



The MESSENGER

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

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September 11, 2009

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

Sunday, September 13, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour*
- Christian Education Classes Begin*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel

*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B

Revised Common Lectionary

Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — September 13 - 15 Pentecost: First Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33; **The Psalm 19;** **Second Lesson:** James 3:1-12; **The Gospel:** Mark 8:27-38.

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Your Center for Spiritual Formation invites you to join weekly into exploring

Prayer through the writings of Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen and Scripture.



Solitude

Solitude begins with a time and place for God, and God alone. — *Making All Things New*

In solitude we encounter not only God but also our true self. — *Clowning in Rome*

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and sent off to a solitary place where he prayed.” — *Mark 1:35*

“The Secret of Jesus’ ministry is hidden in that lonely place where he went to pray, early in the Morning, long before dawn. In the lonely place Jesus finds the courage to follow God’s will and not his own; to speak God’s words and not his own; to do God’s work and not his own ... It is in the lonely place where Jesus enters into intimacy with the Father, that his ministry is born.” **And so is ours!** — *Out of Solitude, Three Meditations on The Christian Life*

Your Center for Spiritual Formation invites you to meditate on that lonely place in your life where you can “Be Still and Know that He is God.”

Children’s Sunday Programs begin September 13!

Did you know that St. James offers two different Sunday programs for children as young as three years old? We recommend you have your child attend both programs and choose which he or she likes better.

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** Christian Formation program has been in place at St. James for almost 20 years. This year we will be offering two levels of formations which meet on the second floor of the parish hall above the chapel.

In the Good Shepherd Atrium, children three years old through Kindergarten

- share a child-sized Montessori-style worship space
- learn that children are special and that they are loved
- sing, pray, and work with concrete, child-sized materials depicting
 - stories of Jesus’ life and teachings
 - geography of the Holy Land
 - great liturgical moments such as Baptism and Eucharist
 - prophets and prophecies
 - organic natural materials from God’s creation such as flowers, water, beans, and rice

In the **True Vine Atrium**, children in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade work individually and in groups expanding their knowledge of God’s world and their own place in it. Their year contemplating both concrete and abstract concepts as they

- make their own prayer books
- learn the books of the bible and how it was created and added to and passed down to us
- dig deeply into the geography of the Holy Land, learning all cities where Jesus prayed, taught, and lived

— See Children’s Classes on page three

Remember the St. James Food Bank barrels in your shopping — *One Item, Once a Week*

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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. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

A Confirmation Class series for adults begins this Sunday, September 13, and continues on Sundays, September 20, September 27 and October 4 at 10:00 a.m. The class will be held in the second floor Conference Room in the Ministries Center. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, October 11 at the 11:00 am service.

St. Benedict and the Christian Life
September 13, 20 & 27

Ann Holmes will use *Heart Whispers - Benedictine Wisdom for Today* by Elizabeth Canham, to offer accessible insights in helping us explore the need for faithful living in today's stress-filled world. The class meets on the third floor of the Ministries Center.

ECW Chapter Meeting

The St. Monica/St. Agnes Chapter will meet at the home of Ann Row on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.

St. James Blood Drive *this Sunday*

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Donors Should: Eat first, bring picture ID, be between 17 & 81 and bring reading glasses if used

A Marvelous Start for Choirs!

Come and join the 22 joyous children who have already begun singing in our choirs for children!

The St. James Children's Choir is open to children ages three through the third grade. Please join us any **Sunday at 8:45 a.m.** in the choir room. No need to sign up; just show up! Children will sing every Sunday at the nine o'clock service.

Mastersingers is a choir for children in the 2nd grade and older. Mastersingers sing two to three times per month during communion of the 9:00 a.m. service; they also assist with and support the Children's Choir members. Rehearsals are held **3:30-5:00 every Wednesday** that St. James Day School is in session. Please feel free to come late if you are arriving from another school. Email Alison Nikitopoulos at anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org for more information.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Katherine Martin.

The Coffee Hour arrangement is by Manette Sammons.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Marguerite Godwin, aunt of Genny Nadler; Jim Bogan; Charlye D'Armond; Carlton Gilkes

Prayers are asked for: Debbie Terrell, Clyde Harrelson, Courtney Blencke, Kip Gremillion, Mary Hall, Bea Stirling, Boney Richardson, Peggy Brandes, Mary, Katherine Melius, the family of Ben Brown, Danie Singleton, Ida Cooper, Jackson Huff, the family of Kelsey Favrot, Michael Kennedy, Jean Fielden, Ida Mae Byers, Alicia Hoover, the family of Allie Miller

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant,

Cameron Mott, Linda, Angie Denny, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Donie Schmidt, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Ford, Peyton Meyer, Melinda Rott, Ken Shuler, Russell Fish, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Margaret Benton, Walter Martinez

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines, Cpl Clayton Edmonds, Cpl Toni Edmonds

Birthdays September 11-17

- 11 Mary Elliott, Worth Wray, Andrew Kimble, Andrea Kay, Maxwell Roy
- 12 Margo Spielman, Ainsley Grigsby, John Lyford, Elizabeth Oliver, Frances Oliver, Vincent Palermo, Hannah Richardson, Hayleigh Richardson
- 13 John Lyford, Charlotte Murrell, James Munro, Kate Oliver, Harper Inzer
- 14 John Compton, Julie Krutz, Major Mittendorf, Shane Larisey, Clayton Edmonds, Hallie Green, Michael Palmero
- 15 John Campbell, Lloyd Peever
- 16 Donald Bergeron, Travis Buckingham, Ben Stage, Grace Gagliano
- 17 Sybil Grand, Michael Beven, Boo Thomas, Catherine Domenick, Daniel McDonald, Liz Tadie, Alex Bolduc, James Conklin, Wendy Conklin

Children's Classes

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- ponder the vastness of God's creation as depicted in both the Old and New Testaments
- sequence and synthesize the stories of Jesus' life and his teachings
- create their own worship services that include prayer, song, and silence
- begin to wonder and comprehend their particular roles within the greater plan of God



Faith Builders is a more familiar approach to Christian Formation for children. This year we will offer three classrooms:

The younger children (**pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade**) will meet on the first floor of the parish hall in two different classrooms.

The older children (**4th, 5th, and 6th grade**) will meet in the room next to the bride's room on the second floor of the parish hall.

Faith Builders will be using an Episcopalian curriculum called Living the Good News, which follows the Sunday readings that we hear in church. Children will do group activities related to the stories depicted in the readings. This is done through art projects, play-acting, singing, reading, and group projects, all in a loving environment.

It's Day School Carnival Time!

St. James Day School Grandparents, Great-grandparents, Day School Alumni and Friends ...

The theme for this year's St James Day School Carnival is *Just Another Day in Paradise!*

With a donation of \$100 or more, you may become a Day School Parish Partner. You will receive two fried catfish dinners served on Carnival night, Friday, October 9, and your names will appear in the Carnival newsletter.

For over 35 years, this tradition has raised funds for the Day School while fostering the great community spirit that makes St. James exceptional. Last year's Carnival raised enough funds to purchase a Literacy Library, new and improved overhead projectors and a clay project set.

Please pick up, or go to *The Messenger* page at www.stjamesbr.org for a Parish Partner Contribution Form. You can return the form to the address on the form. Please contact Kerry Capron if you have any questions at kerry@area-inc.com or 806-5510.

Thank You, St. James Volunteers

Thanks to the over 60 volunteers who assisted with the Fifth Sunday events on August 30. We had over 325 in attendance at the combined morning service. Over 175 homeless guests and 150 parishioners came to the Grilled Hamburger Meal, approximately 20 attended the youth meeting and over 200 attended the evening program. Phyllis Tickle sent a note which says it all. . .

"Mercy, but what a glorious experience! We loved being with all of you, and I can't go very far this morning without stopping to say so again...and maybe again. The St. James' family of folk has got to be one of the most enthusiastic and welcoming parishes in all of TEC, and we were so grateful to have been included in it in some small way. It didn't take me more than about two minutes to understand why Fr. John was so deeply moved and grateful and fond of all of you from the very beginning.

Grace always,
Phyllis

Bad Girls Book Club

The September gathering is Thursday, September 17 from 6 to 8 at the home of Monica Murphy (629 Saint Landry Street). The book is *The Time Travelers Wife*.

Our general m.o. is to bring \$5 to put in the basket and the host provides the food. To than end, r.s.v.p. to lbrock@stjamesbr.org if you are attending so I can give Monica some idea of the numbers. We look forward to new faces.



Nominations Deadline

Nomination forms are available in the church narthex, the Parish Hall parlor, the Ministries Center foyer, and from our web site for parishioners to submit names for consideration for election to the Vestry next January. Please place completed forms in the church offering plate on Sunday or to the church office staff. You can also email your nominations to Emily Wray Lamont at EWrayL@aol.com **Deadline for nominations is Sunday, September 27.**

A child at the Day School has found a 14k white gold ladies wedding band in one of the girls restrooms in the Parish Hall. There is a 1955 inscription in the band, but it doesn't relate to a St James registered wedding. Please contact the office if you or someone you know may have lost this wedding band.

Calling All Acolytes!

If you have not already done so, please notify the church if your child would like to continue acolyting, be added to, or taken off the roster. Please indicate whether you would prefer the 9 or 11 service, or either.

Our schedule will be sent monthly via email, so include your most recent email address. Assignments will also always be listed on the *The Messenger* and the monthly calendars.

The acolyte retreat will be on October 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for **all** acolytes, current and future!

Look in the lemonade room next to the parlor. There are **two bulletin boards now dedicated to children and youth events**. Check them from time to time for upcoming events.



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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 September 11-17

- Friday, September 11, 2009
 - 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- Saturday, September 12, 2009
- Sunday, September 13, 2009 - 15 Pentecost - Blood Drive
 - 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed Classes & Coffee Hour*
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel
 - 5:00 p.m. EYC
- Monday, September 14, 2009
 - 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
 - 11:30 a.m. Yoga Class
 - Noon Finance Committee
 - 5:30 p.m. Vestry
 - 6:00 p.m. Scout Pack Meeting
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009
 - 5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009
 - 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
 - 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
 - Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
 - 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 17, 2009
 - Noon EFM
 - 6:00 p.m. EFM

* Indicates Child Care Provided for Children Three Months to Four Years of Age

Lay Ministry - Sunday, September 13, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Joyce Rucker, John Bilisoly
- 8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader
- Ushers** 9:00 a.m. Pat Broderick, Bob Frazier, Dan West, Gerry Sulzer
- 11:00 a.m. Charles Kahao, Mike McDonald, Vernon Middleton, Jesse Coates, Tommy Bell
- 9:00 a.m. Sarabrent McCoy, Catherine Courtney Curry, Grant Curry
- Acolytes** 11:00 a.m. Bailey Wax, Ethan Wax, Peyton Peele
- 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
- 8:45 a.m. Honey East, Hays Town III
- 9:00 a.m. Margaret Culbertson, Lazette Phillips
- Eucharistic Ministers** 11:00 a.m. Sancy McCool, Jane Woods
- 5:00 p.m. Lynnette Frazer
- 7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen
- 8:45 a.m. Claudia Black, BB Stirling (P), Susie Furr
- 9:00 a.m. Maria Bowen, Beverly Walker
- Lectors** 11:00 a.m. Ruth Martinusen, Deborah Matherne
- 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
- 8:45 a.m. Honey East
- 9:00 a.m. David Walker
- Intercessor** 11:00 a.m. Ann Holmes
- 8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader
- 9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook, Monica Murphy
- Welcome Committee** 11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton, Lloyd Peever
- 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
- Altar Guild** 11:00 a.m. Susan Rolf, Ann Holmes, Jane Henslee
- 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley