

General Parish Information

Directory	
Church Office:	
School Office	
Early Learning Center:	
Convent:	
Email:	general@stjamessav.com
Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm	
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm	

Staff

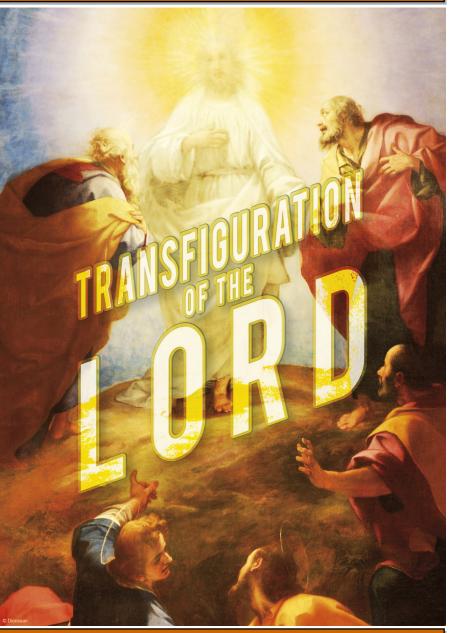
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Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, J	CLPastor
	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM	Dir. of Evangelization
Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM	Šchool Principal
Mrs. Misty Ellison-Youssef	Director Early Learning Ctr
Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	Administrative Assistant
	Music Director & Organist
Mr. Mark Kolbush	Director of Finance
Mrs. Susanna Powers	Receptionist
Mr. Richard Morgan	Maintenance
Mr. Matt Keck	

St. James Catholic School For information or tours 355-3132 8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA www.stjameschargers.com

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* & 11:30* am (*Nursery available)		
Vigil: 5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)		
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am		
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm		
Saturday:9:00 am		
Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only		
Holy Days of Obligation:TBA		
Pro-Life Holy Hour:Tuesdays 5:00–6:00pm		
(Rosary, Adoration and Benediction)		
Sacraments		
Reconciliation: Weekdays Mon-Fri: 7:45 - 8:15am; Tues-5pm,		
Saturday: 3:454:45pm, and by appointment		
Baptism:Please call the parish office to pre-register		
Anointing of the Sick:For anointing, or in case of an		
emergency, please call the parish office.		
Marriage:Please contact a parish priest		
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel24/7		

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 6, 2023



St. James Church Parish Mission Statement

Saint James the Less Parish will conduct our lives in ways that illustrate our discipleship to Jesus Christ by evangelizing His Word, promoting a culture of life, embracing the richness of the Catholic Faith, use the Beatitudes to model our behaviors, and draw closer to Him through the Sacraments where we will receive courage, zeal, confidence, purpose, and the blessings of the Holy Trinity.

WELCOME, VISITORS! We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or at the kiosk located in the Narthex, and return it to the church office.

8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, Georgia 31406 ~ 912.355.1523 ~ website: www.stjamessav.com

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



St. James Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Catholic religious education for children in grades PreK through 8 not enrolled in Catholic school. Sacramental preparation in grades 1-2 and 7-8. Catch-up classes also available for students missing sacraments.

Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in St. James School

Tuition: \$65 for one child \$100 for two \$135 for three + Small class sizes! Opportunities for family prayer! Seasonal celebrations!

To register and pay online, visit https://tinyurl.com/PREP2324. Paper registration available in the Parish Office. Formulario de inscripción en español disponible le en la oficina parroquial.

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153. Register by Aug. 15 to ensure a space!

PASTOR'S CORNER 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Transfiguration

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SCHOOL

Thank you for your prayers while I was away at the Alleluia School of Spiritual Direction! It was a wonderful and grace-filled two weeks! The days were long, full, and tiring, but the Holy Spirit was ever present and worked great things in me and in all the students! January 14-27, 2024 will be my final session for the completion of the School.

I would love to begin a Spiritual Direction ministry here at St. James with a number of lay men and women offering direction for our parishioners and others in the community. Don't be surprised if I ask you to attend this school!

SCHOOL RETURNING

This week the teachers at the school will begin setting up and preparing their classrooms to receive students on Monday, August 14th. We postponed the beginning of school because we found multiple issues which needed to be remediated to provide the best environment for our students, faculty, and staff. Now we are ready to begin a week or preparation before we launch into the school year!

Please pray for the teachers this week as they meet and prepare for the coming school year and for our beloved students and families!

May you and your families have a wonderful week and may the blessings of Almighty God be showered upon you!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



Mass Schedule & Intentions **Please pray daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters

8/6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

7:30 am + Sergio Montoya ~ Fr. King 8:00 am (IOH) Bishop Boland Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church

*9:00 am + Yvonne Ellington ~ Fr. Firmin *11:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Peter

**Michael Cerrone Robert Chaney, Odel Medina, Douglas Clark | Noah Pace | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

8/7 Monday St. Sixtus II, Pope & Martyr & Companions, & St. Cajetan, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

7:00 amSr. Sarah Lamb ~ Fr. King8:30 amSpecial Intention, Patrick Lynch ~ Fr. Peter

**Casey Cole, William Cook, P. James Costigan, Gabriel Cummings | Fred Williams | Sr. Stephanie Gabriel

8/8 Tuesday St. Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

7:00 am + Sr. Mary Crawford ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am Special Intention, Lynch Family ~ Fr. King

**Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada, Romanus Ezeugwu | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Joan O'Reilly

8/9 Wednesday St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

Nm 13:1-2,25-141, 26a-29a,34-35;Ps 106:6-7ab,13-14,21-22, 23;Mt 15:21-28

7:00 am + Sr. Martha Maria Chuta-Yamamoto \sim Fr. King

8:30 am Special Intention, Fr. Lewis King ~ Fr. Firmin

5:30 pm Special Intention, Setona Page ~ Fr. Peter

**Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Mariusz Fuks, Ronald Gatman | Christian Corulli | Sr. Catherine McElroy

8/10 Thursday St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

7:00 am + Sr. Marie Duffy ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am Special Intention, Nohelia Serma ~ Fr. King

**Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez, Richard Hart | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

8/11 Friday St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28

7:00 am + Sr. Marie Anselm Cooper ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am Special Intention, Fr. Peter Lanshima ~ Fr. Firmin

**Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, John Paul Heiser, Francis Higgins | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell

8/12 Saturday St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20

9:00 am+ James Cullina, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Peter5:00 pmFr. King

**James Holloway, Mike Ingram, Gordian Iwuji, John Johnson | Deacon Francisco Gamboa | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

8/13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14;Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

- 7:30 am + Ana Tobon ~ Fr. Firmin
- *9:00 am Fr. Peter
- *11:30 am Fr. King
- Fr. King
- **Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela Michael Kavanaugh, Donal Keohane | Megan Capurso

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father, your only son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Phin Michael, Miles Nguyen, Paul Baldwin, Jeff Parker, James Stevens, Charles DuPlay, Steven MacAulay, Vincent De Nitto, John Basso, Kelley Pinckney Weston, Robin Olson, Greg Quinn, Wesley Clark, Marie Orvin, Pamela De Guzman, Hazel & David Shockley, Eleanor Collini Farkas, and all those listed in the book of the sick.

In order for a name to be included on the prayer list, an immediate family member must notify the church office at 912-355-1523. Names will be listed here for 4 weeks and then entered into the Book of the Sick, unless the office is notified otherwise.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, grant that our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have passed from this world, may come to share your eternal happiness in the communion of saints.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim Amen.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Sr. Carmela, Charles Osonitsch, Tom Madison, Kay Blanton, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Ana Rosario & Family

*The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses located in the Early Learning Center, Class Room #2.

St. James Weekly Calendar

	enth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10:15am		
4:00~5:00pm	Holy Hour-Church	
Please join us fo	or the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued	
healing dail	y after the 8:30am Mass in the Cry Room.	
8/7 Monda	5	
7:45 - 8:15am	Confessions-Church	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
3:00~6:30pm	SJS VB Prac/Agility Training-PC/gym	
12:00~5:00pm	SJS Setup-Mercy Conf. Rm	
8/8 Tuesda	Ŋ	
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church	
8:00am~3:00p	m SJS Faculty Mtg-Mercy Conf. Rm	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
5:00-6:00pm	Confessions-Church	
5:00-6:00рт	Prolife Holy Hour-Church	
3:00~8:00pm	SJS Cheer/VB Practice-PC/gym	
8/9 Wedne	esday	
7:45 ~8 :15am	Confessions-Church	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
3:00~8:00pm	SJS VB Practice/Agility Training-PC/gym	
6:15-8:00pm	Adult Choir – Mercy Conference Rm	
6:30-8:00pm	5588 KOC Mtg-Cry rm/Narthex	
8/10 Thursd	ay	
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
3:00~8:00pm	SJS VB Practice-PC/gym	
4:30-6:00pm	Finance Council Mtg-Mercy Conf. Rm	
5:00-6:30pm	SJS Back to School Night-SJS	
8/11 Friday		
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
9:00am-12:00p	om SJS Mtg–Mercy Conf. Rm	
8/12 Saturd	ay	
8:30am	Rosary-Church	
9:00am-12:00p	om SJS VB Practice-PC/gym	
3:45-4:45pm	Confessions-Church	
8/13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00-5:00pm	Holy Hour-Church	



VIRTUS Training

August 9th St. Peter Catholic Church 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm &

August 30th St. James Catholic Church 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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virtus-training



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 20, 2023\$27,308.86Offertory for the Month of July\$116,512,762023 Actual\$116,729.762023 Actual\$125,515.35

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Stewardship of Treasure. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and provides programs, support, and services to our parishioners, school and community.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING Visit our parish website at



www.stjamessav.com and selecting the Online Giving link. If

you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-

355-1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamessav.com

Parish membership

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of TIME, TALENT ANDTREASURE.

Stewardship is determined by:

- * Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- * Faithful participation at Sunday & Holy Day liturgies

* Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: Sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, and Catholic School verification.

WORSHIP

Mass Live Streamed - 9:00 a.m.

Like us on Facebook for access: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>stjamessavcatholicchurch/</u> For your relatives and neighbors who don't have Facebook, tell them they can go right to our website at <u>https://</u> <u>www.stjamessav.com/livestream</u>.

Sunday Holy Hour

We continue to pray together each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We conclude with Evening Prayer. Please join us so that you can experience a beautiful hour of intimacy with our Lord!

Rosary for Healing

Please join us on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Church for a Rosary for the healing of Fr. Firmin.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY Holy Hour

Join us every Tuesday at $5:00 \, \text{pm}$ in the church as we recite the rosary for with adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LUMEN CHRISTI PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend time with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way to search for and maintain peace in the midst of our personal hardships and everyday life. If you would like to commit to a time to stay with Jesus during Adoration, please contact **Church office at 912-355-1523.**



To everyone who has ever made a Cursillo weekend, you are cordially invited to a reunion! Please join us in the St James Conference Room on Thurs, Aug 17 at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and the opportunity to get reacquainted with fellow Cursillistas while meeting Deacon

Henry Nieves, our new Cursillo Spiritual Director for the diocese. RSVPs are encouraged but not required. Please contact Sally Arman 912-598-2177 <u>sallyarman@comcast.net</u>



Our SJS Faculty & Staff are busy preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited to see you soon!

<u>Thursday, August 10th:</u> Back to School Night 5 PM - 6:30 PM- See your classroom, drop your supplies and meet your new teacher!

Thursday, August 10th: SJS New Family Meeting 5 PM SJS Cafeteria

Thursday, August 10th: 7th and 8th Grade Parents Meeting 6:30 PM SJS Cafeteria

<u>Sunday, August 13th:</u> ELC Back to School 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM - See your classroom, drop your supplies and meet your new teacher!

Monday, August 14th: First Day of School, ELC-Grade 8

A Prayer for Parishioners

Almighty God,
My parish family is composed of people like me,
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship
and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and Faith,
and a parish with a noble spirit,
if I —who make it what it is—am filled
with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What are you looking for? Come and see.

(Jn. 1:38-39)

Inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

RCIA is for those who are not baptized, or those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition who are interested in becoming Catholic Christians.

Save the Date

Inquiry sessions Sept. 10 and 12, 2023 1-hour informal gathering with program overview, church tour and Q&A

For more information, visit www.StJamesSav.com, click on Forms

and complete RCIA: New Candidate Form.

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

Catechists Urgently Needed!

St. James Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) needs catechists (teachers) and aides for 2023-24.

Openings for **grades 6 and 8** as well as others. Also needed: RCIC, special needs, & catch-up classes. Sundays 10:15 a.m. to 11:15.

Training, mentoring and all materials are provided.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering or encouraging someone to volunteer today!

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie at srstephaniegabriel@stjamessav.com or 912-600-2153.

To volunteer, visit tinyurl.com/2023-2024PREPVOLUNTEER



Interested? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.



Council of Catholic Women Support, empower and educate all catholic women in

spirituality, leadership and service.

Monday, August 28th at 6:30pm for our FREE Welcome Back Luau Dinner Join us for fellowship and food! More information to follow!!!



KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, AND QUILTERS !!

CCW makes lap blankets, shawls and hats for cancer patients, home-bound, nursing home and others in need. Please contact the church office for more information.

If you know someone in need please alert a CCW member or the parish office.

Yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks can be provided, as well as instructions. Lap blankets (36"-40" square or rectangle) and shawls cannot have fringe (due to wheelchairs/electronic chairs).

Donations of yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, quilting fabric, etc., are appreciated. Please leave at the church office.

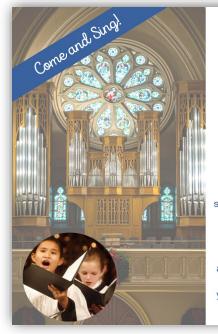
ST. GIANNA RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Purpose of Committee: **"To come together as a parish** where life is respected, protected and defended from conception to natural death"

Among the many topics are Assisted Suicide, Human Trafficking, Chemical Abortions, and Gender Identity.

First meeting held at 9:45 Aug. 21 in the Crying Room. Please join us and see if this may be a ministry you would like to be a part of.

For questions and/or more information please contact Linda Sanchez at 912/658-6917



The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist is starting a Children's Choir

Members will learn the treasured repertoire of the Church, including chant and liturgical anthems, plus develop their musicianship skills and receive vocal training. Rehearsals will be Monday afternoons from 5-6 p.m. (snacks provided) and the choir will sing one Saturday Vigil Mass per month from October through May. Open to students in 2nd -8th grades from families registered in any Catholic parish. Hearings will be held August 7 and August 14. Please contact Colleen Crafton or Nancy Thornock at youthchoir@savannahcathedral.org to schedule a hearing.



<u>St. James Church</u> Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next food pantry distribution will be **August 19** from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the school cafeteria. For more information, please call

the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 912-355-1523. **We CANNOT accept any items in glass containers or that have expired**.

St. James Food Pantry in Urgent Need of Items to Restock the Shelves.

Oatmeal Canned chicken Tuna fish Jelly & Peanut butter Dry macaroni Spaghetti sauce

Breakfast bars Breakfast cereal Canned fruits Kleenex Toilet paper Low sodium soups & Veg

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Pancake mix Shelf stable milk Laundry detergent Canned pork & beans Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops), healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars.





Savannah Care Center is in need of Newborn and # 1 diapers. You can place your

donations in the box provided



in Narthex or you may drop off at Savannah Care Center 105 E.34th. St.

ABUSE HOTLINE

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline at 888-357-5330 or the Office for Protection of Children & Young people at 912-201-4073. To read the policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to

www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.



Knights of Council 5588 held in the Narthex/Cry Room at

St. James on Wednesday, Aug 9 at

6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Paul Macek at 912-349-5137.



St. James CCW

Fellowship Through Faith and Good Works

- Are you a Catholic Woman?
- Are you a parishioner at St. James?
- Surprise! You're already a member of the St. James Council of Catholic Women.

Please join us at our FREE welcome back Luau dinner on Monday, August 28th at 6:30 in the Mercy Conference Room for a night of food, fellowship, and information about YOUR CCW!

Please, Please, Please! RSVP by 08/21/2023 to ang0923@gmail.com or fill out the form below and place it in the basket labeled CCW in the narthex or in the church office.



Name:

will be attending the CCW luau dinner on Monday, August 28th at 6:30.





CCW OF ST. JAMES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

St. James will be participating again this year in Box of Joy for children who live in poor countries by filling boxes with toys and other gifts. We can spread Christmas joy and the story of Christmas with children worldwide. Last year we filled 236 boxes and this year our goal is 250 boxes. Donations accepted now though September 1.

Here's what you need to do to bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas: Personally shop for gift items from the list below to fill a shoebox-sized container. Place items in a plastic bag marked with the age of the boy or girl. Put the items in the box in the Narthex marked Box of Joy. Include a \$9.00 check payable to St. James Church for each box to cover the cost of

shipping. Please include Box of Joy in the memo line.

The other option is for CCW to make a box for you with your donation of \$29.00 for the gifts and shipping. You may make this donation online noting that it is for Box of Joy, mailing or dropping off a check at the church office or dropping it in the offering basket at Mass. Checks should be payable St. James Church with Box of Joy in the memo box.

You may also include a personal note for the child and for families there is children's handout that they can color and complete for a child (available in the Narthex).

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS Small plush animals, cars, ball, jump rope, yo-yo, craft kits, mini board games etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, sharpeners, pencil case, ruler, notepad, safety scissors, coloring books, stickers etc.

APPAREL Socks, shorts, tee shirts, flip flops, hats, bandanas, dresses, underwear etc.

NECESSITIES Comb, brush, bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, hand wipes, lip balm, bandages, manicure kit, cup or bottle with a lid etc.

ACCESSORIES Barrettes, headband, children's jewelry, small purse, rosary, cross etc.

HARD CANDY and GUM No chocolate or Jolly Ranchers.

USEFUL ITEMS: Sewing Kit, Utensils, Compass

PLEASE DO NOT PACK: Toy Weapons • Knives, Tools • Military-Style Toys • Bottled Glass, Breakable Objects • Food, Beverages • Cash, Checks Medicine Vitamins, Bubbles • Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) • Vaseline • Lotions • Battery Flashlights • Liquid Paints or Glues.

For more information please contact Denise Mielnicki at DAM1945FHL@gmail.com

