

September 22, 2022

## From Fr. John

This Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will begin live-streaming our 10:30am service. It has taken a while, and a lot of moving pieces had to be brought together. But I believe that we are finally ready to “go live.” In some ways I feel like the initial cast of *Saturday Night Live* (back in 1976) must have felt. I don’t know that I’m ready for primetime either. But this is the way of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and I am happy that we are going to move forward with this project. Which brings up a related subject.

A while back, we had an abbreviated version of a ministry fair, showing ministries in the church and trying to drum up interest in them. There are a few ministries that were represented that day that are in critical need of help.

We need several people who can rotate sitting in the choir loft, where our service broadcasts will be controlled, handling the camera changes during the service. It will not be a “heavy lifting” job. It will just involve pushing some buttons when needed. We have volunteers, but not enough to keep anyone from having to do it often. If you’re at all interested, please let me know.

And we have an extremely critical need. Our homebound members should receive Communion at least a couple of times a month. Right now, Rita, Fr. Theus, and I are the only ones doing it. Some weeks, Fr. Theus is not available to go out. And I cannot do it some weeks. We need several more people who are willing to go to people’s homes and bring the Body and Blood of Christ to them. This ministry does not take very much time and is extremely rewarding. If you’re interested, let me know. There will be a training session next month, to prepare anyone who is willing to get involved.

Ministry opportunities are everywhere. And we all need to be involved. “The Church” is not this extraordinarily beautiful building in which we worship. The Church is the people. Choose someplace to get involved and get started. A vital congregation comes from the vitality of its ministries.

God's blessing on you all,  
Fr. John+

## Your Help Appreciated

Since the close of the Day School, much of the materials, toys, books, etc. have been collecting dust. NOW IT HAS A PURPOSE!!! The Mega Shelter can use the materials when the next disaster strikes and people are sheltered there. Children can have materials to keep them engaged and even to keep when the time to leave arrives!

Come be a part of this wonderful repurposing! On Saturdays, September 24 and October 1, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, members of the Beta and Key Clubs of Menard will be helping to clean up and sort materials in storage containers. The more hands, the lighter the work! Contact Rita Klock if you are able to help (445-9845 or [rita@stjamesla.org](mailto:rita@stjamesla.org)).



## Good Food Project Workday Saturday, October 1st 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM More Volunteers Are Needed!

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](#).

## Outreach for September NEEDED NOW

Diapers/Pull-ups  
Wipes  
New socks  
New Pajamas



Please place in blue crate in narthex of church OR bring to office during business hours.

The Foster Care Closet improves the lives of children impacted by foster care through advocacy, resources, and support. Children are allowed to pick out the items they need themselves. Due to their Back to School Bash, the Closet is currently low on some supplies.



Blessing of  
the Animals

## Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendars NOW! Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 PM St. James will have its annual Blessing of the Animals at the Denley Patio on Murray Street! Along with your pet, please bring a bag of dog or cat food to the event.

## Worship

September 24th

Sixteenth 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.](#)



September 24th  
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:

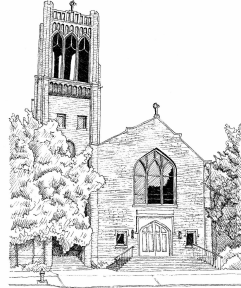
*Fred Alexius, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Grace Gennuso, Ralph Gill, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, 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 and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, 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 September (day):**

Suzie Butler (1), Jim Marshall (8), Virginia White (8), Stella Craig Ellsworth (10), Deacon Michael Parham (12), Brad Drell (16), Parker Texada (16), Eliza Theus (18), Eric Jones (19), Taylor Thompson (19), Julia Welch (19), Anna Theus (21), James Theus III (21), Spencer Brown (23), Pietry Cabrera (23), Mike Mikell (23), Michael Sterne (25), Bond Walker (25), Joan Brunson (28), Elaine Hicks (28), Meredith Owensby (28), Jonalyn Reynolds (28), Jim Leggett (30).



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