



The MESSENGER

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

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October 10, 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 — Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:
First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14;
The Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; *Second Lesson:* Philippians 4:1-9;
The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14.

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We Share, because WE CARE

Boots and Warren Green traced the history of *We Care* bags provided to the homeless and hungry at the September Vestry meeting. This ministry began in 2004 to meet an obvious need by persons coming to the Ministries Center each day.

The brown bags contain a canned meat item, fruit or pudding, crackers, and a bottle of water. In the beginning, 15-25 bags per week were distributed. During Katrina and its aftermath, some 250 bags were distributed per week.

In 2006, we averaged 50 food bags per week with a cost of about \$1.40 each. The ministry had an annual budget of \$5,000. In 2007 the count rose to 200 bags per week. Many responded with time and money as the needs increased.

Truly this is a ministry where "God Will Provide." Day School students fill bags on Fridays and volunteers come forward each week, both with money for the food items, and a willingness to fill bags.



Each bag now costs \$1.72, with volume purchases made at Sam's Club.

Recently a limit of 50 bags per day was implemented due to budget/donation constraints, even though the recent hurricanes have resulted in more recipients and need. Please remember *We Care* as a deserving ministry.

Associate Vestry Nominations Requested

The Associate Vestry nominating committee seeks nominations of individuals you believe would be good candidates to serve on the Associate Vestry, whose mission is to build and strengthen our Christian community through the ministry of hospitality.

The committee will gather names until **October 20, 2008**. The Associate Vestry nominating committee and clergy will then review the nominees and present a slate of eight (8) individuals for approval at the annual meeting.

See Associate Vestry on page three

Young Adults Fall Wine Tasting

Young Adults will meet at the Wine Loft downtown on Wednesday, October 15 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Your reservation check to St. James, with "wine tasting" on the memo line, of \$10 per person, reserves your spot(s) for an evening of delicious tasting and heavy appetizers. Contact Mtr. Laurie Brock with any questions. This is a great opportunity to introduce your work or neighborhood friends to your St. James family!



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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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. Paggers are also available for your comfort and convenience.



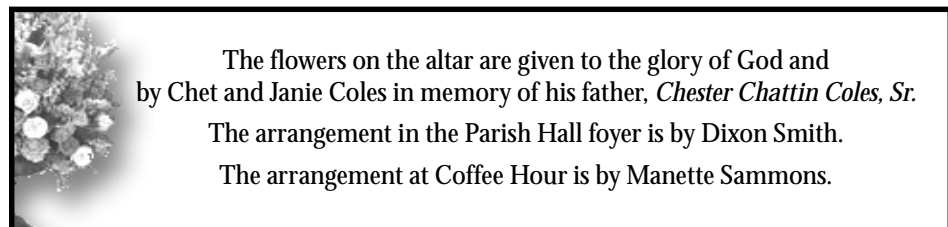
Christian Education choices for children three through fifth grade include the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** meeting in three atria that are located on the second floor of the Parish Hall above the chapel and parlor; and, **Faith Builders** meet in the Day School's first grade and extended care classrooms, which are just through the parlor door leading to the kitchen.

Final Call: Photo Sessions

Last Sunday opportunity this week Pictures will be taken before *and after* the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday, October 12. Remember, to make changes in directory information, please contact Jane Christensen at 275-9516 or tqmsystems@aol.com. If you have a picture from a previous picture-taking session that can be scanned, you may send that to Sylvia Rabalais at the church.

EYC This Sunday

Youth from sixth through twelfth grade are encouraged to meet Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30, with friends and guests welcomed. For more information about youth programs and activities, please contact The Rev. Laurie M. Brock at 387-5141 or email at lbrock@stjamesbr.org. We have fun, explore Christian faith, ask questions, and just be ourselves.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Prayers are asked for: Elizabeth Poole, Dusty Johnson, Anne Howe, Meaghan Strain, Mary Fisher, Mary Ann, Jack and San West, Jay Shreiner, Constance Regenold, Cynthia, Mignonne Reynaud, Ann Doherty Garnett, Don Bell, Jeff Mills, Keith Lanneau, Sally Wells, Louibelle Grantham, Ken Byrd, Joyce Rucker, Henry Werth, Michael Chittom, Louise Chittom, May Bruser, Sharon Hoffeld

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Terry Irby, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Frances Stirling, Brian Hess, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton,

Robert, Christopher Sanford, Owen, Dottie McCornack, Marina Pinell, Bill Irving, Mary Lou and Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, Ila Cooper, David Bertrand, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Colleen Colquette, Carole, Jack HopKins, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Foster, Virginia Kroenke Sweet, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Penny, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris

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

We give thanks for the safe return from duty of: SPC Benjamin Agnew

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 October 10-16

- 10 Tom Austin, Eileen Barrow, Ryan Blackledge, Andrew Baker
11 Regina D'Angeles, Mary Johnson, D'Anne Ainsworth, Randy Richard, Kathryn Richard, Olivia Landrem
12 Mary Gladney, Emily McMains, Maggie Westbrook, Breanna Breaux
13 Walker Winans, Robert Hines, Aza Mercer Walker, Elliott Kellam, Hunter Roy
14 Alice Witcher, Don Thomas, Barrie Griffin, Harriet Ayres, Debbie Taylor, Mike Poirrier, Nancy Roberts, Jessica Hubbard
15 Ann Holmes, Ally Gammill, Anne Boudreaux, Hatcher Garland
16 Michael Moss, Robert Cox

Congratulations!

Graham Thomas Borskey Nassif was born Friday, September 26, 2008. He weighed six pounds, 10 ounces. Graham was welcomed home by Haley, Gregory, George and Owen.



ECW Chapter Meeting

St Monica/St Agnes ECW Chapter meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Ann Row will host the meeting at 7441 Rienzi Blvd.

Adult Classes this Sunday

The Man Behind the Collar

Sundays, October 12, 19 & 26 — *Prior John Moloney* will lead a three part discussion providing an opportunity to learn about his past ministry and goals at St. James, and "The Man Behind the Collar." The class will meet in the CSF Atrium on the third floor of the Ministries Center at 10:00 a.m.

Fr. John Miller leads the **Young Adults Forum** in the Vestry Room at 10:15. The group will have discussion on Immaculee Ilibagiza's book *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. While, hopefully, few of us have experienced holocaust first-hand, by hearing from one who has, we might find ways of discovering God amidst our own personal struggles.

Thanks to Our Day School Parish Partners!



For over 35 years, the Day School Carnival, a traditional celebration, has raised funds for the Day School while fostering the great community spirit

that makes St. James exceptional. The Carnival Committee thanks the wonderful parishioners who stepped up to support the Carnival as Parish Partners:

Rieta and Ben Reiser
The Rev. Mark and Liz Holland
Mary Keith Sentell
J.D. and Patsy Lyle
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Heroman, Jr.,
Jane P. Middleton
Hank & Elizabeth Harper
Judge Frank & Judy Foil

Report on Calls to Parishioners after Hurricanes


After Hurricane Gustav, parishioners, including Vestry members and other volunteers, have attempted to call everyone listed with a phone number in the current parish directory. Senior Warden Nancy Jo Poirrier reports the group had good results, but not perfect results.

Many parishioners are still without telephone service to their homes. Some listed in the directory do not have a telephone number listed in our current directory. (If you would like a number listed, please contact the office to give your current phone number.) Others were not at home, but a message was left for them.


Those with whom the volunteers spoke all had some Gustav damage. Folks, in almost all cases were, at the time of the conversation without power. A few parishioners had power within three days. Most had power within seven to eleven days. About 30% of our membership still did not have a working telephone after two to four telephone calls.

About ten of the parishioners reached had trees on their roof. Almost everyone had a tree down in the yard or nearby. Several took us up on our invitation to come down to St. James and enjoy the cool air, telephones,

NO-
The Great Bake Sale



ECW Baking For YCC
November 9, 2008

ECW

Diocese of Louisiana

All proceeds to benefit Youth Conference Center

You can *easily* participate! Make your check payable to "St. James ECW" and on the memo line reference the "No Bake Sale." We will then forward the proceeds from the ECW treasury.

and Internet. The phone calls were appreciated and the callers enjoyed making the contact. Our thanks go to the volunteers!



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Associate Vestry

To be qualified for membership to the Associate Vestry, the St. James Vestry has determined that an individual must be:

1. A confirmed Episcopalian and a member of St. James Episcopal Church
2. A contributor of record
3. In regular attendance of St. James worship services
4. Available for a three (3) year commitment of service and attendance at monthly meetings
5. At least 21 years of age



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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, October 10, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Day School Fab Friday
- Noon *We Care* bags project
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Saturday, October 11, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Sunday, October 12, 2008 - 22 *Pentecost*

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (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. EYC in the Youth Room

Monday, October 13, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
- Noon Finance Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

- 11:30 a.m. Yoga Class
- Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 4:30 p.m. Diocesan Standing Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Vestry Nominating Committee

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
- 3:30 p.m. MeTime with Fr. John Miller
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Wine Tasting at the Wine Loft
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
- Noon EFM
- 6:00 p.m. EFM

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, October 12, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Philip T. Martin, Ken Kahao Jr.
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
- 9:00 a.m. Pat Broderick, Bob Frazier, Dan West, Gerry Sulzer
- 11:00 a.m. Chip Middleton, Rickey Ainsworth, John Compton, Neal Elliott Jr., Jason Creech

Ushers

- 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Prutz, Katherine Prutz, Brooke Smith
- 11:00 a.m. Robert Whitley, Mary Brandon Harrell, William Harrell

Acolytes

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
- 8:45 a.m. Honey East, Hays Town III
- 9:00 a.m. Stan Prutz
- 11:00 a.m. Scott Westbrook
- 5:00 p.m. TBD

Vergers

- 9:00 a.m. David Warrington
- 11:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill

Lectors

- 7:30 a.m. Barbara Sims
- 8:45 a.m. Hays Town III, Claudia Black (P), Pat Colquette
- 9:00 a.m. Pat Culbertson, Margaret Culbertson
- 11:00 a.m. Meg Bridgeman, Warren Green

Intercessor

- 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
- 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
- 9:00 a.m. Manette Sammons
- 11:00 a.m. Nancy Penn

Welcome Committee

- 9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook
- 11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton, Shanna & John Ray

Altar Guild

- 7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor
- 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl & Charlotte Paterson
- 9:00 a.m. Zoe Harrell, Nancy Jo Poirrier
- 11:00 a.m. Susan Rolf, Ann Holmes, Jane Henslee
- 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley