

June 29, 2022

From Fr. John

The COVID-19 pandemic changed a great many things about how churches handle worship. As we remember all too well, for a time the only way we could worship together was online. Congregations rushed to find a way to make that happen. Some did a better job than others, but most found a way to make “streaming worship services” work.

Every church that conducted worship services online found that they attracted a group of people through the online experience who would never have worshipped with them otherwise. And as in-person worship began to come back, church leaders wondered what would, or should happen to their online communities.

Now that virtually all churches have been meeting in-person for quite a while, The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Western Louisiana have endorsed the idea that online worship should continue as an add-on to the “regular” services. And not only should online worship continue, it should increase, wherever possible. To that end, we have been working toward being able to live stream our Sunday Eucharist services.

This week we began installation of the audio/video equipment necessary to live stream our main Sunday morning service. It will take us a little while to get the hang of the equipment and to work out the inevitable bugs that will surface. But I’m hoping that we will be up and online by the end of July.

We will be using equipment and software that should be very user friendly, but we will need live humans to make everything work. If you are interested in helping with the behind-the-scenes operations needed to live stream, please let me know. Instruction will be available for those who would like to be involved.

God’s blessings on you all,
Fr. John+

June Ministry Fund

In May St. James put a few families up in motels till they were able to get back on their feet. So any donations made in June covered those expenses which were charged. We have had many calls this past month not only for utilities assistance, but almost equally for rental assistance.

Please remember that this is the first Sunday and that "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund. We welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with Ministry Fund written in the check's Memo section. Thank you!



Home Communion

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for “table



fellowship” – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan to join us for our **June 30th (Thursday)** gathering at **6:00 p.m.** at the home of **Steve and Abbie DuBois [6701 Taylor Oaks in Alexandria]**. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

Coffee Hour

Join us this Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall -- celebrating the Fourth of July and the first Sunday of the month! Enjoy St. James' hospitality, visit with friends and meet new members!



If you'd like to help with coffee hour, contact Melanie Torbett, meltorbett@gmail.com or text 318-792-1953.

Next month's coffee hour will be on Sunday, August 7.



Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

A two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid, ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—anyone 16 or older can learn and use the ASIST model. To learn more about the training [click here](#). A free two-day workshop will be offered in Rapides Parish July 14-15, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Worship



July 3rd

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

July 3rd
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

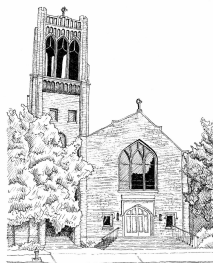
Eileen DeBoer, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Walter McLellan, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Taylor Thompson, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Ron Kingston, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in July (day):

Carol Fowler (3), Brooksy Semple (3), Dave Curry (4), Judy Curry (7), Josh Brown (10), Bill Henderson (10), Ulla Knoepp (12), Danny Eudy (14), Caroline Theus (14), Jamie Lemoine (18), Marcus Brown (22), William Maynard (23), Leslie Theus (27), Martha Walker (21).



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