

General Parish Information

Directory

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

Staff

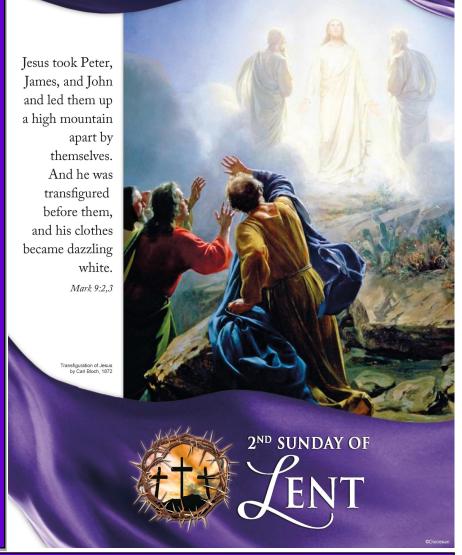
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Parochial Vicar
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Deacon
Dir. of Evangelization
School Principal
Director Early Learning Ctr
Administrative Assistant
Music Director & Organist
Director of Finance
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St. 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:
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
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 other times by appt.
Baptism:Please call the parish office to pre-register
Anointing of the Sick:
Marriage:Please contact a parish priest
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT February 25, 2024



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



PARISH COUNCIL IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS:

St. James Parish Council is an organization of clergy, religious, and parish laity that meet monthly to:

- Foster the unity of the parish.
- Assess the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish, under the leadership of the pastor.
- Coordinate parish activities.
- Encourage all members of the parish to participate in the spiritual and apostolic life of the parish.
- Provide a forum for constructive dialogue among members of the parish.
- Promote programs and activities.

Elections for Three "At-Large" Parish Representatives will take place during Spring 2024.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for service on this council, please contact the church office with the name and information of the nominee: 912-355-1523.



Artist: Sally Welsh

Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel 150th Anniversary

Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel, located on the Isle of Hope, will celebrate its 150^{th} anniversary in May 2024.

Activities being planned

April 13th - Boat Cruise to Skidaway Island with a tour of the ruins of the historic mission of the **Benedictine Monks** *May* 5^{th} – Anniversary Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel

A Planning Committee consisting of members of the Benedictine Community, the Catholic Diocese of Savannah, St. James Catholic Church, and the Isle of Hope Community is gathering historical information about the chapel, including photographs of the chapel or chapel events, as well as stories or recollections of ceremonies or celebrations at the chapel. If you have any items or information to share, please contact Susanna Powers at spowers@stjamessav.com or call St. James Church at 912-355-1523. Your help in making this celebration a success is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE Lenten Parish Mission **MARCH 18-20** from 6:30 PM to 8 PM each night

WHAT IS A PARISH MISSION?

A Parish Mission is a sacred time of spiritual renewal for the whole parish. Guest preachers come to visit our community and invite us into a new and deeper encounter with Jesus Christ. Through reflection on Scripture, prayer, song, ritual, the sacraments, and the Eucharist, they invite us to renew our faith and rediscover God's boundless love for us.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE PARISH MISSION?

The Parish Mission is open to everyone-Catholic and non-Catholic, practicing and not, those on fire for their faith and those who have fallen away. The nightly mission sessions are appropriate for all adults and for high school students. Students in St. James School will have a special presentation during the school day on March 15.

WHAT DOES EACH MISSION NIGHT INCLUDE?

Each evening of the Mission will include a time of prayer and reflection on Scripture, and a talk by the mission preachers. Each evening will include a special ritual in which everyone in attendance is invited to participate. Tuesday evening will include an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Wednesday evening, the last night of the Mission, will include the celebration of Mass

WHO IS GIVING OUR PARISH MISSION?

Three (3) Redemptorist priests will be visiting our parish to give our Parish Mission. The Redemptorists are an international order of Catholic missionary priests founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1732. Their primary work is preaching about God's boundless love and the plentiful redemption won for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer. They accomplish this mission primarily through preaching parish missions and serving in parishes, especially among the poorest and most spiritually abandoned.

Stay tuned to the parish bulletin and social media channels for additional details.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen. By My Catholic Life! Inc.

Daily Prayer for the **Unborn** Child

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. *I beg you to spare the life of the unborn* child that I have spiritually adopted Who is in danger of abortion."

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

2/25 Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

7:30 am	Kaye Audet ~ Fr. Firmin
* 9:00 am	+ Ed Field ~ Fr. Peter
*11:30 am	For the People ~ Fr. King

**Francois Pellissier, Thomas Peyton, Robert Phillips, Carlos Pinzon | Noah Pace | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

2/26 Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

7:00 am	Special Intention, Debie Nazareth ~ Fr. King
8:30 am	Special Intention, David Thomas, Jr. ~ Fr. Peter

**Stephen Pontzer, John Quang, Gerald Ragan, Carlos Rivero, Mark Ross | Fred Williams | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

2/27 Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

7:00 amSpecial Intention, Sr. Amanda Russell ~ Fr. Peter8:30 amSpecial Intention, Brittany Carroll ~ Fr. Firmin

**Rudy Roxas, Christopher Schreck, J. Gerard Schreck, Jude Shayo | Tuan Joseph Vuong| Samantha Rintoul

2/28 Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

7:00 am	+ Kaye Audet ~ Fr. King
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- 8:30 am Special Intention, Deacon Lou Santore ~ Fr. Firmin 5:30 pm Fr. Peter
- **Joseph Smith, Finbarr Stanton, Nathaniel Swann, Vincente Terrazas | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill

2/29 Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

:00 am	+ Tony Bock ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Helen Lake ~ Fr. King

**John Reynolds Ha Tran, Mark Van Alstine, Gregory Visca, | Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

3/1 Friday

- Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,18-19, 20-21;Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 7:00 am + Joe & Eleanor Foley ~ Fr. Peter
- 8:30 am + Frank Buchheit ~ Fr. Firmin
- 9:30 am (School) Fr. Firmin

**Bishops Stephen Parkes and J. Kevin Boland | Deacon Francisco Gamboa | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

3/2 Saturday

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Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay ~ Fr. Firmin
5:00 pm + Sean Ryan ~ Fr. Peter
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**Jason Adams, Theodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel, Samuel Aniekwe | Kevin Braski |Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

3/3 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 7:30 am Special Intention, Mary Lou Johnson ~ Fr. Firmin 8:00 a.m. (IOH) For the People

*9:00 am + Sean Ryan ~ Fr. Peter *11:30 am Fr. King

Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church

**Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, Christopher Awiliba | Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

***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.

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, Bob Tarjan, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, Joe Harty, Susan Reyes, Jody Moran, Thomas Hoover, Brian DeRouen, Tyra McKinley, Robin Olson, Kelley Weston, Pamela De Guzman 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 **A**men.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

John McElroy, Edmund Coulson, Jean Lamson, Rose Tootle, Evelyn Vasquez, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Peggy Mossholder

Jonathan and Peg Williams & Family

Pamela Young

St. James Weekly Calendar

2/25 Second	l Sunday of Lent–Mercy Me Weekend	
8:30-9:00am	SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm	
10:15-11:15am	PREP-SJS/Church	
4:00-5:00pm	Holy Hour with Vespers-Church	
Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am Mass in the Cry Room		

2/26 Monday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 11:30am-12:30pm Book Study-Mercy Conference Rm 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer-Cry Room SJSBB-PC/gym 4:30-7:30pm 6:30-8:00pm Women's Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm 2/27 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 3:00-8:00pm SJSBB-PC/gym Capital Campaign-Mercy Conference Rm 4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm Pro-life Rosary Holy Hour-Church 5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-Mercy Conference Room 2/28Wednesdau TMIY-PC/gym 6:20-7:30am 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 9:30-11:00am Adult Bible Study-Mercy Conference Room DOI Reception Setup-PC/gym 3:00pm DOI Grand Marshall Wife Reception-PC/gym 6:00-8:30pm 6:30-8:00pm Adult Faith Series-Mercy Conference Rm 6:30-8:00pm Adult Choir Practice-Church 2/29 Thursday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 11:30-2:30pm SJS Adoration-Church SJS Mass Rehearsal-Church 2:15pm 3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-Church 3/1 Friday Confessions-Church 7:45-8:15am Rosary-Cry Room 9:00am 11:00am-12pm SJS Kindergarten Stations-Church 1:15-2:00pm SJS Confirmation Practice 5:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church Lenten Soup and Salad Dinner-PC/gym 6:00pm 3/2Saturday 7:30am-2:00pm Discalced Secular Carmelite Mtg-Mercy Conf. Rm Rosary-Church 8:30am Exodus Bible Study-ELC Rm 2 9:00-10:30am Baptism-Church-Fr. Peter 11:00am Confessions-Church 3:45-4:45pm RCIA-Mercy Conference Rm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00pm Mother and Son Dance-PC/gym Third Sunday of Lent 3/3 8:15-10:00am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm Baptism-Church-Fr. Firmin 10:15am 10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS 12:45-2:00pm SJS Confirmation Practice-Church 4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour with Vespers-Church

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Our parish target is <u>\$133,753</u>. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year through education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

February	18.	2024	
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\$53,793.17

YTD Offertory: July 1st through February 18th 2022-23 Actual \$1,021,431.86 2023-24 Budget \$1,052,223.94 2023-24 Actual \$1,034,761.77

2024 ACA First Progress Report TBA

Total Given: TBA ACA Parish Goal: \$133,753.00 % *Participation*: TBA

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 select the Online Giving link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamessav.com

MEN'S EXODUS LENT PROGRAM

We will have an Exodus Lent Men's Group at Saint James starting Ash Wednesday, February 14. Exodus Lent is a shorter version of the well known Exodus 90 program. Exodus Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday (40 days). Exodus Lent is a challenging men's program that includes the same three core principles (increased prayer, asceticism/discipline, fraternity) of Exodus 90, just shorter and doesn't include cold showers. For any men who are looking to "step it up" in their faith life this Lent - this program is for you! This will be our third consecutive year. For more information, please contact Brian Kennedy, cell 912 661-0546, bjkennedy616@gmail.com.

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.

PROMISE



MARCH 9 & 10 - AFTER ALL MASSES CHURCH NARTHEX

SHOW



Jesus, I trust in You

Mercy Me! Weekend - February 24th & 25th Learn about opportunities to practice Corporal Works of Mercy within our parish and community on a special sign-up day in the narthex after all Masses.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

They are a beautiful way to thank God by using our gifts to be His hands and feet, continuing His healing, feeding, teaching, and serving. Corporal Works of Mercy Feed the hungry Give drink to the thirsty Clothe the naked Shelter the homeless Visit the sick Visit the imprisoned Bury the dead

Ways to Practice "Corporal Works of Mercy"

Bereavement Hospitality - Bring food to grieving families, and provide hospitality after parish funerals **Bereavement Support** - Be a presence for those suffering the loss of a loved one, to listen, share, and support one another

Card Ministry - Send personalized cards to homebound parishioners and those suffering difficulties **Career Network Ministry** - Assist or receive individual employment assistance

Caregivers Support - Lend a hand to fellow parishioners who are caring for family members **Carmelite Monastery** - Assist the Carmelite nuns, answer phones, tend to the monastery grounds **Christmas Sharing Tree** - Organize and help with the parish gift drive for families in need at Christmas **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** - Participate in various parish and community service projects, and provide hospitality for events throughout the year

CRS Rice Bowl - Pray, fast, and collect money for the hungry with rice bowls during the Lenten season **Divine Mercy Group** - Spread the message of Divine Mercy through prayer services, programs, and events **Food Pantry** - Assist with distributing food pantry items to those in need

Homebound Ministry - Deliver monthly meals and special treats to homebound parishioners
Hospice Helpers - Provide companionship to patients, or assist with administrative tasks
H.U.G.S. - Assist with office work or with fundraising events, or donate counseling hours
Inner City Night Shelter - Make sandwiches and cakes for those living at the shelter
L.O.V.E Mentors - Provide reading or math tutoring for children in Chatham Co. schools
Martin de Porres Society - Assist with programs providing food, activities, & mentoring to children
Migrant Worker Support - Collect food and clothing twice per year for seasonal migrant workers
Prison Ministry - Support inmates spiritually and in rehabilitation/preparation to go home
St. Gianna Molla Respect Life Ministry - Promote respect for life in all stages through various activities in the diocese

Savannah Care Center - Meet with women or men facing unplanned pregnancy decisions, help in the office; participate in fundraising events

Social Apostolate - Serve meals in the soup kitchen, make sandwiches, assist in the office



Council of Catholic Women Support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

Please join us for our CCW business meeting, Lenten Soup Supper, and Mary's Way of the Cross

Monday, March 4th at 6:30 PM in the Mercy Conference Room.

SWADDLING ANGELS...

Thank you again to St. James Swaddling Angels for gifting 135 baby blankets to our local hospitals, Living Vine, and Savannah Cares last Christmas. NOW we are welcoming anyone to participate again to donate crocheted, sewn, or quilted baby blankets to donate this Spring! Neonate blanket: 22x22 size. Newborn blanket 35x35. Cotton flannel / fabric. Any donation of 1-2 yards of flannel / cotton fabrics are also appreciated. Please place your donation in the special hamper at the Narthex. For any questions, please email JOSIE LEE at sisipot@comcast.net. THANK YOU!



baby 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.

CENTER



SAVANNAH**CARE**

Affirming life

Savannah Care Center is in DIRE need of all size

Join the Savannah MI Village!

The Militia of the Immaculata (MI) is a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917 that encourages total consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a means of spiritual renewal for individuals and society. The MI movement is open to all Catholics over 7 years old. It employs prayer as the main tool in the spiritual battle with evil. Members of the MI also immerse themselves in apostolic initiatives throughout society, either individually or in groups, to deepen the knowledge of the Gospel and our Catholic Faith and to spread devotion to the **Blessed Virgin Mary.**

www.militiaoftheimmaculata.com

Contact Kira King at thehomesteadkings@gmail.com for more information.





Due to St. Patrick Day Weekend our Food Pantry for the month of March will be on March 9th in the school cafeteria from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. 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. Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops), healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars.

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**

ST. JAMES PARISH FAITH FORMATION

RCIA: Congratulations to our Elect & Candidates

Last Sunday, February 18, our parish community celebrated the Rite of Sending with the catechumens and candidates from our parish who are participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). During the Rite of Sending, these individuals were recognized for the spiritual progress they have made on their journey toward becoming Catholic Christians. Later that day, the catechumens participated in the Rite of Election with Bishop Parkes at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist where they were officially called to the celebration of the Easter sacraments and are now known as the Elect. Please keep these men and women, and their families, in your prayers as they begin the final stage of preparation for the Easter sacraments.

Elect preparing for Baptism: Luke Bradley, Jim Douglass, Justin English, Lindsey Hawk

Candidates for Full Communion: Francisco Delgadillo, Aaron Douglas, Doug Faircloth, Sharon Hart, Hunter Higgs, Eduardo Juarez, Brittany McNamara, Lee Morgan, Christina Regal, Lee Rose, Tracy Rose, Sarah Traut

e! Signup Weekend, Please take a WATE A TO TON BUBLIE SCHOOL natives from Manual Antion and community groups after Mass to ractice works of mercy June 10–14, 2024 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon

VBS CAMPERS

Open to children starting grades Kindergarten-4th



tinyurl.com/VBS24REGISTER

Paper registration available in the Parish Office. **Questions?** Sr. Stephanie Gabriel SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Open to children **starting** grades 5-6 (junior counselors) and grades 7-8 (senior counselors); high school & college students, and adults

tinyurl.com/VBS24VOLUNTEER

NOTE: Volunteers age 18+ must be Virtus trained





Pray the Fatima Rosary with us...

You are invited to join a group from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church to pray the Fatima Rosary at St. James Church at our Blessed Mother Shrine in front of the school on March 13 at 5:00pm.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner - March 13, 2024 - Please RSVP by March 7th! \$12 per person - Kids 5 & under free!

Name ____

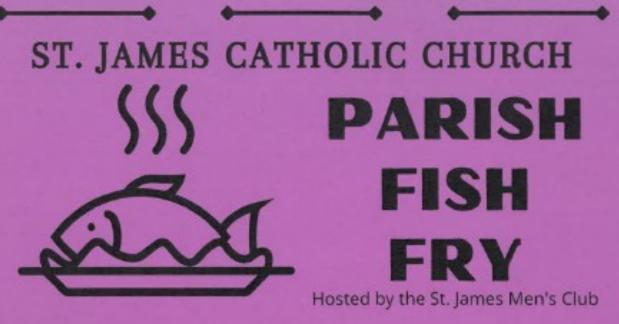
How Many Attending? Phone Number

Email Address

Will you bring a side, salad, or dessert?

Are you able to help set up/serve/clean up?





FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND



\$15/PERSON CHILDREN 5 & UNDER EAT FREE Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM, dinner to follow in the Parish Center

Please RSVP to the church office or via the QR code above by Friday, March 15th.

St. James Fish Fry - Please RSVP by March 15th!

Family Name: _____

How Many Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed:

Email Address: ____

Phone Number:



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