



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
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism
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 with Baptism
The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. — April 14, 2024
Rite II

This Week at St. James

April 14 – 21

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 and Holy Baptism In-Person and Livestreamed
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.	2:00 p.m.	Kate Rosen Recital
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



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 will discuss the Vestry goals for the year. Beginning on April 21 we will be reading and discussing the book, *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*.

- 4/17 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.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Special thanks to our six St. James members who offered to donate at our April 7th blood drive with Versiti of Michigan.

- Our goal: 15 units
- Registered: 11 people
- Collected: 13 units (9 whole blood, 4 double red)
- Lives impacted: 31
- First time attempting donors: 2

This was an improvement in several ways over our last drive in October. Please mark your calendars now to join us at our next blood drive on October 27, 2024!

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.

COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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.

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.

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; and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Michelle; Richard; Noah; Maryanna; Natalie; Chuck & Mickie; Claire; 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 14	Sunday, April 21
8:00 a.m. EM	Michele Wogaman	Jon Wickens
8:00 a.m. Lector	Michele Wogaman	Barbara Spencer
8:00 a.m. Ushers	Pam Righter, Michele Wogaman	John & Pam Grier
10:00 a.m. EMs	David Stout, Nancy Schutte	Fred Austin, Michele Wogaman
10:00 a.m. Lectors	Chuck Furchak, John Hoeffler	Debra Lawson, Timothy Hoover
10:00 a.m. Acolyte	Aiden Gable, Timothy Hoover	Angus Christianson, Sophie Gable
10:00 a.m. Ushers	John Hoeffler, Barrett Newgeon	Marianne Ganiard, Nate Schmidt

10:00 a.m. Tech	Elise Everett, Hank Everett	Tim Catchpole
10:00 a.m. Nursery	Michele Wogaman	Andrea Everett
Altar Guild	Keli Newgeon, Andrea Everett, Lois Yeats	Jessica Gable, Sara May, Marianne Ganiard

Next Sunday's Readings: April 21

*Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18