



The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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August 22, 2008

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, August 24 special schedule:

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship*

11:30 a.m. Ministry Fair and light lunch in Bishops Hall*

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year A,
Revised Common Lectionary

Daily Office: Year Two

The Lectionary — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *First Lesson:* Isaiah 51:1-6; *The Psalm* 138; *Second Lesson:* Romans 12:1-8; *The Gospel:* Matthew 16:13-20.

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COMBINED SERVICE and LAY MINISTRY FAIR on AUGUST 24

Following a combined 10:30 a.m. service, the annual Lay Ministry Fair will be held in Bishops Hall on Sunday, August 24. A light lunch will be served.

This is the time each year we have the opportunity to select a ministry or ministries and to offer our time to the church and to the community. The

CONSIDER JOINING THE PARLOR FLOWERS GUILD

The Parlor Flowers Guild provides an arrangement of fresh flowers for the parlor on Sundays. The guild has no meetings, and each member, depending on how many participate, provide arrangements, on average, about five times per year. Members are flexible to switch with another member of the Guild or call one of our alternates, if out of town on an assigned Sunday. Parlor Flower Guild alternates cannot commit to specific dates at this time, but would love to fill in when called if available.

Flowers are delivered to the parlor anytime between Thursday and Sunday, so the arrangement is on the banquet table in the parlor between 8:00 and 9:30 on Sunday. Pick up your vase anytime the following week.

It is the practice of the group to attempt to use fresh greens and flowers from yards, one's own or others. Also, flowers can be picked up at Billy

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theme for this year's fair is "fruits of the spirit." Have you thought about and prayerfully considered how you will serve St. James this year? Just a few of the many and varied ministries offered at St. James are highlighted in this issue for your consideration.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PLANNED *No appointments, no sales, no fuss!*

A St. James pictorial directory is planned to be published in-house no later than the end of December.

Pictures will be taken by Fred Frey, local photographer and member of St. James. The pictures will be low resolution pictures just for this directory and will not be for sale. The directory will be a black and white publication.

The first photography session is scheduled at the Ministry Fair, this Sunday, in Bishop's Hall. No appointment is necessary; just walk up, fill out a "data card," get a picture snapped and be done!

Additional sessions will be held on Sundays in September in the lemonade room off the parlor, also without appointment. An exact schedule for these sessions will be published in *The Messenger*.

Parishioners may also supply their own digital pictures by email, or photographs that can be scanned and converted to digital images.

The Bad Girls Book Club

Question: What do *Club Dead*, about vampires, werewolves, and Louisiana; *The Master of All De-sires*, the story two women and a magical head in a box in 16th century France, *The Tin Roof Blowdown*, the latest Dave Robicheaux novel, and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, Dave Sedaris' collection of essays about life's weird and awkward moments have in common?

Answer: They are all proof that books about God and how we live our faith can be entertaining, funny, outrageous, and thought-provoking.

Interested? Email Mother Laurie Brock at lbrock@stjamesbr.org for more information, or come by and sign up at the Ministry Fair at the Young Adult Table this Sunday.

We're back to regular Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - noon

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*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful
to Jesus Christ, united in mission,
reaching out to seekers.
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace
and divine compassion in our lives.*

Nominations for Vestry

The Vestry Nominating Committee requests suggestions of parishioners to be considered as nominees to the 2009 Vestry. The nomination forms are available in the foyer of the Ministries Center, the Parish Hall foyer, the Parlor and the Narthex of the Church for your convenience. Nominations are due by Sunday, September 14

Parlor Flowers

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Heroman's and up to \$15 may be charged there. If one buys flowers elsewhere (\$15 limit), just keep the receipt and send it to Cheryl Olinde at the church and mark it "Parlor Flowers" for reimbursement.

Contact Nancy Jo Poirrier, Parlor Flowers Guild chair by phone at 926-1679 or email to npstudio@bellsouth.net, or sign up at the Fair!

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall from a wonderful team of professional caregivers. Paggers are also available for your comfort and convenience.



The flowers on the altar on August 24 are given to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, *Katie Ruth French McNair*, by Emalie LaNasa.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Joyce Rucker.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Doris deBessonet

Prayers are asked for: Elizabeth Poole, Carlisle Richard, Dusty Johnson, Anne Howe, Meaghan Strain, Louise Chittom, Mary Fisher, Patsy King, Allison O'Neal, Mary Ann, Jack and San West, Raymie Edmonds, Brandon, Tara, Sancy, Frank, Jay Shreiner, Chandra Simmons, Constance Regenold, Cynthia, Fred and Connie Schneider, Mignonne Reynaud, Ann Doherty Garnett

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Terry Irby, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Frances Stirling, Brian Hess, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott,

Our Family provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at mimi.riche@cancerservices.org.

Become a Day School Parish Partner!

The St. James Episcopal Day School Carnival will be held Friday, October 3. For over 35 years, this traditional celebration has raised funds for the Day School while fostering the great community spirit that makes St. James exceptional.

Please consider supporting Carnival by becoming a Parish Partner. With a donation of \$100 or more, you will receive a free fun pass for Carnival night and your name will appear in the Carnival newsletter.

Parish Partner forms will be available at the day school table at the August 24 Ministry Fair, in the church office, or from Barbara Outland at 578-8282, 765-7297, or boutlan@lsu.edu. Thank you for your support!

Meet Me
at
The Fair!

Birthdays August 22-28

- 22 Victor Roy, Robin Marschall, Manette Sammons, Tammy Brice, Charlotte Wright
23 Martha McCrory, Bob Blackledge, Pam Gladney, Randi Ellis
24 Joey Furr, Robert Outland, Jay Noland, Conner Bergeron
25 Linda Thompson, Caroline Jenkins, David Dansky, Todd Lambert, James Perry
26 Jim Coleman, June Brooks, Anna Katherine Bardwell, William Casey, Avery Ogden
27 David Evans, Linda Gibson
28 Jane Middleton, Kenneth Land, Cooper Harrell, Bahin Leonard, Claire Popov, Kaitlyn Kelly

Shoes for Afghanistan

Parishioner PFC Benjamin Agnew is stationed near Bagram, Afghanistan and writes home:

"The local day laborers that we escort almost daily to perform little tasks here and there have a serious need for decent footwear. They walk to and from Bagram from the surrounding area, some over an hour both ways, just for the chance to make ten dollars a day. Most of them wear open-toed shoes with no heel strap that are a few sizes too small. Their sandals are worn and falling apart. Their feet are cracked and look painful.

"If you could only see how much they need shoes and the overwhelming appreciation they have for such a seemingly small favor... Any and all sizes would be used I'm sure — even children's sizes. Men will wear women's shoes in a heartbeat. No matter how old or used you may think they are, I guarantee they are in better shape than the ones I have seen.

"Who knows — one pair of shoes could enhance the quality of one person's life to the point that they might reconsider their attitude concerning our presence here, or even their attitude towards western culture."



Beginning **this Sunday at the Fair**, bring Ben's mom, Manette Sammons, your clean shoes of any kind, any size, and place them in the bins marked "Shoes for Afghanistan." Manette is making shipping arrangements to Ben and his company. Bring them on until Manette says they have enough!

Further Outreach Grants Announced

Over \$40,000 was awarded recently to a variety of worthy local projects, our Episcopal ministries, and to foreign missions.

Within the Episcopal Church grants were made to the Angola Prison Ministry's Chapel of the Transfiguration, *We Care*, establishment of a youth Sunday School program at St. Patrick's in Zachary, and to our priests' discretionary fund.

The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative received funds for needed lawn-care equipment and a homeowner training program for sixteen first-time home owners.

Funds were provided to purchase solar energy panels for a Honduras church having no access to electric power.

Health and Wellness grants will provide eight beds at a VOA home for homeless veterans, support of prescription vouchers for uninsured patients of Volunteer Health Corps, and to provide three support persons to assist children with disabilities at a BREC summer camp. Cancer Services received a grant to support a Fit and Fearless Program for recovery through exercise.

A special thanks was extended to outgoing chair, Margaret Boudreaux, for her dedicated service and outstanding leadership. Alan Miller has agreed to continue serving the committee following his term on the vestry in January. Norman Martinusen will continue to represent the Associate Vestry for another year.

Coming Events at the Episcopal Conference Center

Diocesan Women's Retreat —
September 19-21

Leader: Rev. Maryanne Heine. During the weekend there are several meditations offered. In addition, Spiritual Direction sessions may be scheduled. The silent portion of the weekend commences immediately after supper, and ends with Holy Eucharist and lunch on Sunday.

Diocesan Men's Retreat — September 26-28

Leader: Fr. Paul Bailey. During the weekend there are several meditations offered. In addition, Spiritual Direction sessions may be scheduled. The silent portion of the

August Vestry Highlights

Fr. John Miller reported the school's Parent Guild is starting a Care Team Ministry to provide pastoral care to the entire day school community. Beginning August 20, Fr. John will be offering 45-minute wellness sessions for the school faculty.

Sunday School classes will begin on the seventh of September.

The very successful Confirm-not-Conform program guided this spring by Mtr. Laurie Brock was mentioned in the July 21 issue of *Episcopal News Online*. EYC's fall kick off will be September 14 at Circle Bowl.

A \$50,000 check has been received from Chase Bank as settlement of their part in the Clarke Van Sickle theft. A final audit for 2005 has been received and we can now move forward with no further restitution required.

Sixty niches in the columbarium have been sold. Construction is nearing completion. Panels of niches are in the contractor's warehouse ready for installation before month end.

Day School enrollment is on target at 285 students for the 08-09 school year. This past year, the school expenses were less than 1% above budget, "An exceptional performance by the staff and faculty," says Fr. Mark Holland.

Pledge contributions for the year continue below budget for a total of \$69,934 for the year. Expenses for the year are slightly under budget.

weekend commences immediately after supper, and ends with Holy Eucharist and lunch on Sunday.

Women's Creativity - October 9-12

Leader: Rev. Anne Maxwell. As human beings and women, we often find ourselves viewing the world from a place of scarcity: We make choices that limit our possibilities and assume it is because there is a scarcity of peace, serenity, money, beauty, etc. The Rev. Anne Maxwell is intimately familiar with the difficult daily choices women are required to make and how in those choices we, along with God, co-create our lives.



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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship

Friday, August 22, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Saturday, August 23, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 10:00 a.m. Diocesan Council on Deacons

Sunday, August 24, 2008 - 15 Pentecost

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service***
- 11:30 a.m. Lay Ministry Fair in Bishops Hall* with light lunch provided**
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* (Chapel)

Monday, August 25, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
- Noon O'Brien House
- 5:30 p.m. Day School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

- Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. Vestry Nominating Committee

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

Thursday, August 28, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
- Noon EFM

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, August 24, 2008

Ushers 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, John Bilisoly
10:30 a.m. Pat Broderick, Bob Frazier, Dan West, Gerry Sulzer

Acolytes 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:30 a.m. Christina Arey, Ramsey Bell, Wren Bell

Lay Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:30 a.m. Margaret Culbertson
5:00 p.m. TBA

Verger 10:30 a.m. David Warrington

Lectors 7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh
10:30 a.m. Ed Henderson, Tricia Henderson

Intercessor 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:30 a.m. Denise Allen

Welcome Committee 10:30 a.m. Betty & O.B Romero, Bahin Leonard, Tracie Way

Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Karen Kennedy
10:30 a.m. Larry Mitchum, Nora Say
5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips