



## **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 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m. — April 28, 2024  
Rite II

## This Week at St. James April 28 – May 5

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.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965</a>
Tue.	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/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/join/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965</a>
Thur.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965</a>
Fri.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965</a>
Sat.	11:00 a.m.	Thomas Hubbard Funeral
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
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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

### 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*.

4/28 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.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> or 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

### 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.

### 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.

## 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](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.

### **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.

## **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.

## 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 Altar Flowers are given in memory of Bill Booth by Ann Booth and Family.

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, April 28</b>	<b>Sunday, May 5</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. EM</b>	Vickie Hertenstein	Vickie Hertenstein
<b>8:00 a.m. Lector</b>	Diane A'Hearn	Gillian Catchpole
<b>8:00 a.m. Ushers</b>	Nancy Ward, Michele Wogaman	John & Pam Grier
<b>10:00 a.m. EMs</b>	Nancy Schutte, Jon Wickens	Bruce Guenther, Michele Wogaman
<b>10:00 a.m. Lectors</b>	Elaine Linstedt, Angie Righter	Michelle Boice, Chuck Furchak
<b>10:00 a.m. Acolyte</b>	Andrea Everett, Ian Hennebury	Angus Christianson, Brody Gable
<b>10:00 a.m. Ushers</b>	Brody Gable, Mark Gable	Fred Austin, Barrett Newgeon
<b>10:00 a.m. Tech</b>	Aiden Gable, Sophie Gable	Tim Catchpole
<b>10:00 a.m. Nursery</b>	Michele Wogaman	Marianne Ganiard
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jessica Gable, Sara May, Marianne Ganiard	Lauri Christianson, Marcia Murphy, Lois Yeats

### Next Sunday's Readings: May 5

\*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17