

CHURCH/SCHOOL MINISTRIES

WORSHIP

ADULT CHOIR

St. James provides an opportunity to enhance the liturgy through singing at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and other special liturgies during the year. Choir practice is usually on Thursday evenings. Contact Scott Ruppel at 618-304-3574 or email: sruppel@gibbalthawks.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

During the weekend Masses and at special liturgies, individuals assist the priest with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Training is provided. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period and is available in the back of church or online. Contact the rectory at 476-3513.

GIFT BEARERS

Individuals or families bring to the altar the Offertory gifts of bread and wine as well as the monetary offering at weekend Masses. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule is available in the back of church or online. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

GREETERS

Individuals or families are to welcome parishioners and visitors at the entrance to the church before weekend Masses. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule is available in the back of church or online. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

LECTORS

Individuals proclaim the Word of God and lead the petitions during the weekend Masses. One needs to feel comfortable speaking from the lectern. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule

is available in the back of church or online. Contact the rectory at 476-3513.

SERVERS (Knights of the Altar)

All boys and girls in grades 4-8 in St. James School and PSR are invited to assist the celebrant with the liturgy. Training is provided. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule is available in the back of church or online. Contact the rectory 476-3513 or Willie Holdener 476-1599

USHERS

Ushers assist with seating, collecting of monetary offerings and distributing the bulletins after Mass. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule is available in the back of church or online. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Volunteers, upon request, will visit parishioners who are seriously ill to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet with them and for them. This is a simple way to support St. James families and provide a powerful spiritual benefit for all. Contact Mary Thornton at 593-3365 to be a volunteer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance from 7-9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. The person responsible for Adoration will prepare the altar and lead the rosary before 7:00 p.m. and lead the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Closing of adoration is usually at 9:00 p.m. If interested in being responsible for adoration call Mary Thornton at 593-3365.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Share your love of Jesus and the Catholic Faith by teaching a group of students in grades Kindergarten-8th Grade. Classes are held every Tuesday 6:20-7:30 p.m. September-April in St. James Catholic School. Contact Melisa Beckner 977-1181.

PRAYER CHAIN

Individuals participate in daily private prayer for the sick and those with special needs. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the telephone and email prayer chain. Call Mary Thornton at 593-3365.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA volunteers welcome, support and share their personal faith with individuals wishing to learn more about or join the Catholic Church. Meetings last about one hour on Sunday mornings. The volunteers teach as teams of two and follow a leader's guide. Call the rectory at 476-3513.

SEASONAL CHURCH DECORATING

For special Church seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter appropriate decorations are displayed to enhance the celebration of these liturgical seasons. Notification of church decorating is announced in the bulletin.

PARISH LIFE

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Volunteers are needed to count the collection on Sunday mornings following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and make a bank deposit. Confidentiality is required in this ministry. Volunteers work in teams. A yearly schedule is provided.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

Members provide services for the parish, including funeral luncheons, RCIA receptions, supply cookies and pies for the diocesan outreach, sew Baptismal gowns, provide quilts for fundraisers and purchase altar supplies and other church items. The meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Volunteers are needed to support bereaved families and serve a funeral luncheon in the parish center when requested. Volunteers prepare a dish and/or serve the meal the day of the funeral.

"J" TEAM

Volunteers maintain the parish buildings (i.e. painting, simple repair work, etc.) and the parish grounds (i.e. plant care, landscaping, etc.) The team meets when scheduled.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of men who promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They have fundraisers throughout the year for many charities and the needs of the parish and school. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Volunteers help Father Marvin plan and carry out various liturgical celebrations such as Lent, Advent, Easter, Christmas, and All Souls Day. Meetings are twice a year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

OVER 50 CLUB

The purpose of the Over 50 Club is to promote the interest and welfare of mature adults through a common bond of spiritual and social activities. Membership is open to any person 50 years of age or older and is a member of St. James Church or St. Michael's Church in Paderborn. Spouses of members are welcome to attend regardless of age or religion. Meetings are usually held the second Sunday of the month.

PARISH MAILERS

Volunteers are needed to stuff and sort mailings. Mailings are different times of the year (i.e. Bingos, Summer Festival, etc.). Help is needed during rectory hours.

QUILTERS

The quilters meet every Tuesday 4:30-9:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Quilts are made for raffles, fundraisers and parishioners' quilts for the Summer Festival. All skill levels are welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay volunteer organization whose members grow in faith by helping those in need. Upon request for assistance, volunteer members meet with those who contact the organization to determine what services can be offered. Activities are planned throughout the year to raise funds for distribution. Parishioners are asked to contribute to the SVDP through envelopes in their packet. Meetings held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee plans ways to assist and encourage church members in their commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure for the parish community. The committee meets when necessary.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Volunteers personally meet and welcome new members to the parish and provide them information about St. James Church and the community. Periodic activities are planned for fellowship among all parishioners.

SCOUTS

CUB SCOUTS

Pack 622 serves boys in Grades 1-5 and their families. Boys participate in activities that build character and values. The meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 622 helps prepare boys ages 11-18 to make good ethical and moral choices by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The troop meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Troop leader training is provided.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouting is open to girls, kindergarten-high school. The purpose of the Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence and character. They are prepared for leadership, success and adventure. Positions are available as troop leader, assistant leader. Training courses are required for leader and assistant leaders. Parents can coordinate short term projects.

FUNDRAISING

SUMMER FESTIVAL

The St. James Summer Festival is held the first Saturday of August beginning at 3:00 p.m. Parishioners serve food and drinks, work at stands and quilt/cash bingo, sell raffle tickets, etc. All able bodied parishioners are encouraged to participate and are given the opportunity to when and where they would like to work. Stand chairpersons are asked to attend a few meetings before the picnic.

SPRING AND FALL QUILT/CASH BINGO

Two Quilt/Cash Bingos are held once in the Spring and once in the Fall. Proceeds benefit parish and school projects. Volunteer are needed to sell raffle tickets, set up for the bingo, work the floor, etc. The bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends by 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

ST. JAMES DINNER AUCTION

The auction is an annual fundraiser held the 1st Saturday in November. The profits are used for many major projects including supplement budgets and improvements. Volunteers are needed to assist in mailings, purchasing items for the auction, compiling the preview book, working the floor, etc.

SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to share your talents in the St. James School system. This includes the grade school and the Early Childhood Center.

St. James School Principal: Cyndi Hasenstab 476-3510
St. James School Secretary: Michele Bell 476-3510
Early Childhood Center Director: Brooke Wikgren 476-9490
PSR Director: Melisa Beckner 977-1181

Anyone volunteering in any capacity involving the children is required to undergo a Criminal History Record Check and attend the Diocesan Child Protection Program.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The members of the athletic association include parents who provide support to the St. James student athletes and their coaches. The association raises funds throughout the year to pay for referees, uniforms, etc. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

PARENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PSA)

PSA is a service organization dedicated to support the school and teachers through special events and fundraisers. Projects include the Book Fair, the SCRIP program, Olympic Day, Etc. Volunteers are needed to help with PSA sponsored activities. The PSA meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month during the school in the parish center.

SCRIP

Volunteers are needed to sell SCRIP after weekend Masses. The SCRIP purchaser gets full value of the gift card and the school receives a percentage of the total. Revenue from the program supports St. James School.