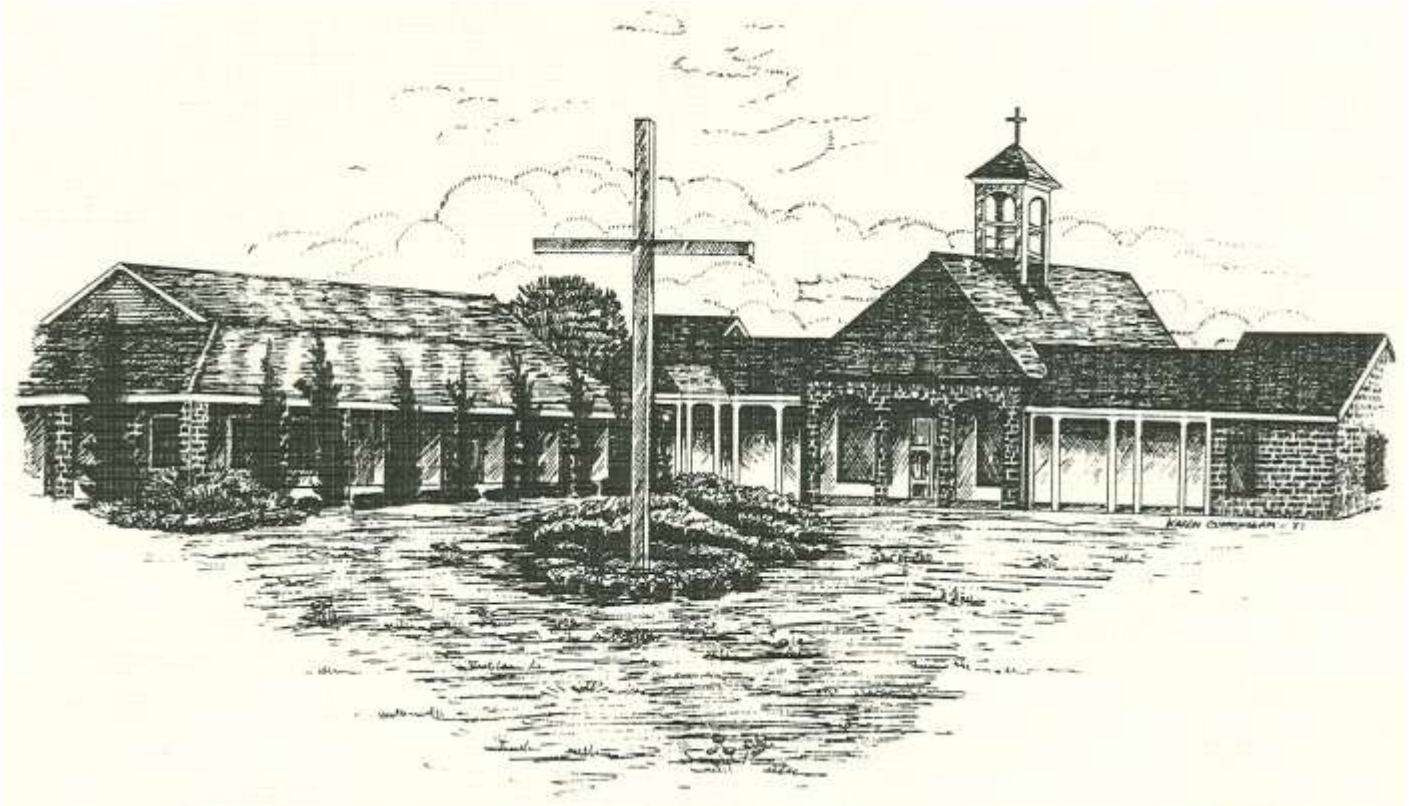


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Annual Report 2018

Presented at the Annual Meeting
January 27, 2019

2018 Senior Warden Report

Once again, let me express my appreciation and gratitude to the congregation for allowing me to be your Senior Warden. It is an honor that I do not take lightly, and I appreciate the support that I have received from the fellow Vestry members as well as the parishioners at St. James.



2018 was a difficult year for the parish, but with God's help, we persevered and made the best of it. Although we were slightly under our anticipated inflows, we are still on a firm foundation, one that will support us well into the future. The various ministries and charities that we support here at St. James continue to amaze and astound me. No matter what, the parishioners here always pull together to help those that need a helping hand.

I wholeheartedly believe that 2019 will be a great year for St. James. The initiatives that the Vestry is planning for 2019 are challenging, yet I know that with the great people here, the work will be done. And once we have the next rector in place here, we will be able to do even more good in the surrounding community.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Scott
Senior Warden

St. James in Need of Volunteer Photographer

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as church photographer for St. James, but it is time for me to step down. This position helped me make connections with my fellow parishioners that I might not have made, for which I am grateful. As church photographer, I attended as many events and services as I could to chronicle life at St. James. I was always pleased to get additional photos from others, bringing a new perspective to the newsletter. I believe that with all the smart phones out there, the next church photographer should have little trouble getting help filling any gaps in coverage of an event. Rhonda Robertson filled in for me more than once. Debbie Fitzpatrick also supplied photos and write-ups. Mattie Mosley and I collaborated on several projects.

The church photographer may also be asked to take a photo of a new St. James member for the Parish Directory, or update an older photo.

Knowing that the St. James Parish Administrator, Jnanne Zepeda, always had my back, made this an easy and fun volunteer position.

Thanks for all your support, *Kathy Deal*





2018 Junior Warden Report

2018 absorbed significant effort and energy from the Junior Warden and Senior Warden to address non-maintenance issues. Fortunately, much of the work needed at St. James was attended to and/or coordinated by Mathew Parker and many others who tirelessly work behind the scenes without recognition. The sanctuary was thoroughly cleaned ahead of the Christmas season, but much remains to be done, and it is believed that 2019 will be a year in which St. James will be able to refocus on care of our physical campus.

—Curtis Shelton



St. James Choristers 2018

Once again the St. James Choristers led our parishioners in worship during our liturgical seasons. They are a very devoted and self-sacrificing group of musical volunteers. With the additional support and talent of our Praise team, St. James is blessed by their music and love for church, as am I.

— *Kaye Crichlow*
Organist/Choir Mistress



Daughters of the King 2018 Annual Report

2018 was a busy year for the St. Monnica DOK Chapter. We started the year by hosting the Diocesan Assembly along with the other chapters from the Shreveport Convocation. Our theme was Women of the Bible – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. We had over 50 attendees from around the diocese along with Pat Hines, the President of Province VII and one of the Junior Daughter Directresses. We started the day with a series of theatrical readings of women of the Bible, which were really enjoyed. We also shared a wonderful lunch and had some lively discussions about women's roles in the church today. We ended the day with Eucharist. St. James' praise team provided the music which took us home on a high note for sure!

In April and May we held several fundraisers to support various outreach efforts and to help offset Triennial travel costs. We sponsored a Mexican themed breakfast, and also had a BBQ lunch. We also hosted a bunco event that was a rousing success and definitely a night filled with prizes and laughter. Half of the money from each fundraiser was donated to worthy causes; specifically, St. James outreach committee and Jacob's surgery.

In June, five of our members attended the DOK Triennial in Austin, TX. There were over 800 Daughters from around the United States and the world. The event included 4 days of worship services, workshops, speakers, fellowship and themed meals. One of Bishop Curry's Canons for Evangelism, Stephanie Spellers delivered several workshops on Evangelism and love in the church. Lois and Janie also got the opportunity to serve during the worship services in their Deacon and Verger capacities. The event was Spirit filled and Spirit renewing at the same time. I know all of us that attended will remember this experience for many years to come.

We also completed two She Reads Truth Bible studies as a group this year. During Lent, we studied Exodus and we ended the year with an Advent series. Both books were beautifully written and illustrated and enjoyed by all of the participants.

Respectfully submitted,

— *Debbie Fitzpatrick*



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. JAMES

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

2018 has been another productive, busy year for the ECW of St. James under the capable leadership of President Tina Caporossi. Tina will continue as our President with Melanie Winkler as Secretary and Jana Kendrick as Treasurer, assisted by Lisa Lewis. Monthly meetings have been held on the first Sunday of the month, usually following the church breakfast with an average attendance of 14 members. It is regrettable that the choir members cannot attend at this time, but they always give us their input and ALWAYS participate in ECW activities.

The service directed mission of the ECW includes planning for events that we sponsor such as funerals and receptions, the Ecumenical Luncheon, as well as "A Time for Joy," a spiritual retreat for women. Mattie Mosley volunteered to coordinate efforts for funerals

held at St. James with the assistance of Kathy Watkins. In addition, the ECW provides support for many projects through our fundraising events. These projects include scholarships for our children to attend Camp Hardtner, as well as charitable gifts and special church projects.

Our annual Mardi Gras Ball was held in January, 2018, with the band Windstorm playing. Again, the Parish Hall was beautifully decorated by the ECW and attendance was high. The Ball was all profit (\$2000.00) for the ECW, thanks to the kindness of a parishioner.

Breakfast "Fit for a Queen" was held in February for our own Alyssa Garner to support her efforts to become Miss Louisiana. Followed by the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and a second breakfast, \$1732.00 was raised. We are sure she will win next time!

St. James again participated in the annual Ecumenical Service and Luncheon which brings many of the Southern Hills churches together for fellowship and soup and sandwiches. This year our neighbor church, Central Christian Church joined us. It was wonderful to have them with us. In fact, they joined us later for participation in Vacation Bible School.

An exciting Cinco de Mayo Dinner Theater took place to help provide fees for our youth to attend Camp Hardtner. The play was a murder mystery directed by Karen McDonald, and it was unclear who enjoyed the performances more, our actors or the audience! The Mexican dishes were delicious, prepared by our own senoras and señoritas.

This past summer the ECW helped with travel expenses for Jacob King's heart surgery in New Orleans; we understand Jacob is doing well. Luggage was donated for Fair Park Middle School's trip to Washington, DC, in addition to money for food expenses. This fall the ECW hosted a "Fight Like Emilie" Foundation fundraiser with the Howard Family band "Spare Time" playing and singing. Can't get enough of their music! The food was delicious with

many of our dear Emilie's favorites. We raised over \$2500.00 to support Trey and Candi's efforts to help children with cancer. One more breakfast was held for Raylie, Karen McDonald's granddaughter, to raise money toward a school-sponsored trip to Scotland with her drama class.

And, at our last meeting of the year, the ECW agreed to donate \$3000.00 toward a fund set up to provide new playground equipment for our children. We are excited about this project and hope to have more fundraisers in 2019.

All in all, 2018 has been an eventful and meaningful year for the Women of St. James. Thanks to all of our Sisters in Christ for making it so worthwhile!

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Winkler, Secretary



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Filling in the Gaps Annual Report For 2018



Thanks to all of you Filling in the Gaps had another good year. We helped a lot of people this year who were very appreciative and needed the help. As always this wouldn't have been successful without all of your generous hearts giving the way you do. Your help getting the meals and treats together made all this possible.

Feb.14 Valentines Day: We put together homemade cookies, treats and fruits. Plus 8 Meals on Wheels people also got 2 frozen meals each.

March 30 Good Friday: 2 Soups & crackers were given to Meals on Wheels (MOW) for 8 people.

April 1 Easter: We gave Easter baskets of 2 boiled and colored eggs, oranges, bananas, plums, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, and candies to the 8 MOW people.

May 28 Memorial Day: 8 MOW went out made up of BBQ leg quarters, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, and chocolate cake. We gave 2 frozen meals to each of our MOW people, also.

July 4 Independence Day: 8 meals of pulled pork, buns, potato chips, and oranges. We also gave 2 extra meals to our MOW people.

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day: 11 MOW people got hot dinners of turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, rolls, cake, oranges, and apples. MOW got 2 extra frozen meals. (A special thanks to Pat & Janie Parker for cooking the turkey and making a pan of dressing).

Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: For the first year all our MOW people had family to be with on this holiday and we didn't have to provide meals!

We also have meals in our freezer for people who drop by the church hungry and for St. James parishioners sick or hurt that need a little extra help from time to time. I want to take this time to give thanks to Mike Endicott, Suzy Adcock, and Bobbye Smith who take time out of their schedule to deliver meals to our MOW people each week. Thanks also to Kathy Watkins for the deliveries she made in 2018.

I also want to thank Pat & Janie Parker for the meals they cook and package to put in our church freezer to give out to those who need them. Thanks to the groups who have food leftover that they package and put in the freezer.

This program would not be possible without the good, generous people of St. James Episcopal Church.

—Lorain Thrash



KAIROS and KAIROS OUTSIDE Annual Report 2018

*I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:36*



Kairos #43 was held in March of 2018 at the David Wade facility near Homer, Louisiana. The weekend was led by Paul Moore. St. James was also represented by Brian Whatley and Curtis Shelton at the weekend. Leading up to that weekend, the training sessions were all held at our St. James Campus. The weekend had 30 candidates and a total of 38 Team members from North Louisiana. The Kairos Ministry Program generally conducts a Kairos weekend in March and September each year. However, because of prison difficulties at Wade, the September 2018 weekend was cancelled by the Warden. The 2019 March weekend is scheduled for the third weekend this year. We will be asking for help baking dozens of cookies as we have done in the past. So on Tuesday, March 12th in the Parish Hall, we will be baking cookies.....please come join us for the fellowship. Anyone wishing to participate in the weekend should contact either Curtis or Paul. Applications for attending the weekend closing ceremony in Homer will be available in the Church Office. Anyone wishing more information can go to the Kairos website.

— Paul Moore



YEAR-END STATEMENTS

It's that time of year, again. 2018 statements of giving have been in the narthex for a few weeks and are available for pick-up at the Annual Meeting. Please save the parish the cost of postage and take yours from the narthex table or during the Annual Meeting. Any still at the parish after the meeting will be mailed.

For those who are new to St. James, here is a brief synopsis of how to read the statement:

- Pledges are entered into the computer when they are made. The computer program divides the pledge into equal amounts for each week and assumes the giver plans to stretch the total amount in this manner. If the statement indicates, "over," or, "under," it refers to how closely the amount received meets the program's parameters.
- Contributions refers to undesignated money that is given by someone who has not made a pledge. If your statement shows contributions and not pledge, it means a commitment card was not received in the parish office. If your statement shows contributions and pledge, it means some money was posted for the year before the pledge card was received.
- Many statements also include money given for a specific purpose, such as the Building Maintenance Fund, Easter Flowers, Memorials, etc.. This money is separate from the pledges to the general fund.

If you believe you have found an error on your statement, please notify the parish office. St. James appreciates all you have given and encourages you to continue to keep the church's work alive. We are able to pay bills and contribute to outreach and support missions due to your generosity.

If you planned to make a pledge for 2019 and have not yet done so, commitment cards are available in the narthex. Feel free to drop them into the Sunday offering plate or deliver them to the parish office. You may also mail them to the office. If you wish to fulfill an incomplete pledge for a previous year, you may do so and the amount will be included on your 2019 statement.



St. James Statistical Summary 2018

Number of Communicant Families 113
Active Baptized Communicants 145

Holy Eucharist Services

Sundays 85
 Wednesdays 40
 Home, hospital, nursing centers 79

Other Services

Marriages 0
 Burials, Memoriams 1
 Special Services (Home Blessings,
 Animal blessings, Parish
 Hall functions, Prayer Shawls,
 Crosses, Prayer Books, others) 1

Baptisms

Adult 0
 Children 0

Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations

Adult 0
 Children 0

Attendance



	2018	(2017)	(2016)	(2015)	(2014)	(2013)	(2012)	(2011)	(2010)	(2009)
Sunday Eucharist (average)	26	49	38	70	80	70	80	78	89	80
Wednesday Eucharist (average)	10	9	5	6	7	8	5	10	16	8
Epiphany	52	70	94	97	73	87	68	66	65	77
Ash Wednesday	49	71	47	55	78	58	59	56	62	67
1st Sunday in Lent	53	82	69	85	75	95	83	80	82	77
Holy Week Services	87	132	138	150	211	193	198	353	228	132
Easter	104	154	107	171	155	144	148	147	198	165
Ascension (on Thursday)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pentecost Sunday	34	58	45	68	77	84	77	66	95	100
Trinity Sunday	41	60	78	60	89	66	53	54	68	80
All Saints' Day	41	55	78	60	112	42	78	145	117	75
1st Sunday in Advent	53	45	63	65	93	98	98	100	97	62
Christmas	72	68	139	78	103	155	163	145	143	97

2018 Altar Guild Report

The preparation and care of the Lord's Table is a privilege and an honor, an offering of time and service of love. The work is done quietly and inconspicuously and brings a special closeness of God. Members of the Altar Guild recognize that their ministry is special, and offer their service with love and devotion to the Lord.

St. James currently has four Altar Guild teams. Each team serves for a two week period and is responsible for altar preparations for all services during that time. Responsibilities are shared so that all team members do not have to be at every service. Each team develops their own system of sharing responsibilities.

Current teams are:

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Debbie Fitzpatrick	Linda Endicott	Liz Montelepre	Kathy Watkins
Holly Johnson	Chelsea Fitzpatrick	Kelly Parker	Faye Wynn
	Janie Parker		

Admission into St. James Altar Guild is open to all members of the church and training can be provided at any time.

— Kelly Parker



Most gracious Father who has called me Your child to serve in the preparation of Your altar, so that it may be a suitable place for the offering of Your body and blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant that the people who shall be blessed by their use, may find their lives drawn closer to Him whose Body and Blood is our hope and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The National Altar Guild
Association Prayer*



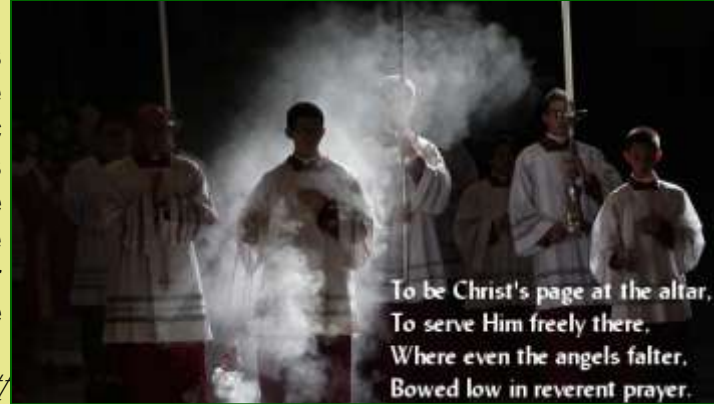
2018 ALTAR PARTY REPORT REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



St. James is looking for a few good men, women, and children! We are presently short on acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and while those currently serving are doing a great job, we don't want them to get burned out. They need a break and you can provide it! During 2018 several people retired from various altar duties, so we are especially in need of new blood. Volunteer today, please.

Acolytes need training which is provided in-house by Mike Endicott. Lay Eucharistic Ministers must be licensed by the diocese, a painless and rewarding experience for all who have participated. If you are interested in fulfilling the needs of the parish by volunteering to join the altar party in one (or both) of these ministries, please contact Mike.

—Mike Endicott



To be Christ's page at the altar,
To serve Him freely there,
Where even the angels falter,
Bowed low in reverent prayer.

GREETER'S MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Greeter's Ministry at St. James was begun in the fall of 2006 during the ministry of Father Bill Bryant and has been active ever since. Our greeters speak to visitors as they enter the church and again when the service is concluded. New people are asked to sign our guest book, and we direct them to different areas of our church such as the Parish Hall, Sunday School, and the restrooms. Visitors are always asked to stay for coffee and donut holes after church, and we always add "Please come back to see us soon!"

Greeter gift bags are given to our visitors which include a St. James coffee mug with church information, a welcome to St. James brochure, as well as information about St. James such as service times and a map. The bag also includes a current newsletter, a pen with the church logo and candy. Our rector, when we have one, follows up with a personal letter to the visitor.

The following individuals have served as greeters this past year:

EARLY SERVICE: Mona Freeman, Pat Parker, Lynette Van Heerden.

LATE SERVICE: Mike Kendrick, Mattie Mosley, Yoshie Shane, Denise Shelton and Kathy Watkins.

Mattie Mosley prepares the "Greeter Bags" with Lorain Thrash making the covers. Mattie also maintains the Visitor cards and pencils in the pews. Our greeters have gold and red badges with the Episcopal shield, the word "Greeter" and the greeter's name so our visitors can readily identify us. Mona wins the prize for always wearing her greeter badge!

Thanks to all of our parishioners named above who participate in welcoming our visitors. Our entire St. James family is very good about welcoming visitors, whether they are an appointed greeter or not. Thanks to all of you who are so very welcoming, and if you would like to be an official greeter and get to wear a badge designating you as such, let me know!

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Mosley

p.s. This prayer came in a Christmas card:
May God see your worries and guide you with FAITH.
May God feel your fears and fill you with HOPE.
May God balance your heart and wrap you in LOVE.





FINANCIAL REPORT 2018



PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET

2019 Budget Worksheet as of 10/23/2018

St. James Episcopal Church Budget	<u>Budget 2019</u>	
Receipts		
4071 · Pledge Receipts to date	131,250.00	83.89%
4073 · Non-Pledge Receipts	23,200.00	14.83%
4072 · Plate Receipts	2,000.00	1.28%
4051 · Investment Fund Transfer		0.00%
Total Receipts	156,450.00	100.00%
Expenses		
Accounting	2,400.00	1.53%
6120 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00%
6140 · Contributions		
6141 · Diocesan Asking	20,679.00	13.22%
6245 · Discretionary Fund Exp	600.00	0.38%
6671 · Mission Outreach	4,693.50	3.00%
Seminary Contribution	0.00	0.00%
Community Garden	500.00	0.32%
Total 6140 · Contributions	26,472.50	16.92%
6160 · Dues and Subscriptions	750.00	0.48%
6170 · Equipment Rental		0.00%
6180 · Insurance		
6181 · Liability Insurance	0.00	
6183 · Property & Liability Insurance	11,939.00	7.63%
6184 · Workman's Comp	750.00	0.48%
Total 6180 · Insurance	12,689.00	8.11%
6240 · Miscellaneous		
Licenses	50.00	
6241 · Advertising	500.00	0.32%
6242 · Altar Guild Exp	1,500.00	0.96%
6244 · Choir Supply	400.00	0.26%
6246 · EYC - Director & Supplies	6,000.00	3.84%
6250 · Flower Fund	0.00	0.00%
6251 · Receptions	540.00	0.35%
Total 6240 · Miscellaneous	8,990.00	5.75%
License & Permits	0.00	0.00%
Nursery	0.00	0.00%
6260 · Postage and Delivery	1,200.00	0.77%
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00%
6265 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00%
6300 · Repairs and Maintenance		
6301 · Sexton Expense	3,500.00	2.24%
6305 · Maintain Grounds	6,000.00	3.84%
6310 · Building Repairs	0.00	0.00%
6330 · Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00%
Total 6300 · Repairs and Maintenance	9,500.00	6.07%
Security	300.00	0.19%

2019 Budget Worksheet as of 10/23/2018

St. James Episcopal Church Budget	<u>Budget 2019</u>	
6340 · Telephone	2,500.00	1.60%
Travel	300.00	0.19%
6390 · Utilities		
6400 · Gas and Electric - Church	9,000.00	5.75%
6401 · Gas & Electric - Garrett Hall	750.00	0.48%
6410 · Water	1,000.00	0.64%
Total 6390 · Utilities	10,750.00	6.87%
6500 · Rector Expense		
6561 · Rector's Salary Expense		0.00%
6564 · Rector's Housing Allowance		0.00%
6185 · Rector's Health Insurance		0.00%
6566 · Rector's Self Emp. Tax		0.00%
6505 · Rector's Pension		0.00%
Rector's Life Insurance		0.00%
6510 · Rector's Continuing Ed		0.00%
Moving Expense		0.00%
6380 · Rector's Travel & Auto		0.00%
6515 · Rector's Cell Phone		0.00%
Rector's Compensation	0.00	0.00%
6271 · Visiting Professionals - Rector	15,000.00	9.59%
6560 · Payroll Expense - Adm.		
Health Insurance	648.00	0.41%
6562 · Salaries & Wages - Adm.	31,291.08	20.00%
6563 · Payroll Taxes - Adm.	2,393.77	1.53%
Admin Retirement Plan	1,026.66	0.66%
xxxx · Mileage Reimbursement	260.00	0.17%
Total 6560 · Payroll Expense - Adm.	35,619.51	22.77%
Contract Labor	250.00	0.16%
6670 · Program Expense		
6672 · Christian Education	1,200.00	0.77%
6672 · Convention Travel Expense	0.00	0.00%
6673 · Registrations/Fees	0.00	0.00%
Total 6670 · Program Expense	1,200.00	0.77%
6770 · Supplies		
6780 · Kitchen/Building Supply	1,800.00	1.15%
6785 · Office Supplies	8,000.00	5.11%
Web Page	200.00	0.13%
Total 6770 · Supplies	10,000.00	6.39%
6990 · Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00%
Total Expenses	137,971.01	
Net Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	18,478.99	

2018 Legacy Committee

The Legacy Committee has the responsibility of overseeing funds donated to St. James for future use by the church.

As of November 2018, these funds are:

The Jacks-Mosley Fund	\$213,905
Windsor II Fund	104,620
Wellesley Fund	65,239
Wellington Fund	<u>123,059</u>
Total Investments	\$506,823



The committee invites parishioners to think of donations to the St. James Legacy when working on their personal portfolios.

Pat Parker

2019	2018	2017	
10,849.92	10,849.92	10,849.92	Organist
2,079.96	2,079.96	2,079.96	Nursery
18,361.20	20,533.20	20,533.20	Admin
31,291.08	33,463.08	33,463.08	Total

Eucharistic Visitors 2018 Annual Report

We have completed another year and are ready to begin again, looking forward to serving you as the needs arise. We also serve the chronically ill in and sometimes outside the parish.

Your prayers for this ministry are deeply appreciated.

I want to recognize and thank Mona Freeman and Betty Langhorst for their faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Thrash

“So let us continue on in the faith, bearing one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2.



SOLO FLIGHT 2018

The Single's Connection to: Fellowship, Entertainment, Worship, Ministry, for all singles (divorced, single by choice & widowed) are welcome.

Monthly meeting is held either in a member's home, church parish hall, or a restaurant. In the winter we meet at 3PM and in the summer at 5PM, the second Sunday of each month.

We come together to support the community through ministry. This year we have two members that have taken on ING; it's a group that meets once a month at Holy Cross under the direction of Donna Earnest, director of Hope House (she does the Bible study), Jackie & Sara (from Solo), serve a home-cooked hot meal to a group from Hope House. This group had gotten to the point it almost didn't exist anymore until two of the Solo members stepped up and started helping Donna with cooking a meal so Donna could concentrate on just the Bible study. The members of this group love to come and enjoy the fellowship, study, and yummy food each month.

As a group Solo has been involved in supporting the St. Luke's medical van financially and has also collected toys to help the Fuller Surplus Center with their toy drive.

In worship, an order for Compline is read at each meeting. We support each other when anyone of us is sick, in the hospital, or having any kind of difficulty in our daily life.

Solo Flight is sponsored by the Episcopal Church and is open to all persons regardless of their faith choices. We have several members from different Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic churches. There are NO dues! Just come and enjoy!

Our Logo—a seagull in flight, its wing intersected with a cross—represents single adults on the solo flight performing alone with grace and skill; soaring to wider perspectives. Whenever this logo appears, it offers the assurance that the ministries and programs under its sponsorship carry the theological, spiritual, psychological, and philosophical training and foundation of Solo Flight: Catch the Vision, the national research, development, training, and consulting entity for ministry with single adults in the Episcopal Church.

—Kathy Watkins



Memorial Committee ANNUAL REPORT 2018

This committee was formed years ago when the present church building was being constructed. Most of the furnishings, including pews and the altar rail, were purchased by this committee and its funds.

In the early 2000's this committee elected to move its funds into a separate account, taking the donations out of the general operating fund of the church. When donations and monetary gifts are received into the general operating fund, the accountant issues a check to the memorial fund.

Besides the church furnishings this committee has purchased parts of the current organ and the organ plaque, the windows in the columbarium and the designation plaque, the bench in the columbarium, prayer books, the benches used by the acolytes and Eucharistic ministers, a new Gospel book, pew candles, altar vases, candle holders, a Paschal candle, various altar linens and the beautiful angel outside the church doors that is in memory of Margaret Anderson.

The committee will donate money to the fund being established to purchase new, updated, ADA approved playground equipment this year.

The memorial committee would like to remind everyone donations are accepted at any time and can be for birthdays, anniversaries, in honor of, as well as, in memory of special people and times in your life.

—St James Memorial Committee



Audio/Video Committee 2018

Do not have anything to report this year.

*Jerry Howard
AV Committee*



Praise and Worship Team Annual Report 2018

Members of St. James Worship Team bring contemporary worship music to the church each month, usually on the third Sunday of each month, some fifth Sundays, and at a Christmas service. The Worship Team may also provide music for other occasions as needed. The Worship Team's focus on contemporary worship music follows the scriptural mandates found in the Psalms:

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1

"Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals." Psalm 150:4-5

During 2018 participation in the Worship Team expanded to include more vocalists and live drums and bass.

—Lisa Lewis



Cursillo: A look into the History and Meaning of the Weekend Retreat



Cursillo, (pronounced: coor-SEE-oh) a Spanish word meaning "a short course", is a movement within the Church intended to help Christians know God's love and grace and to help Christians discover and live out their personal vocations in the world. Cursillo helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Some say Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes many to feel like newly-made **Christians with a purpose and with support. Everyone's experience is a little different.**

When you ask a Cursillista about Cursillo and they won't tell you about the weekend, it is because it is hard to explain; it must be experienced. Cursillo is not a weekend of definites but a weekend of endless possibilities in our Christian walk. Each person that attends Cursillo takes away something different from the experience. Cursillo is not a secret society, however, some of the events of the weekend are best kept under wraps until they are actually experienced.

Lay people conduct the weekend with two or three members of the clergy functioning as spiritual advisors. The weekend consists of a series of 12 talks, all linked together like links in a chain. Some talks are given by clergy and some are presented by lay team members. There is time for one-on-one spiritual direction with the clergy. There are arts and crafts! There is Food! Food! Food! And Music! Music! Music! A lot is packed into two days.

All confirmed adults or adults pursuing confirmation in the Episcopal Church may attend a Cursillo weekend. There is no cost to attend. Accommodations are made for anyone who is unable to do a lot of walking and provisions are made for special diets. Cursillo weekends are scheduled in the fall and spring. The next scheduled weekend is October 18-20, 2019. Arrival at Camp Hardtner is between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Friday evening, returning home Sunday evening. There is also a Cursillo Homecoming scheduled for May 3 & 4, 2019.



Prayerfully consider attending a Cursillo weekend. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, Cursillo has something to offer.

Applications are available in the church office, in the parish hall on the bulletin board, or on the Cursillo web site at www.wlacursillo.com.

— Lisa Lewis

Community Garden Committee Report 2018

The community garden was disappointing this past year. While the tomato crop was successful, an intrusion of insects and a really dry summer held other crops to a minimum. We truly wanted everyone to benefit from the tomatoes, but someone from the community stripped the vines weekly before they had a chance to mature and be enjoyed by others.

The fall garden was flooded for several months. The crops normally planted (cauliflower, broccoli, and cabbage) drowned before maturity. We will begin to prepare for the spring garden soon. Anyone wishing to help, please let us know.

Thank you, Dave Caporossi, for your help with the garden.

— Pat Parker





ST. LUKE'S MOBILE MEDICAL MINISTRY 2017 REPORT

Dear Friends of St. Luke's

As 2017 draws to a close, we at St. Luke's would like to share the many blessings this ministry has received over the year. All of us, the Board, Staff and Volunteers know that the work of St. Luke's is only possible because of your faithfulness.

Our biggest celebration came when the van was replaced; a 33 foot industrial Winnebago was purchased and equipped in June and we have been rolling along ever since. The dedication service on October 19th allowed us to remember where this ministry began... in the heart of Father Cooper. We also recognized Jimmy Deal as a dedicated volunteer, his tireless efforts have, and continue, to keep the van working.

We will finish out 2017 having held 171 clinics throughout northwest LA. Over 1,700 visits allowed St. Luke's to provide screening, primary care and education to the most vulnerable among us. 116 of the visits to the van were by documented homeless individuals. There are many stories, like "Mike" a severe diabetic who went from living on the street to a nursing home because of the efforts of St. Luke's case manager. St. Luke's provided approximately \$8,000 in financial assistance for medications, purchased glasses or helped with copays, and facilitated dental care for numerous individuals.

Each person has a story, and every encounter an opportunity to experience what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. It is humbling, this work. Sometimes it seems our efforts are so small, and don't carry much impact. Then a story comes, a thank you, a smile and I am reminded of Mother Theresa: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier".

St. Luke's does amazing things; We spread love. We see people. We offer what we have.

As the year ends, please know that this is the ministry you are a part of, it happens because of you.

May your life be filled with the joy of knowing that the world we walk in is indeed a better place because of you.

Blessings,

Betty Johnson, the staff and Board of Directors
St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

St James continued to contribute 3% of each month's ingathering for the Outreach ministry. Special thanks to all the members of St. James for supporting this ministry.



St. Luke's Medical Mobile Ministry has been supported by outreach financially each quarter, again this year.

With the help of St James, we collected new socks for the Maundy Thursday service at Holy Cross and financially helped with the purchase of new shoes. Thanks to all the volunteers that help make this a success.



The Backpack program was a great success again this year. Supplying just over 30 backpacks filled with school supplies to Forrest Hill Elementary, grades K-5, plus additional items to be provided to students in Special Education classes.

Outreach purchased all the backpacks and any supplies that we had not received. Again, if it had not been for the wonderful giving of St James this would not be successful.

Outreach supported Hope House throughout the year, serving lunch to approximately 50, every fourth Friday and Bingo prizes the second and fourth Friday each month. We filled four boxes with donations of warm coats for our Thanksgiving warm coat drive. These were given to Hope House for distribution.



Outreach helped two families each month with groceries for the rest of 2018, and rent as a one-time assist. We also supplied one full meal at Thanksgiving for a family, along with extra food for the meals on wheels clients and our homebound parishioners from St. James. Additionally, Outreach financially helped Common Ground, Salvation Army, and Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission with their community Thanksgiving meals.



At Christmas meals on wheels & our shut ins received more home cooked meals thanks to Lorain & parishioners making up food for the freezer. Please, continue with this ministry, as they love the home cooked meals.

We are still receiving pizza from Pizza Hut to give to Green Oaks sports teams, Common Ground, and people in need who show up at the church.



Fuller Surplus Christmas toy sale went wonderfully. This is the third year we at St James have been involved. It was brought to our attention by Deacon Lois Maberry and it has continued to be a success. This year there were three locations throughout Shreveport; our location was the Fuller Center again. Without your giving hearts this would not be successful. Thanks to all the volunteers from St. James for stepping up and helping each day. All the toys were sold, wrapped, and out the door by 2:00 that Saturday. Each person shopping was allowed to purchase items at 75% off the retail price. This is why we ask that you not take off the price tag of the item and not wrap them.



On-going projects: Goodwill collection continues throughout the year. For every bag filled we receive vouchers that are given to Hope House for individuals to shop at Goodwill and pick out what they want. So please continue to take home some Goodwill bags & fill them up. Please help keep the Salvation Army food barrels filled. Continue to save box top, tabs from coke cans, and used up printer cartridges for the schools.



I hope you take the time to view all the thank-you cards & letters outreach has received. Special thanks to my committee for all your help. If anyone would like to join the outreach committee, We accept ALL able bodies...

Again thanks!
Kathy Watkins, chair



NURSERY NOTES 2017

Our nursery is not inclusive or exclusive. It's not just for the very young, and the young are not confined within its walls. Our youngest members are helpful members! Although our numbers are very low, love overflows. So whether you're in the mood for a book, some TLC, or you just need to be comfy while "plugged-in", our nursery is a great place to spend some time.

—*Rhonda Robertson*



EYC Report 2018

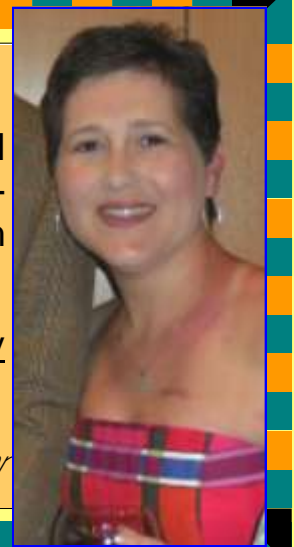
The EYC took a break during 2016-18, but St. James is gearing up to do wonderful things in 2019. Be on the lookout for postings in the Sunday bulletins and newsletters this year.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY 2018

The evening Bible Study has become well attended by several of our parishioners, as well as other Christians from other denominations. We meet on Thursday nights in the Parish Hall. This fall we studied The Quest by Beth Moore.

On January 10th we will start a new study on James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore.

—*Kelly Parker*



YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT 2018

We continued the lectionary based curriculum called Hearts Alive in the Spring of 2018. Chelsea and Brody Fitzpatrick taught several Sundays and enjoyed playing games and sharing the Bible readings that went along with Lent. After Easter, classes were not continued. We hope to begin classes again early in 2019.

For Vacation Bible School (VBS), we learned about Growing God's Garden in a joint venture with our neighbors at Central Christian Church. Our focus verses came from John 15. We learned about growing plants, insects, good and bad seeds that we can plant and all the ways God nurtures his people with love and kindness. All of the children's artwork was displayed in a wall mural for everyone at St. James to enjoy. We had volunteers from both churches that helped prepare meals, teach songs, cut and glue, paint and craft and play games.

We ended the year with our annual Christmas Pageant. This year we shared God's promise to his people in the Advent Story. The youth of St. James showed the congregation the way God fulfilled his promise to his people all the way back to Abraham, Isaac and David. It also showed how God's promise is fulfilled in us today through Jesus. In a precious and humorous delivery, our youth once again filled us with hope and joy. After the pageant, the youth had an end of the year sugar feast in the parish hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Fitzpatrick



Blessed to Be a Blessing

Pledge Commitment for Year **2019**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Accept this pledge as an expression of gratitude for all the blessings of this life and for the blessing God calls me to be. I pray for the grace to honor the practice of proportional giving by:

- Pledging to God's purpose through my faith community for the first time
- Increasing my financial pledge
- Increasing my pledge by 1%, 3%, or 5% of my annual income
- Tithing 10% of my annual income to carry out God's purpose through my faith community

Given () Weekly () Monthly () Quarterly () Annually

Total Pledge for this Year to the Episcopal Church of _____

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

St. James Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2018

Loyalty Sunday was held in October, 2018. It, of course, is the day to bring together our parishioners and talk about stewardship as well as hand out pledge cards.

In 2018 we had pledges from 34 parishioners totaling \$ 129,090.00 to the St. James operating fund and \$ 1850.00 to the building maintenance fund.

Our "time and talent" remained about the same as last year. This includes such items as decorating the nursery, furnishing coffee and filters, furnishing sugar, cream, soap and cleaning products for the kitchen, working the flower beds, maintaining the cross, etc.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to St. James this past year, and as we all know, the importance of keeping St. James financially and spiritually healthy can never be overstated.

The Stewardship Committee

Julie Glover

Pat Parker

Tommy Masley



"I wrote the music for an offertory, when played backwards, you hear, 'Tithe, tithe; it feels good to tithe.'"



MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 2018

St. James thanks the many cooks, sous chefs, and clean-up crews who provided breakfast and kitchen help throughout the year. The number of folk who donated food, helped cook, set up the parish hall, cleaned up afterward, etc. is pretty impressive. Virtually the entire parish has been involved in this project on some level. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this a successful endeavor!!

Although we do not charge for breakfast, we do accept donations as they are offered. Any money placed in the basket is **donated to a charity of the cooks' choice. As in the past, many** of the recipients of our breakfast proceeds are organizations that enhance the lives of children, such as Fair Park School and the Renzi Education and Art Center. One breakfast was even dedicated to raising funds to help pay for expenses associated with **Jacob's open**-heart surgery (which was exceedingly successful!).

The ECW also sponsored a breakfast to help Alyssa Garner compete for Miss Louisiana.

The sign-up sheet to be a breakfast cook is located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Choose your charity and volunteer!

—Jnanne Zepeda



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VESTRY

The Vestry of the congregation is responsible to provide a safe working environment for the Rector as well as for the congregation. To that end, Vestry members should participate in safe boundary education for both children and adults, provide for the temporal care and spiritual renewal of the Rector, and support the ministry of the Rector.

Vestry members attend an annual retreat which includes a mutual ministry review of the Vestry and Rector and development of goals for the congregation over the following year. While the Vestry is responsible for setting policies for the operation of the congregation (that are in keeping with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Western Louisiana, and the laws of the State of Louisiana), the Rector's duties include enacting these policies. The Rector also has sole oversight of all employees of the parish. In short, the Vestry shall minister in union with the Rector.

The Vestry is responsible for seeking ways in which the congregation may minister to the needs of the City and Parish in which it is set, and shall participate in formation programs meant to teach the faith, expand the ministry of the congregation, and live the Gospel.

(paraphrased from the contractual agreement between Vestry and Rector of St. James Episcopal Church)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

- be a communicate in good standing;
- be a member of St. James for at least 6 months;
- be at least 16 years old;
- be a pledging member;
- be a regular attendee of worship services and other Parish events;
- be available to attend Vestry meetings and perform Vestry duties; and
- be committed to the spiritual growth of St. James.



The ECW of St. James invites you to attend

Krewe of St. James Mardi Gras Ball

February 2, 2019

7pm – 11pm * Parish Hall
\$30 per person

featuring
WINDSTORM

Reservations required: misshappydog@aol.com

BYOB with set ups provided;
Please bring a nibble to share.
(Designated drivers available)

Please make checks payable to: **St. James ECW**





Presiding Bishop,
The Episcopal Church:
The Most Rev'd
Michael Curry

Bishop, Diocese of Western
Louisiana:
The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob
Owensby

Rector:

Organist/Choir Director:
Kaye Crichlow

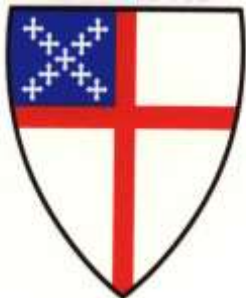
Nursery:
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:
Jnanne Zepeda

2018 Vestry:
David Scott— Sr.
Warden
Curtis Shelton (21)— Jr.
Warden

Members:
David Caporossi (20)
Krystal Eason (20)
Mike Endicott (19)
Debbie Fitzpatrick (21)
Mason Garner (19)
Ken Murphy (19)
Lauren Ocmand (20)
Matt Parker (21)

Ex Officio:
Julie Eason—Treasurer
Tommy Mosley—Treasurer
Emeritus
Janie Parker—Clerk



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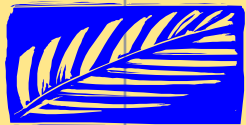
2019 Time and Talent Pledges

1. Betty McDonald
Sweep sidewalks
2. Faye Wynn, Teresa Thrash, Drew Thrash
Pick up trash on the grounds
3. David Scott
Empty the recycling bin in the Parish Hall and the office
4. Julie Eason
Provide healthy drinks for the children on Sundays
5. BJ Pritchard, Janie Parker
Supply coffee and filters to the kitchen
6. Tommy Mosley
Treat ant hills on the grounds
7. Denise Shelton, Lauren Ocmand
Provide liquid hand soap for bathrooms and kitchen
8. Krystal Eason
Provide cream/sugar/sweeteners for kitchen
9. Anne Garner
Weed flower bed around the mailbox
10. Tricia James, BJ Pritchard
Weed flower bed around the electric sign
11. Denise Shelton, Tricia James
Provide drinks for the EYC beverage cooler
12. Suzy Adcock
Provide tea bags to the kitchen
13. Anne Garner, Faye Wynn
Provide tissues
14. Debbie & Tim Fitzpatrick, Chelsea & Brody Fitzpatrick
Provide bottled water for the EYC beverage cooler

*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:00pm
March 5*

*Ash Wednesday
Service
10:00am
6:00pm
March 6*

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	April 14	8:30am & 11:00am
Tenebrae	April 17	6:00pm
Maundy Thursday	April 18	6:00pm
Good Friday	April 19	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	April 20	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 21	10:00am

*Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP,
LOVE, AND SERVE.*

Our Schedule of Services:

Sunday—Holy Eucharist, 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist 10am



**Annual Meeting Agenda
St. James Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 27, 2019
11:30 a.m.**

Opening Prayer/Blessing of the Grub
(Sign in, grab a plate and a seat!!!)

The Annual Report – Our Year In Review

Many members have taken the time to write about the things their organizations have done over the past year. Please take some time now or when you have gone home to peruse your Annual Report and learn about all that we accomplished in 2018. We will briefly hit the highlights.

Show Me The Money

Our treasurer, Julie Eason, will review with us the Proposed Budget for 2019 and give us a financial report about where the chips fell at the end of 2018

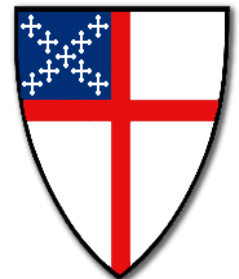
Getting Down To Business

We will elect new vestry members and delegates to our Diocesan Convention to be held on March 9. We will also take a moment to recognize those who have served St. James faithfully in 2018.

God Has A Mission.....

.....And it involves you!! Senior Warden David Scott will discuss what we accomplished in 2018 and where we are headed in 2019.

Closing Prayer



Vision Statement of St. James Episcopal Church: We see St. James as a spirit-led congregation that is a beacon of God's love shining in the community, welcoming all by reaching out through worship, service, mission, and programming to bring peace and healing to all of God's children. We strive to serve our members by nourishing our faith, giving support in times of need, and becoming a congregation from which community-based outreach programs have their genesis.