



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



Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. — April 21, 2024
Rite II

This Week at St. James

April 21 – 28

- 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
11:45 a.m. Vestry Meeting
- Mon. 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Tue. 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/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/join/83578095965>
- Thur. 2:30 p.m. Baldwin House Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. A Pop of Indie Book Fair
7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Fri. 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Sat. 11:00 a.m. Bill Booth Funeral
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person
9:05 a.m. Adult Forum in the Lounge
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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.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 begin discussing the book, *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*.

- 4/21 Chapter 1 – Praying the Psalms
- 4/28 Chapter 2 – The Psalms of Lament
- 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.

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, April 25 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 5th floor chapel.

INDIE BOOK FAIR FOR KIDS

April 25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

St. James Church and Preschool are excited to host, A Pop of Indie. Everyone with a child in their life is invited to this very special book fair that features independently published Michigan authors. There will be storytelling and crafts for children run by the authors, and the opportunity to see a variety of books. There will be some great options to purchase something for any of the children in your life, and possibly to get it signed by the author. St. James is providing refreshments for this gathering. Kid friendly snacks will be the order of the day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Josh.

FUNERAL FOR BILL BOOTH

Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m.

Ann Booth invites you to attend and celebrate with her and her family the life of Bill Booth this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. There will be a reception following the service at the Community House. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES

HEALING PRAYERS

Sunday, April 28

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.

BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Coffee Hour April 28 and 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, April 28th or May 5th 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.

COMING UP 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

PENTECOST READERS NEEDED

If you can read in a language other than English, we can use your help on May 19th 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.

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 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.

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PRAYER LISTS

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST

Penny; Anne; Calvin; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane Barnes; Michael Curry; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda Baldwin; Patti Fraley; Julian; Andy; Claire; 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

	Sunday, April 21	Sunday, April 28
8:00 a.m. EM	Jon Wickens	Vickie Hertenstein
8:00 a.m. Lector	Barbara Spencer	Diane A'Hearn
8:00 a.m. Ushers	John & Pam Grier	Nancy Ward, Michele Wogaman
10:00 a.m. EMs	Fred Austin, Michele Wogaman	Nancy Schutte, Jon Wickens
10:00 a.m. Lectors	Debra Lawson, Timothy Hoover	Elaine Linstedt, Angie Righter
10:00 a.m. Acolyte	Angus Christianson, Sophie Gable	Andrea Everett, Ian Hennebury
10:00 a.m. Ushers	Marianne Ganiard, Nate Schmidt	Brody Gable, Mark Gable

10:00 a.m. Tech	Tim Catchpole	Aiden Gable, Sophie Gable
10:00 a.m. Nursery	Andrea Everett	Michele Wogaman
Altar Guild	Jessica Gable, Sara May, Marianne Ganiard	Jessica Gable, Sara May, Marianne Ganiard

Next Sunday's Readings: April 28

*Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8