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INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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November 21, 2008

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages*
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* with choir
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year A,
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year Two

The Lectionary — The Last Sunday after Pentecost — Christ the King: First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; **The Psalm 100; Second Lesson:** Ephesians 1:15-23; **The Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46.

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Second Annual Christmas Dinner for Homeless Scheduled for December 14

Volunteers are needed as we prepare to host our Second Annual Christmas Dinner for the Homeless on Sunday, December 14. There are a variety of ways you, as a parishioner and supporter of this ministry, can be of assistance.

Collect travel-size toiletries

As part of our dinner for those less fortunate in our community, we are distributing backpacks with essential personal care items. We need hotel sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion; please keep this in mind when you travel! We also could use warm socks, combs, warm caps, travel sized deodorant and mouthwash, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

We will be gathering donations in bins marked "Christmas Dinner for the Homeless" in the Church foyer.

Volunteers needed for the dinner

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this truly rewarding ministry, please contact Jane Woods on her cell at 816-806-1376 or by email at janezwoods@hotmail.com. We could use a few more volunteers to be servers and greeters, and help distributing the backpacks.

Musician(s) Needed

Wouldn't it be wonderful to create a truly festive event with live Christmas music? And table decorations? If your talents are in either of these areas, your help would be greatly appreciated!



A Feast at St. James



Sunday, December 14 at Noon

Consider where you'd like to participate with the dinner, either before or during, behind the scenes or out in front, and contact Jane Woods!



Advent Wreath Time

Join us for our annual Advent Wreath Making celebration on Sunday, November 30, at 10:00

a.m. in Bishops Hall. Wreath forms, candles, and hardware will be provided. Please bring enough greenery for your family and some to share.

The Food Bank is always in need. If every family in our parish would bring just *one* can of food every week, our cup (or pantry) would surely runneth over. Just *ONE* item, *EVERY* week. Volunteers needed first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for distribution assistance.

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Email addresses available on the church web site:

www.stjamesbr.org

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The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful to Jesus Christ, united in mission, reaching out to seekers.
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace and divine compassion in our lives.

Christian Education Notes

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall from a wonderful team of professional caregivers. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

Christian Education choices for children three through fifth grade include the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** meeting in three atria that are located on the second floor of the Parish Hall above the chapel and parlor; and, **Faith Builders** meet in the Day

School's first grade and extended care classrooms, which are just through the parlor door leading to the cafeteria.

Children's Activities at St. James

Do you have digital photos of children taking part in church activities?

Alison Nikitopoulos is collecting them for our web site and publications. Nothing would be used or reproduced without your permission. Please contact Alison at anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org or 387-5141.

Join St. James Families for fellowship during the Downtown Festival of Lights

Friday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.

St. James will open the parking lot and Youth Suite at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5.

We will gather for a light meal and then go to the festivities together. Sandwich trays will be provided. Please bring chips, drinks, or cookies.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of *William Clark Olsson* by Chrissie, Don and Bryan Olsson.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Joyce Rucker.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Sharon Poirrier.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Denice LeDoux

Prayers are asked for: Elizabeth Poole, Anne Howe, Meaghan Strain, Mary Fisher, Mary Ann, Jack and San West, Jay Shreiner, Keith Lanneau, Sally Wells, Louibelle Grantham, Ken Byrd, Joyce Rucker, Henry Werth, Michael Chittom, Louise Chittom, May Bruser, Sharon Hoffeld, Bill, Susan, Mary Callicott, Betty Romero, Scottie Thomas, Allison Ohmstede, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Gabrielle, Anne Inge, Dan Hudson, Steve Cummings

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee,

Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Dottie McCornack, Marina Pinell, Mary Lou and Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, Ila Cooper, David Bertrand, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Colleen Colquette, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Virginia Kroenke Sweet, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Effie Burton

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, LCpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, SPC Benjamin Agnew

We give thanks for the safe return from duty in Iraq of Capt. Charlie Hines

Our Family provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at mimi.riche@cancerservices.org.

Birthdays November 21-27

- 21 Dotty Major, Frank Alvarez, David Marshall, Will Groves, Mackenzie West, Grant Curry, Mallory Saunier, Elizabeth Arey
- 22 Patricia Smith, Pat Tucker, Andy Thomas, Michelle Kurts
- 23 Cathy Healey, Mike Pickett, Donald Olsson, Rachel Knipe
- 24 Bea Stirling
- 25 D.D. Smith, Paula Rieger, Scottie Thomas, Caroline Rieger
- 26 Alison Blondeau
- 27 Scottie Thompson, Luke Peever

EYC to B'Nai Israel *this Friday!*

Next Friday, November 21, the EYC will attend Shabbat services at Temple B'Nai Israel. **Meet at the synagogue at 6:00 p.m.** for some visiting time with Rabbi Yutkin before services which begin at 7:00 p.m.



Please note on your calendars, there will be **no** EYC meeting on Sunday, November 23.

Congratulations to ...

... Emily and Wesley Kelly, and big sister Kaitlyn Marie, on the birth of **Caroline Grace Kelly** on September 29, 2008. Proud grandparents are Louella Blackwell and the late Robert J. Blackwell.



Angel Tree Ministry

Asking You to Adopt a Child for Gifting

It is that time again ... For over 20 years, St. James parishioners have participated in the **Angel Tree Ministry**, a project of Prison Fellowship. We have the opportunity to "adopt" a child of an indigent prisoner, and purchase a toy and an item of clothing. We have asked that those who take a child's name spend around \$40.00, though over the 20 years, prices have risen.

Please call Nancy Penn, 926-2122 if you are interested in adopting a child this year.

Note from the Comptroller on 2009 Offering Envelopes

The 2009 offering envelopes will *not* have numbers on them. St. James has purchased technology enhancement to aid in the speed and accuracy of posting donations which eliminates the need for envelope numbers.

Offering envelopes will still be available and placed in various locations around the church for you to pick up at your convenience and need. The new envelopes will be available Sunday, November 30.

Please write your name on the envelope when making a cash donation. This will enable us to properly maintain your contribution record.

"Wine Down" with the Young Adults

Enjoy great wine, food and holiday cheer!

Wednesday, December 10 The Wine Loft, downtown
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 304 Laurel Street
\$10 per person



Family Advent Event at the Conference Center

Christ Church Cathedral is hosting a Family Friendly Advent Retreat at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center from 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 12 to noon on Sunday, December 14.

This is a family-friendly event that will combine Advent themes in a relaxed setting with



programs for all ages.

Linda Nelson, Director of Advent House,

will lead the adult portion of the weekend while Laurie Bailey works with children four and older.

There will also be time for walking the property, enjoying the outdoors as well as each other's company.

Registration forms with all the details are available from the St. James church office, or around the campus.

Contact event coordinator Laurie Bailey at the Cathedral, lauriebailey@cccnola.org, or by phone at 504-895-6602 with further questions.

ECW Chapter Meeting

St. Joan of Arc's December meeting will be held at noon on the third at the home of Lubna Culbert. We will hold our annual Christmas Pot-Luck Luncheon.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008
5:00 P.M.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise.



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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship

Friday, November 21, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- Noon *We Care* bags project
- 6:00 p.m. EYC meets at Temple B'Nai Israel

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Sunday, November 23, 2008 - *Last Pentecost - Christ the King*

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Chapel)*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed for all ages*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* (Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, November 24, 2008

- Noon O'Brien House Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

- Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

Thursday, November 27, 2008 - Thanksgiving Day *Office Closed*

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, November 23, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Philip T. Martin, Ken Kahao Jr., John Bilisoly
 - 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
 - 9:00 a.m. Pat Harrop, Tommy Bell, Stan Prutz, David Lowe, Chris Williams
 - 11:00 a.m. Randall Peterson, Scott Westbrook, Scott Garver, Todd Jackson, Bill Lee
- Ushers**
- 9:00 a.m. Marshall Stewart, John Wesley Stewart, Brooke Smith
 - 11:00 a.m. Maggie Westbrook, Anna Claire Westbrook, Vaki Nikitopoulos
- Acolytes**
- 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
 - 8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson, Gordon Ellis
 - 9:00 a.m. Ben Larisey
 - 11:00 a.m. Carole Wright
 - 5:00 p.m. Hays Town III
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers**
- 9:00 a.m. David Warrington
 - 11:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
- Verger**
- 7:30 a.m. Sharon Hoffeld
 - 8:45 a.m. John Pine, Tricia Henderson (P), Ed Henderson
 - 9:00 a.m. Bob Bowsher, Manette Sammons
 - 11:00 a.m. Marcia Campbell, Chet Carter
- Lectors**
- 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
 - 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl
 - 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher
 - 11:00 a.m. Eleanor Shirley
- Intercessor**
- 9:00 a.m. Betty & O.B. Romero, Bahin Leonard, Tracie Way
 - 11:00 a.m. Carole & Phillip Wright, Linda & Bill Lee
- Welcome Committee**
- 7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh
 - 8:45 a.m. Honey & Randy East
 - 9:00 a.m. Zoe Harrell, Nancy Jo Poirrier
 - 11:00 a.m. Susan Rolfs, Ann Holmes, Jane Henslee
 - 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley
- Altar Guild**