you!

If you've recently spent time in the Saint James Adoration Chapel, you've noticed that the chapel is undergoing a makeover. The renovations are being done at no cost to the parish through a most generous donation; and we gratefully acknowledge this wonderful gift.

Mass Etiquette Tips

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstances of our lives (no. 1677). As Christ was the invisible God made visible, so sacramentals, like sacraments, are visible signs of His invisible grace, sanctifying daily life. When entering and exiting the church, dip your fingertips into the holy water font and bless yourself by making the sign of the cross. Holy water is a sacramental and serves as a reminder of our Baptism, when we were claimed for Christ for the first time. While it is sometimes easy to get into the habit of entering a Catholic church and rushing through the ritual of blessing oneself with holy water, the symbolism behind the act is worth pausing a few extra seconds. It provides an opportunity to leave behind the secular and enter into the sacred.



Thanks to a generous parishioner - children's liturgy sheets are available in the back of the church. Please pick one up for your children to follow the readings of the Mass. They can be taken home.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the altar for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations now start at \$100 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:



Text SJCC to 57838

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00PM on Monday.

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday:

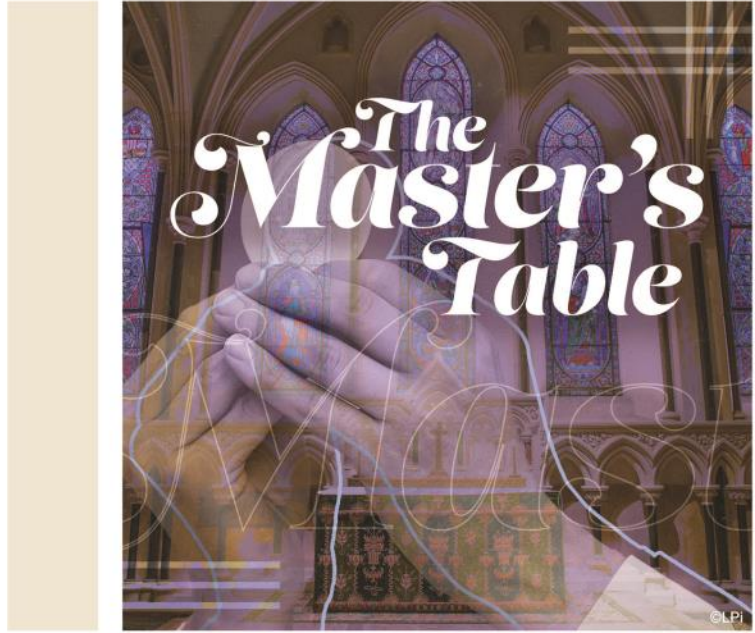
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— *Father John Muir*



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PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

- **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.
Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Rita Bailey	Mimi Davis	Carolyn McClellan	Georgeanna Baker
Terry Barnes	Gina Duplechein	Tanya McClellan	Sincavage
Hoshall Barrett	Greg Freeman	Karen McCoy	Josh Sniffen
Tammy Bates	W.C. Fore	Msgr. James McGough	Fr. Joseph Uko
Faith Black	Joseph Neil Gilly	Edna Migues	Bob Usey
Jerry Boudreaux	Rosemary Gremillion	Elsa Mrazek	Ferdie Walker
Debra Boyd	Loretta Hahn	Albert Necaize	Kim Casono Ware
Hope Broadus	Keleal Hassin	Lois Ann Necaize	Teresa Whiteside
Jennifer Brown	Jessi Hebert	Mary Anne Oberlies	
Isabel Bullard	SSG. Eric Heitkamp	Butch Oustalet	
Charlotte Jean Buras	Louis Helwick	Anthony Palma	
Valerie Buras	Shirley Henderson	Michelle Pike	
Dick Chapin	Tom Hicks	Dennis Razze	
Martha Chapin	Timmy Holliday	Etaw Robb	
Bernard Chevalier	Diane Hudson	Barbara Russo	
Dannie Chevalier	Dianne Hurlbert	Gladys Salvador	
Rhonda Clark	Sheena Khalifeh	Joan Sample	
Susan Cooper	Doug Kirk	Kathy Shankweiler	
Ashley Garrett Couture	Fr. George Kitchin	Ralph Shankweiler	
Fr. Joseph Dang	Josie Lindsey	Jaclyn Simpson	

If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

SYMPATHY

The Saint James community wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Fr. Mark Beard,
Geraldine Hanes, Hank Hayes,
Alan Nguyen, Sr. Mary Anne O'Brien,
David Riemann, Fr. John Ugochukwu
and Michael Wells

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed now share in Eternal Glory and may their loved ones receive God's consolation and peace.

A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

Lord, please hold our military and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

4:00PM Haas Family

Sunday, August 20

9:00AM Edward Albritton

11:00AM People of Saint James

5:30PM Vanessa Buras

Monday, August 21

7:00AM Elise Harris

8:30AM Peggy Atkinson

Tuesday, August 22

6:00PM Therese Duccini

Wednesday, August 23

8:30AM Jenni Bourgeois

Thursday, August 24

7:00AM Ward Faulk

12:00PM Dennis Bourgeois

Friday, August 25

8:30AM Buddy Hage

Saturday, August 26

4:00PM Shane Rogers

Deceased -

Healing -

Special Intention -

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

August 20 - August 27

Monday, August 21

9:45AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House

6:30PM Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Tuesday, August 22

9:00AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House

7:00PM XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, August 23

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room

Friday, August 25

10:30AM Cenacle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room

August 27 - September 03

Monday, August 28

9:45AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House

6:30PM Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Tuesday, August 29

7:00PM XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, August 30

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 19

4:00PM Macky Dominguez

Sunday, August 20

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarki

11:00AM Erik Hosler

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards

Saturday, August 26

4:00PM Chuck Bridley

Sunday, August 27

9:00AM Kory Hudson

11:00AM Ed Farrell

5:30PM Michele Pisciotta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 19

4:00PM June Bounds, Connie Pucheu,
and Ashley & George French

Sunday, August 20

9:00AM Sherry & Don Alfonso, Kate Spear
and Linda Joffrion

11:00AM Karen & Doc Rhodes, Mary Anne Oberlies,
Roberta Hosler and Stephanie Guirola

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards, Paul Corroero and
Ashlie & Joseph Herbert

Saturday, August 26

4:00PM Mary Pecoul, Barbara Levine, Josie Six
and Beverly Moore

Sunday, August 27

9:00AM Ann Edwards, Mary Ellen Edwards,
Bonnie Jacobs and Gretchen Ellis

11:00AM Darlene & EG Warren, Debby Weeks
and Cara & Alex Karetas

5:30PM Diana Holder, Butch Plitt,
Deanne Goulet and Rachelle Cleveland

TREASURE

AUGUST 12/13, 2023

Sunday Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$9,338
Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$1,390
Weekly Total	\$10,728
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$19,673
YTD Actual-Week #07	\$119,811
YTD Budget-Week #07	\$137,711
YTD % of Budget	87%
Second Collection - Saint James Adoration Chapel	\$1,472

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Church Property Insurance.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Youth Ministry.

ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - one draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or two drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Venmo donations may be made at @St_James_GPT.



Flowers

Flowers in front of the altar are donated

by Mr. & Mrs. James P. Caranna

in loving memory of

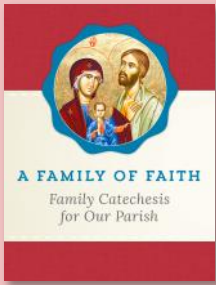
James D. McCann, Jr.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$89,503.00. Thus far, 161 families have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised \$80,575.00 (in pledges & one time gifts). Thank you for your response!

If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, please consider if you are able. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember - all monies donated above our goal will be returned to the parish.

FAITH FORMATION



A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

Families are warmly welcomed to join A Family of Faith this fall. We're getting ready for an exciting year of helping the whole family learn more about our Catholic faith. This year, we'll explore the Sacraments of the Church.

For more information, please contact Linda Hebert at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

**PARENT MEETING
SUNDAY - AUGUST 20
6:30PM IN THE CHURCH**

For more information, please contact
Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes
youthminister@saintjamescc.com

K-12 FAITH FORMATION

2023/2024 Registration is now open - Faith Formation activities will begin in September.



A Family of Faith Starts Sept. 6

Parent sessions are the first Wednesday of the month from 5:45 - 7:15PM. Family events will be held on the third Sunday of the month.



Saint J Youth Kickoff Sept. 10

Saint J Youth will meet on Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00PM. Bible study on Tuesdays and Lead Team on Wednesdays.



First Holy Communion Starts Sept. 13

Classes will meet Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30PM (except for the first Wednesday of the month).



Confirmation T.B.D.

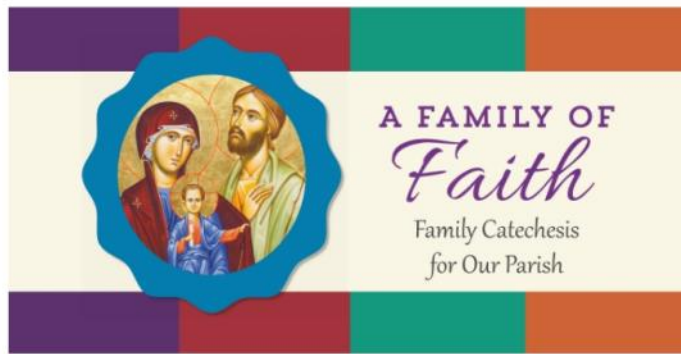
Community events will be held in the fall session; classes will be held on Wednesday nights in the spring session.

Questions? Contact:

Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education
Parish Office: 228-896-6059
lindahebert@saintjamescc.com

REGISTER NOW





Dear Parishioners,

It's with great enthusiasm that I announce the start of a new year of faith formation here at Saint James Catholic Church. We will, again, be utilizing *A Family of Faith* to teach the *Catholic faith to parents that they might then teach the Catholic faith to their own children.*

On hearing about this concept, some parents have expressed the concern, "But I'm not trained as a teacher! And, I'm worried I don't know enough about my own religion!" However, Jesus told us so often, and I repeat: *Do not be afraid!* Who do you think has been teaching in our faith formation classes all these years? Parents, just like you! As a parent, you will be provided with the materials and tools you need to accomplish this crucial task. And there's something more that you've already been given...

Whenever a child is baptized in the Catholic Church, the child's parents are reminded that, in asking for his or her baptism, they are accepting the responsibility of training their son or daughter in the practice of the faith and the duty to bring him or her up to keep God's commandments. The religious education of their own children is part of the God-given vocation of parents, and the Lord never calls us to do something without also giving us everything we need to accomplish it. So, on top of the essential material and tools our parish will provide, *God has given you His grace to do this!*

A Family of Faith takes the place of Sunday morning faith formation classes and is geared for kids in grades K-8, but all families (even those with children enrolled in our Catholic schools) are invited to participate. Children in grades 6-12 will continue their faith formation through the Saint J Youth Group's Edge and Life Teen catechetical models. Sacramental prep for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the St. James Catholic School beginning September 13; and sacramental prep for Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings in the Spring Semester. Since Confirmation preparation is a three-year process, all high school students not attending Catholic school must attend our Life Teen nights and those attending Catholic school are encouraged to attend.

The first parent session for *A Family of Faith* is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, in the St. James Catholic School cafeteria. We will meet from 5:45 – 7:15 PM.

I look forward to embarking on this new year of faith formation and allowing Jesus to transform our parish into a *family of faith*. Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024 is now open on our website. If you have any questions, please contact me or Linda Hebert, our Director of Religious Education.

In Christ's peace,

Father Ryan McCoy
Pastor

Are you interested in serving God through Youth Ministry? We have four ways you can help!



Adult Core Team

Our Adult Core Team helps plan and run youth nights, group events and retreats. They journey with the teens as they become Eucharistic disciples. If you want to share and be a part of relational ministry, this is the team for you!

The Hospitality Team

We end every Sunday night with a meal and fellowship and this ministry is essential in making this happen. The Hospitality Team helps coordinate meals and snacks for our youth nights and events. They may also help with retreat meals.



The Prayer Team

Everything we do begins and ends with prayer. The Prayer Team supports our ministry by praying in the Adoration Chapel during youth nights and retreats. In addition, they may be called to intercede for specific teens during retreats and youth trips.

Donate

If you cannot donate your time, we are always in need of funds to help sponsor teens on our many retreats and conferences. Donations also help us continue to provide events and encounters for our teens throughout the entire year.



To get involved or ask questions, contact
Bridgett or Sarah @
youthminister@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059

*Perhaps you,
or someone you know,
wants to learn more about
the Catholic Faith.*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)
is just the place to learn of God's truth and love.

These classes are designed for non-Catholics, but
everyone is welcome to attend. Our first gathering on
Tuesday, September 5th
at 7PM in the Parish Center.

**All adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed
need to attend these classes.**

We also seek practicing Catholics who might be
interested in sponsoring someone in the RCIA process.
You, too, are invited to our first meeting. Sponsors do
not have to have a Ph.D. in theology, but be Christians
of warmth and hospitality, who seek to support those on
their way to God.

For additional information, contact
Deacon Henderson 228-209-6960

2023-2024 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Schedule
Saint James Catholic Church
7:00 PM – Tuesdays in the Parish Center (Raphael Room)

DATE	TOPIC	STUDY IN CATECHISM
Sep 5	Introduction to the RCIA	
Sep 12	Overview of Salvation History	pp 17 – 28
Sep 19	God's Call: Grace, Our Response: Faith	pp 23 – 43, pp 44 – 57
Sep 26	Sacred Scripture	pp 23 – 44
Oct 3	Old Testament	pp 23 – 44
Oct 10	New Testament	pp 23 – 44
Oct 17	History of the Bible	
Oct 24	Historical Jesus	
Oct 31	Incarnation/Redemption	pp 108 – 178
Nov 7	Christology	pp 108 – 178
Nov 14	Trinity/Holy Spirit	pp 180 – 196
Nov 21	Church, Prayer and Devotion	pp 197 – 230, pp 613 – 661
Nov 28	The (Seven) Sacraments	pp 277 – 293
Dec 3	RITE OF ACCEPTANCE, 11:00 AM MASS (Please arrive by 10:30 AM)	
Dec 5	Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation	pp 311 – 333
Dec 12	Biblical Foreshadowing of the Eucharist	
Dec 19	Sacrament of the Eucharist	pp 334 – 355
Dec 26	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S RECESS	
Jan 2	Sacrament of Matrimony	pp 400 – 414
Jan 9	Sacrament of Holy Orders	pp 383 – 398
Jan 16	Sacrament of Anointing/Liturgical Year	pp 375 – 382
Jan 23	Conscience and Virtues	pp 338 – 451
Jan 30	Christian Morality: The Ten Commandments	pp 504 – 611
Feb 6	Ten Commandments Cont'd	pp 504 – 611
Feb 13	Ten Commandments Cont'd	pp 504 – 611
Feb 18	RITE OF ELECTION, 11:00 AM MASS (Please arrive by 10:30 AM)	
Feb 20	Catholic Social Teaching	pp 459 – 472
Feb 25	RITE OF ELECTION AT THE CATHEDRAL	
Feb 27	Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation	pp 357 – 382
Mar 3	FIRST SCRUTINY	
Mar 5	History of the Church	
Mar 10	SECOND SCRUTINY	
Mar 12	History of the Church, Cont'd	
Mar 17	THIRD SCRUTINY	
Mar 19	Mary and the Rosary	pp 108 – 121
Mar 26	Eschatology	pp 266 – 276
Mar 28	Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM Mass	
Mar 29	Good Friday, The Passion	
Mar 30	RETREAT – CONFESSION (10:00 AM - NOON) EASTER VIGIL (Please Arrive by 6:15 PM)	
Mar 31	Easter Sunday, no RCIA activity	
Apr 2	Continuing Conversion	

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Time spent in prayer is never wasted, however urgent the duties that press upon us from every side."

2ND ADORERS NEEDED!

Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. If you can help or substitute with any hours, please call Ralph at 228-539-2434 or contact the Parish Office.

HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

We challenge each family to bring at least one non-perishable item to Mass every week, and to place it in the "Food Drop Box" at the back of the church. When you are shopping and select your item for the poor, thank God for the ability to adequately provide for your own family; and pray for those less fortunate.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Fruit juice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, ramen noodles, baked/pork 'n' beans, Vienna sausages, canned fruit, bottled water, protein bars, crackers and feminine items.

Open: Tuesdays 9:00AM - 11:45AM, Food & Financial Assistance
Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

Thank you to Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support this ministry, please donate directly to Venmo @DioceseofBiloxiProLife or you may mail your checks to: Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532, and mark Pro-Life on the memo line.

Pro-Life Coordinator:

Rev. Mr. Gerald Norris

President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life:

Karen Rhodes

Founder:

Penny Sullivan



Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

AMAZING GLAZE

Amazing Glaze Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve donuts after the 9:00AM Mass

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for picking up donuts (pre-paid) from Krispy Kreme on Hwy 49. You will set-up tables & chairs, make coffee, pour Sunny D, and put out the donuts. You will then put up the tables & chairs and clean up.

This job can be performed by families, couples, youth groups, friends or individuals. There is no cost involved, just a little time. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners or earn service hours.

Please contact Susanne Chandler for more details: 228-596-5373 or shc0138@yahoo.com

- Aug 27 • Nov 05 • Dec 31
• Sept 10 • Nov 12
• Sept 17 • Nov 19
• Sept 24 • Nov 26
• Oct 8 • Dec 03
• Oct 15 • Dec 10
• Oct 22 • Dec 17
• Oct 29 • Dec 24

Please choose from this list of dates if you are available to be a volunteer.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN USHER?

If you are interested in being an usher, greeter or both please scan the QR Code and fill out our online form. You can also go to www.saintjamescc.com/ushers



ENJOY SINGING?



We need new choir members for our 11:00AM Sunday Mass. There is no commitment...just show up when you can! We practice at 10:30AM in the Parish Center before Mass. It is not necessary to read music. We welcome 9th graders and up. Come help us spread God's love through the gift of song!

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

For information regarding sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

Please note: The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

DID YOU KNOW?

When properly practiced, NFP (Natural Family Planning) can be up to 99% effective in postponing or avoiding pregnancy. If you have questions or need further information about NFP, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT SEPTEMBER 21 - 24

Experience a weekend to deepen your prayer life, make new friends, learn about your faith and grow spiritually.

For more information: www.biloxicursillo.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE



St. James Catholic School
Fall Festival
2023

OCTOBER 14, 2023

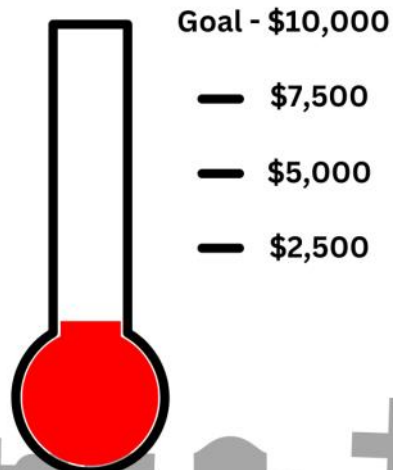
St James Catholic School & Saint James Parish
366 Cowan Road, Gulfport

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW-STAY TUNED!

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY

Due to the ongoing vandalism at our cemetery, a security surveillance system monitored by the Gulfport Police Department is necessary. Father Ryan is seeking donations to help cover the cost associated with the installation. Please consider making a donation to protect our deceased loved ones.

Cemetery Surveillance System & Tree Trimming



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Saint James Catholic Church is honored to host the relics of Blessed Stanley Rother and Saint Faustina. They are on loan from the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi and are displayed in the sanctuary near the crucifix. You can learn more about these holy individuals at:

<https://rothershrine.org/about>

<https://www.thedivinemeracy.org/message/stfaustina>

Lexio Divina

The Sound of His Voice *Everyday Principles for Listening to God.*



Have you ever wondered if God speaks to ordinary people? And, if so, how? This book outlines in simple language what everyone should know about hearing God's voice in the midst of everyday Christian living. This will be a small group study and meditation on scripture lead by Susan Dane.

Anyone interested in joining, please contact:
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The miracle occurred on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1331, at the first Mass of the day, which was solemnly sung by the Bishop of the diocese of Bilnot, the vicar of Bilnot, and the vicar of the village of Bilnot. One of the lay people, a woman named Catherine, was a member of the confraternity of the Holy Sacrament. She was kneeling in prayer when she received the Host. As she was about to receive the Host, she felt a sharp pain in her mouth and saw a small piece of the Host fall from her mouth onto a white cloth that she was holding open. She immediately picked up the Host and showed it to the priest, who was kneeling next to her. The priest tried to pick it up, but it was not possible. The Host had transformed into Blood, resulting in a stain - the same size as the Host - on the cloth. That cloth is preserved today in the village of Bilnot.



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