

The Spirit of St. James

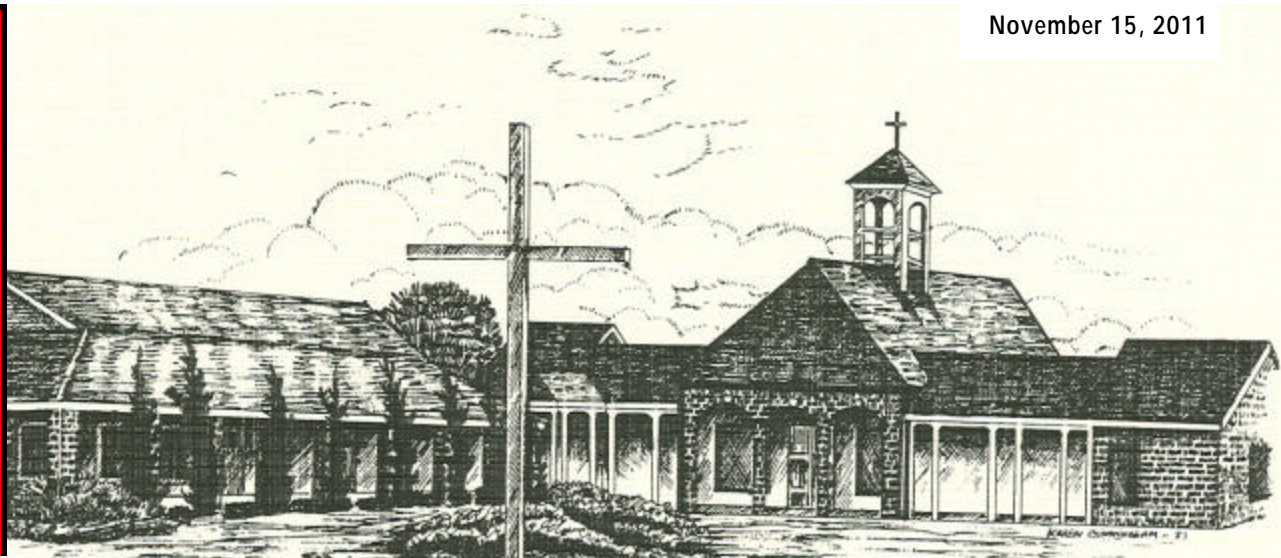
The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
318-686-1261

November 15, 2011

*Greening of Church
December 18
Following 11am service*

*Christmas Eve
December 24
5:30pm family service
with children's
message
10:30pm Christmas
Eve Celebration*



*Christmas Day
December 25
10am Contemporary
Christmas Worship*



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Presiding Bishop,
The Episcopal Church:
The Rt. Rev'd Katharine
Jefferts Schori

Bishop, Diocese of Western
Louisiana:
The Rt. Rev'd D. Bruce
MacPherson

Priest-in-Charge under
Special Circumstances:
The Rev'd Morgan
MacIntire

Organist/Choir Director:
Kaye Crichlow

Nursery:
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Secretary:
Jnanne Zepeda

2010 Vestry:
Jerry Howard (14)
Sr. Warden
Paul Moore (13)
Jr. Warden

Members:

A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

First, I want to thank each and every one of you for making our All Saint's Celebration on November 6th such a wonderful day! Everything was perfect from the music to the worship to the fantastic feast we had afterwards! I do love to see a packed church full of smiling faces and hope that you would continue to invite the family and friends that were with you that morning back for another taste of St. James! I met with Bishop MacPherson that following week and he had only positive things to say about his last official visitation. I feel sure that when he leaves our diocese he will leave with warm thoughts of St. James.

Second, I wanted to take a minute to talk to you all about blessings. It is the time of the year when our attention seems to be drawn to things we are thankful for because

Thanksgiving Day is in our immediate future. However, did you know that every week during church we have a Thanksgiving celebration? That's right, open up your *Book of Common Prayer* and flip to page 361 where all of the Eucharistic prayers begin in our Rite II liturgy. What do you see at the top of the page? The Great Thanksgiving! Every week when we gather around the table together in worship we are giving thanks to God for the greatest blessing of all—Jesus Christ. God's



Jr. Warden

Members:

Suzy Adcock (13)

Dan Bennett (12)

Ron Maberry (13)

Larry Porter (14)

Brody Fitzpatrick (12)

Lynette van Heerden (14)

Kathy Watkins (12)

Michael Wainwright (12)

Ex Officio:

Thomas Mosley—Treasurer

Janie Parker—Clerk



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The Great Thanksgiving! Every week when we gather around the table together in worship we are giving thanks to God for the greatest blessing of a—Jesus Christ. God's blessings abound and we as followers of Christ are called to recognize and celebrate those blessings all the days of our lives! Many of you Facebook users are participating in something called 30 days of Thanks, wherein each day of the month of November you write something that you are thankful for on your Facebook page. I challenge you (Facebookers and non-Facebookers alike) to try and write 365 days of thanksgivings!

What would your life look like if you took a moment at the beginning of each of your days to thank God for one wonderful blessing? You might just stumble upon a way to start living out of abundance rather than living out of scarcity. Living out of abundance means that you live each day with confidence and are able to take risks in your life of faith because you know God has your back! It is a way of living that recognizes that God's blessings of love, grace, peace and forgiveness are ever-present in your life and will never run out! Living out of abundance frees you, as one of God's beloved, to share your blessings lavishly with those around you without ever having to count the cost. What a way to be in a world that demands that we live out of scarcity—pinching our pennies and keeping our God given gifts to ourselves! Now THAT, my friends, is what I call Good News!

Blessings—

Morgan +

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Outreach News

BRING WARMTH TO OTHERS THIS THANKSGIVING DAY

St. James invites you to donate warm clothing for those cold nights that are just around the corner. Many people in our community are not blessed with the means to keep themselves warm when cold weather hits.

As a token of thanksgiving for all that we have, we ask parishioners to fill the box in the Parish Hall with warm clothes, such as mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, coats, boots, and socks to be donated to those in need. The items will be delivered to Hope House and Providence House for distribution shortly after Thanksgiving.

So when you are planning what to bring to the communal Thanksgiving Dinner, add an article of clothing to your list.

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELP OUR COMMUNITY

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Catholic Charities of Shreveport is in need of some gently used computers! We are about to begin classes to teach our clients how to better manage their limited finances so they don't find



themselves facing eviction, empty pantries or having utilities cut off. We will also use them for our new immigrant assistance program. If you can help, please call Theresa Mormino at 865-0200 or email, theresa.mormino@comcast.net. In addition, we are always seeking volunteers. The need for assistance has grown tremendously this year and having someone to do intake on a regular basis would mean a great deal to us. There are many other ways we can use volunteers. Just call Theresa to find out more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to stjames_sport@bellsouth.net, or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: December 1st

SPREAD THE WORD

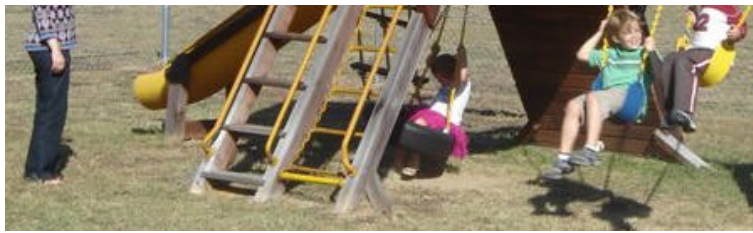
Would you like to brag on your family's achievements, share family milestones with friends, or invite the parish to an upcoming event? You can do so easily by submitting articles to the parish office for publication in the Spirit. There is always room for news of a baptism, wedding, or school achievement. Photographs and stories can be sent via e-mail to stjames_sport@bellsouth.net or dropped off at the parish office. And if you are shy about doing the writing, just telephone the information to 686-1261 and the writing will take care of itself.

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EYC NEWS

Mark your calendars for Dec 17th from 10am-3pm as an EYC-sponsored Parents' Day Out. The EYC will have crafts and activities as well as lunch for children age 2 - 10 in the Garrett-Hall Building. Pageant rehearsal will also take place on this date. This is a great opportunity for parents to shop, wrap presents, or get some much needed down time during the hectic holiday season. No fee will be charged, but donations are welcome.





ECW NEWS

On Tuesday, December 13
at 6pm

the ECW invites the entire parish
to an Advent Potluck Party.

Bring a dish to share
and a new, unwrapped toy
or a gift for a mom
to the Parish Hall
for donation to charity.

If your job and family obligations
prevent your arrival right at 6pm,
come anyway. This is a party where
it is better to be late than not come
at all! Please help the ECW make
Christmas a little nicer for local
families who are struggling with
just the expense of daily living.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

With the baptism of Mabry Elizabeth Johnson and Eamon Alan MacIntire and the confirmation of Dave Caporossi, Rory Fitzpatrick, Jessica Meyer, and Tina Vinson, the All Saints' Day service was full of reason to celebrate. Bishop MacPherson was present for his last official visitation of the parish before his retirement in 2012. He and his wife, Susan, enjoyed an informal pot-luck dinner with us in the Parish Hall. In addition to the beautiful music provided by our organist/choirmaster and choir, we were treated to a gospel hymn by a quartet of parishioners who normally grace us with their presence outside the choir loft. We enjoyed the voices of Karen McDonald, Rita Haldeman, Patti Whatley, and James Lewis (who also accompanied on the guitar). Thanks to Jerry Howard and Larry Porter for documenting the day with photos.





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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIME IS STABLE



This year's Christmas Eve Services are scheduled the at the same time as last year. They will occur at 5:30pm and 10:30pm. The earlier service is scheduled to accommodate those families who need to have children in bed earlier than midnight. It will be the full Christmas Eve service, complete with music, and will include a children's sermon. The later service will be the traditional Christmas Eve service with organ and choir. No matter which service you choose, remember that you are welcome to bring family members who may be visiting, friends, neighbors, etc. As with all of our services and events, everyone is welcome at St. James. Let's fill the church with people, as well as praise.

CHRISTIAN ED CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL

Christmas cards created by the Christian Education Department are available for sale in the Parish Hall. For \$8 a dozen, you can show your support of our youth while sending Yule wishes to friends and family. For each packet of cards you take, place \$8 in the offering plate with a notation that it is for the Christian Ed program, or if you prefer, you may deliver payment to the parish office during regular business hours.





THE MISSION CONTINUES...

We had a great turn out at our fundraiser on St. Luke's Day, October 18th. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to Bistro Byronz.

St. Luke's is having a busy fall. In addition, to our regularly scheduled missions in Minden, Mansfield, and here in Shreveport at the Hope House, we are branching out and combining our efforts with several local organizations. Last month we began tagging along with the Food Bank to a couple of their rural Food Pantry drops in North Caddo. In September we participated in the Community Renewal/Highland Friendship House's Annual Picnic at Columbia Park. In October we teamed up with the Cancer Action Network to provide free health screenings at their Breast Cancer Survivor's Breakfast and the Methodist Churches at their Methodist Madness Celebration Downtown. In November we are participating in LSUS's Health Fair, Christ Memorial's Annual Bazaar, St. Matthias' Annual Art and Craft Sale, Church of the Holy Cross' Soup Day, and Operation Standdown. If you see us around town please stop in and if you would like to volunteer please call us at 424-0156.

A couple Sundays ago we were parked in front of the Hope House offering health services. Intent to Distribute, a church from Haughton, had set up their tables and a crowd had gathered to partake in the amazing lunch they were serving. Filling the air was the inspiring music of a gospel band from Mansfield. One of the band members gets his blood pressure checked regularly in the St. Luke's van when we are in Mansfield and wanted to give something back to the community. As I sat there taking in the moment and appreciating the talents and gifts of the different groups that were gathered there to offer their services, I realized that while each of us can do good on our own how much more beautiful it and complete it is when we come together with others to serve.

—Brenda Nims

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December Anniversaries

Larry & Dianne Lashley	Dec 3
Gary & Susan Bryant	Dec 5
Larry & Kathleen Porter	Dec 16
Wain & Debbie Thompson	Dec 17
Leroy & JoAnne David	Dec 22
James & Lisa Lewis	Dec 27

December Birthdays

Hillary Holland	December 1
Lulu Ashcraft	December 2
Jared Ocmand	December 2
Eleri MacIntire	December 3
Bill Adcock	December 4
Margaret Anderson	December 5
Lori Kendrick	December 5
Chris Laws	December 5
Nikki Lydick	December 6
Joe Johnson	December 8
Theresa Mormino	December 11
Janie Parker	December 12
Brian Whatley	December 14
Lorain Thrash	December 15
Sarah Salmela	December 15
Peyton Parker	December 16
Holly Johnson	December 16

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Elizabeth Sims has moved to
2702 Lloyd Road
Shreveport, LA 71119

**All the women of St. James
are invited to a
COOKIE EXCHANGE
Saturday, December 17
3pm-5pm
at the home of Janie Parker
9415 Evergreen
Shreveport**

Bring your favorite cookies to share and come for fun and fellowship.

GIVE THANKS AS A

Peyton Parker	December 16
Holly Johnson	December 16
Rita Haldeman	December 17
Ruby Betterton	December 19
Jack Perkins	December 19
Charlotte Calhoun	December 21
Barry Taylor	December 23
Erika Phillips	December 25
Henry Perkins	December 28
Lauren Benton	December 29

ONECALL UPDATE INFO

St. James uses the OneCallNow system to help notify parishioners of upcoming events. Phone numbers of parishioners are entered into the system and are marked as participating in particular groups. This allows us to send messages to just a set of people for information specific to only a small group of individuals. If you would like to be added to the system or to any of the groups (such as Men's Group, ECW, Sunday School, or EYC) on the OneCall list, please notify the parish office at stjames_sport@bellsouth.net or 686-1261.

FAMILY...

WITH YOUR ST. JAMES FAMILY

What do you prepare for Thanksgiving? Turkey? Ham? Sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cake, veggie tray, fresh rolls... Instead of doing it all this year, join the St. James community for a covered dish family-style feast. Sign up to bring your favorite and taste everyone else's favorites, too. Join us for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Due to generous donations by parishioners and local businesses, the turkeys are already provided. Please bring a dish to share—dressing, bread, gravy, vegetable, salad, or dessert. Make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Knight at (318) 218-1057. Your presence will make Thanksgiving a true celebration of all the many things St. James has for which to be thankful.

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NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

The month of November is recognized nation-wide As National Adoption Month. The Shreveport Regional Office of the Department of Children and Family Services wants to help celebrate adoptions by hosting a reception to acknowledge our adoptive and prospective adoptive families. Please invite anyone you know who is interested in learning more about foster care adoptions.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH RECEPTION

SATURDAY, November 19, 2011

**Bossier DCFS Office
2123 Shed Road
Bossier City, LA 71111
12noon to 2pm**



Our Vision:

- Working to keep children safe
- Helping individuals and families become self-sufficient
- Providing safe refuge during disasters



Flyers regarding local children in need of foster families and/or adoptive families are hanging in the Parish Hall, along with information regarding minimum requirements to become a foster parent and the necessary steps to become certified.

For more information on the foster/adoptive parent program, please call 1-800-676-5048 or (318) 676-7248 and learn how you can make a difference in a child's life—or visit the DCFS website at www.dss.la.gov.



CELEBRATE WITH US ON CHRISTMAS DAY

For those who have been wondering what to do on Christmas morning—once the gifts have been opened, breakfast served, and kids calmed down a bit—we would like to invite you to join your St. James family for a Christmas celebration service at 10am. The Praise Team will provide the musical accompaniment to the Rite II service, lifting their voices in beloved hymns. Come together to help us give thanks for the ultimate gift of Christmas.

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THE GIFT by Debbie Knight

I will find you because I love you...these words were spoken by my Godson Michael while playing what I thought was an innocent game of hide and seek with me! Little did I know this simple childhood game would teach me a valuable life lesson.

Apparently I had hidden just a little too well (which in my thinking was a bit hard to do given my size and age, crowding sixty!).

Michael looked for me a short while but when he could not find me tears came down his beautiful face and he began to cry, "I will find you because I love you." The game ended that very second as I went to him and said here I am and gave him a kiss and a hug. The relief on his face was an image I will never forget.

I was thinking about those words of Michael's as I lay awake in pain from a chronic illness. I had lost my way and was rather feeling sorry for myself. I had forgotten the gift of just being alive. I didn't remember to be grateful for just the ordinary everyday! I was just sick of being sick. I felt truly lost and alone, then I heard Michael , "I will find you because I love you!"

This young boy reminded me that God wants so much to find us when we are lost. So much so that he gave us his only son as an example of how to live gratefully and with generosity. God does find us because he loves us. He expects us to find others

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Centenary College Canterbury House Fundraiser

A great cause
and some great food



All friends, family and supporters of the [Centenary College Canterbury House](#)
are invited to participate in their fundraising event on

Monday, December 19, 2011

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Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings in Shreveport (7441 Youree Dr.) for lunch, dinner, or a snack. On this day, 20% of purchases* accompanied by the certificate below will be donated to the

Centenary College Canterbury House.



**Fourth Quarter Presentation
December 3, 2011**

A Saturday Evening

"The Sounds of Christmas!"

A Musical Presentation

**Featuring Cara Waring & James Palmer
And Orchestra**

Presented in St. James Episcopal Church



Food and Refreshments Served in Parish Hall

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Performance in Church Begins 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Donations Accepted at the Door



November 15, 2011

**THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILL BE HELD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM SERVICE**

- Vestry members will be elected to fill those terms that are ending
- We will be voting to elect a delegation to serve at both the Election Convention and the Diocesan Convention

Nominations for these positions will be taken in advance by submitting names (in writing) to any Vestry member. Nominations will also be taken at the meeting. Be prepared to explain why you believe the person you nominate would be a good representative of St. James.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

Communicant in good standing
Member of St. James for at least six months
At least sixteen (16) years of age
Contributor of record during the preceding year

The ideal Vestry member is keenly interested in the well-being of St. James: the Church, the clergy and staff, the buildings and grounds. Vestry members regularly attend services and parish events, give financially to the work of the parish, and are spiritually attuned. They distinguish between *being* on the Vestry and *servicing*

the work of the parish, and are spiritually attuned. They distinguish between *being* on the Vestry and *servicing* on the Vestry. They have sufficient time to dedicate to the work of the Vestry and display a positive nature. They have the courage to speak their mind, even when their positions are in the minority. They are willing to listen to opposing opinions, are open to change, and accept the greater will. They have a sense of humor.

Vestry members are able to leave behind “constituencies” and personal agendas in favor of doing what is best for St. James. They are able and willing to share their talents, abilities, and honest opinions—and then are able and willing to listen to others’ opinions with an open heart and mind. They are faithful to the concept of confidentiality. They have a sense of humor. Vestry members are willing to listen respectfully to all parishioners, seek to serve their needs, and try to find a common ground when there are disagreements. They have a sense of humor.

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST JAMES?

Most of the year the difference between being a member of the St. James family and an official member of St. James Episcopal Church is pretty much non-existent. However, when it comes time to vote at the annual meeting, the privilege is only available to those who have transferred their letters from other parishes or who were confirmed at St. James. Also, in order to serve on the Vestry, a person must be an official member of the parish. All members of the St. James family are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting, which will be held on January 23, 2011, after the 8:30 service. Everyone has the opportunity to speak and all are encouraged to do so, but only official members may vote.

If you would like to transfer your letter from another parish, contact Jnanne in the parish office via e-mail at stjames_sport@bellsouth.net or by phone during business hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 2:00pm) at 686-1261.

If you are not an Episcopalian, but would like to be received or confirmed in the Episcopal Church, contact Jnanne so you can be put on the list for the next adult confirmation class to be held in 2012.

*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 with Unction, 10am
Bible Study, 10:30am

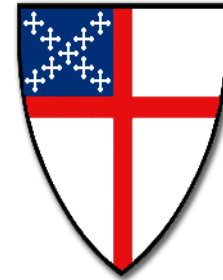


Vestry Meeting Highlights—October 2011

- November 1 St. James will host the Southern Hills Outreach Project Organization meeting. Area churches will be invited to share their ideas for community outreach and how to coordinate efforts.
- November 6 Bishop MacPherson will be here for baptisms and confirmations. We'll have a parish-wide potluck after the service.
- November 13 will be commitment Sunday.
- At the annual meeting in January there will be an election of delegates for the two conventions to be held in 2012. The April convention will elect a new Bishop and the regular convention will be held in October. The same delegates will attend

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- St. James will soon be launching a new website through Monk Development, as secured by the National Episcopal Church.
- A new sign has been installed on the fence around the playground.
- Some of the pews/kneelers are being repaired.
- The air conditioner in the parish office has been repaired.
- \$3solution A138, effective January 1, 2013, states employees that work 1,000+ hours must be provided with a pension through the Church Pension Fund.
- \$25,000 will be transferred from checking to savings, making use of the Wellington Fund through Vanguard.
- Nest Vestry Meeting: November 20, 2011



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.