

August 24, 2022

## From Fr. John

In last Sunday's sermon, I asked the question, "What are you being called to do?" As I said in that sermon, I believe that God is calling all of us to something, all the time. God created us all to worship. A part of our worship is to discern what it is that God wants from each of us and then to try as best we can to do that thing.

The pandemic caused almost all the ministries of St. James to cease operation. Now I am asked, "Is X ministry going to restart?" My answer is always the same. If people want the ministry to restart, or continue, then people will step up and be involved in the next evolution of it. But if people are not interested enough to get involved in restarting or continuing a ministry, that is a good indicator that the season for that ministry is over, at least for now.

Here are a couple of examples of ministries that may not continue without people volunteering and someone taking over their operation:

- Coffee hour following the 10:30 service, and
- Sunday morning Christian Formation (what was previously called "Sunday School") for all ages

Both ministries need people, to give them a chance to thrive.

If there are ministries at St. James that you have really missed since COVID hit, call/come by/email/text me. Let's have a conversation about what it would look like if a particular ministry restarted. If you have an idea for a something new, I make the same request of you.

The bottom line here is: St. James is looking to move forward. But it cannot do so without the help of the congregation. The vestry, church staff, and I do everything we can, but we need you. Let's work together to keep moving forward. And in the process, we will hopefully find what it is that God is calling you to, right now.

Peace to you all,  
Fr. John+



## Faith & Fellowship Returns!

Join us on Wednesday night, September 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the kick-off of our Faith & Fellowship Program! Potluck dinner from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. [church will supply the meat and bread]. JEYC/EYC meet in Youth Building at 6:30p.m. Adult class, Faith in Film, meets in Parlor at 6:45 p.m.

## Good Food Project Workday

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

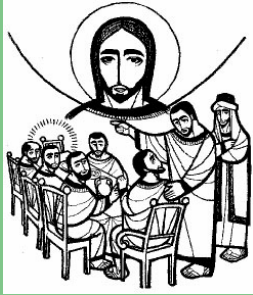
7:30am – 9:30am

The Good Food Project of the Food Bank of Central Louisiana needs volunteers. As part of our Community Outreach, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve. Duties needing assistance are weeding, pulling tomato plants, and general upkeep. This will be a good opportunity for St. James to experience what it will take to facilitate our own future vegetable and flower garden.

You'll need a good set of gardening or work gloves, water, and a hat is recommended. Please email your availability to Josh Brown by emailing [Joshua.d.brown2@gmail.com](mailto:Joshua.d.brown2@gmail.com). If you are unable to physically assist in working that day and are interested in helping, please donate by clicking [here](#).



# Worship



August 28th

Twelfth 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.](#)

August 28th  
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:**

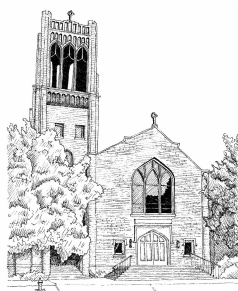
*Grace Gennuso, Ralph Gill, Robbie G.Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Amber Damico, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Eileen DeBoer, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy, Chase Barnfield, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Taylor Thompson, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, 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 August (day):**

*Walter McLellan (2), Susie Randow (3), Becky Warren (4), Sonny Trammell (7), Linda Culpepper (8), Larry Menache (8), Fr. John Bedingfield (9), Suzanne Alexander (11), Catherine Davidson (12), Tish Fresh (12), David Lind (13), Claire Callis (14), Murel Trimble (14), Betty Ingrish (15), Scott Yeager (15), Gene Sterling (19), Paton Downs (21), Faye Flanagan (21), McKenzie Yeager (22), Jameson Milliner (23), Delores Brewer (24), Nancy Flournoy (25), Allie Malone (27), Sara Davidson (28) and Susan Frey (28).*



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