

Holy Communion

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Welcome to Saint James!

We're so glad you're here.
Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Join in as you're comfortable- listening, reading, praying, and singing.

If you need to step away at any time, you can reenter through the main doors in the back of the sanctuary. Other exterior doors are locked during the service. Restrooms can be found near those main doors, in the narthex (the back foyer of the worship space).

We love kids in our services, noises and all! The **Family Den** (in the back) is a space for nursing or wrangling as desired. **Children's activity bags** are available in the narthex (foyer). **Nursery** is available during the service for children ages 0-3k (an Usher can show you where). During the gospel reading, children aged 4k-5th grade are invited to come to the center and then to follow the cross to **Children's Chapel**. They return during the announcements.

We'd love to give you a welcome bag on your way out. And please join us for coffee and snacks in the Parish Hall after the service.

Learn more and connect further on our website (Saint-James.org), or by dropping a Visitor Card in the offering plate.

Parking note: Extra parking spaces are available around Town Hall. We ask that you avoid parking in the shopping center across the street–they've asked us not to.

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About the Season After Pentecost

The Season After Pentecost – also known as "Ordinary Time" – is the season of church life that stretches from Pentecost to Advent. Our readings focus on the life of Israel (awaiting Christ), the life of Jesus (the Christ himself), and the life of the Church (sent by Christ into the world until His return). Called 'ordinary' because it includes no major Christian feasts (like Christmas and Easter), this season is nevertheless full of wonder and meaning. It is meant to encourage God's people to live their 'ordinary' lives in the extra-ordinary power of the Holy Spirit, who came to us at Pentecost.

Holy Communion

The Prelude

The Processional *"Immortal Invisible God Only Wise"*

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee

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The Acclamation BCP p. 123

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 124

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

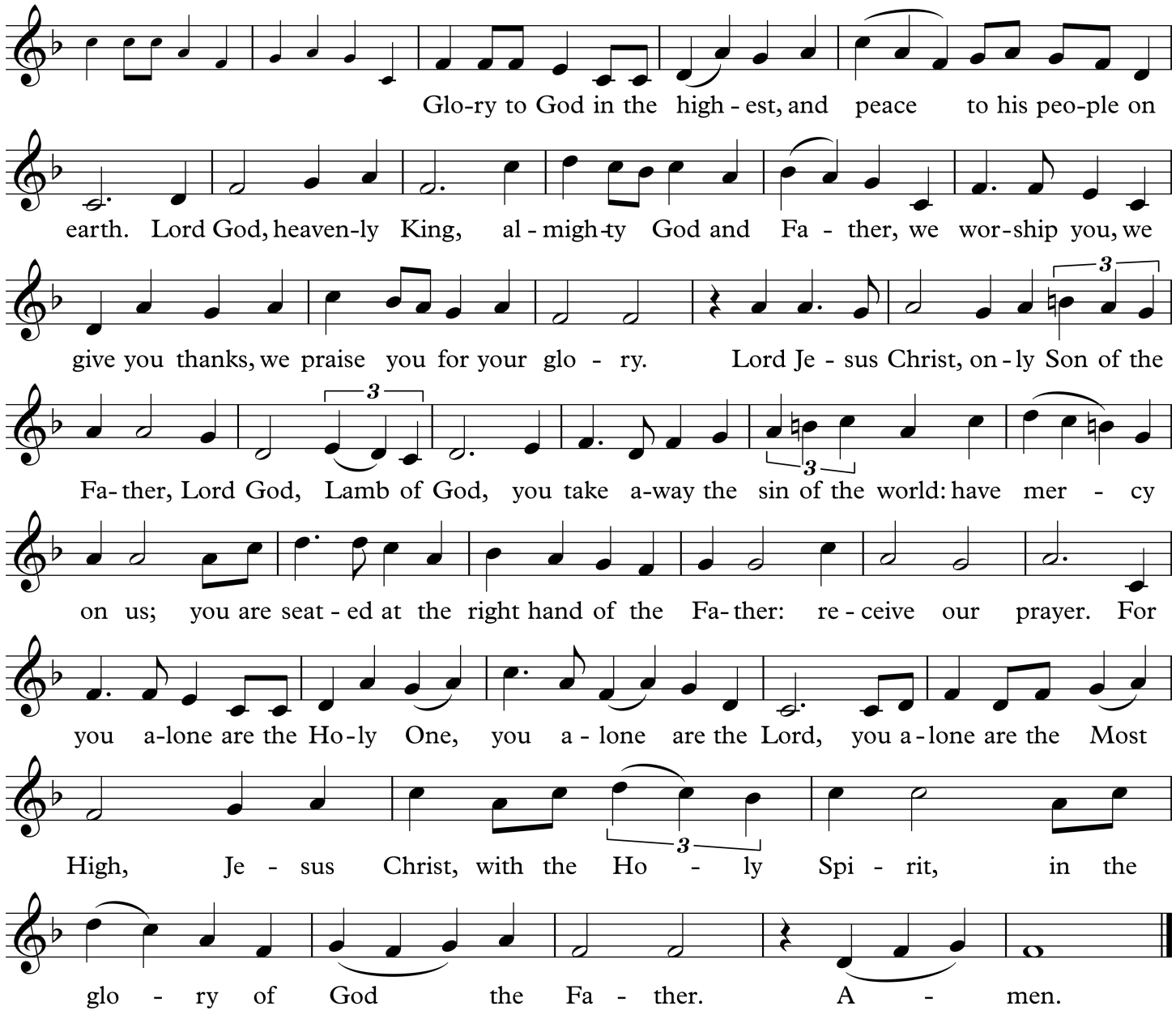
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSON 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10 ESV

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace. 2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our
prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our
gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You
know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the
Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an
example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth
from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say
anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you
turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he
raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM PSALM *96* *ESV*

1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
13 before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Children ages 4k to 5th grade are invited to join the cross in the center aisle for the reading of the Gospel.
After the reading, they may follow the cross to Children's Chapel. Children return during the Announcements.

THE GOSPEL HYMN *"ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY*

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

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THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:15-22 ESV

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to
him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully,
and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the
test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to
them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore
render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” 22 When they heard it, they
marveled. And they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

“ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY”

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

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THE SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED BCP P. 127

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel as able. After each bidding, the congregation offers their own short prayers on the theme, silently or aloud. Each concludes:

Leader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also
for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offertory

Online giving is available at saint-james.org/give

"COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY"

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth….

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise!

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP P. 134

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP P. 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians in good standing in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion.
Prayer teams, positioned near the front on either side of the room, are available to pray with you during communion or after the service.

"The Blessing"

Verse
The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus
Amen, Amen, Amen

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"Build My Life"

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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The Post Communion Prayer

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Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

THE RECESSIONAL *"JOYFUL JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE (ODE TO JOY)*

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer teams are available to pray with you and are positioned in the front of the room on the right side.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Announcements

See full details and more at saint-james.org

- **Fall Market Half Price Sale-** Shop for marked down items directly after the service in the Parish Hall.
- **Music Team Nights- October 21 & November 18: 5:30- 7:30pm.** Please come all ye singers and musicians! Join us for dinner followed by meet & greet to see what our community has to offer and if you can add something special to our Sunday worship. Contact Shane Williams at SWilliams@Saint-James.org.
- **Regenerate High School Retreat- November 13- 15.** Contact Sam English at SEnglish@Saint- James.org
- **Men's Steak Night- November 15: 6:00- 8:00pm**. All men are invited for fellowship and a steak dinner in the Parish Hall. Contact Jay Millen @JMillen@caldwell.com.

PRAYER

- **For Healing:** David Agee, Lois Bouknight, Amarylis Cranwell, Jack Cranwell, Ernie Droze, Art Field, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Mike Gaitan, Carl Green, Erin Stockwell Grimm, Tim Harrelson, George Haynsworth, Heckmann Family, Bill Huff, Matthew Lehman, Debi Myers, Rob Pierce, Bill Porcher, Michael Rutherford, Jon Scot, Carol Shue, Jeff Switzer, Sondra Switzer, Charles Watts, Vivian Watts, Hanna Debruhl, Robert Doscher.
- **For Protection:** Aiden Burgess, Bradon Malasky, Brittany Swafford, Trey Thompson, Thomas Tilson, Rylea Swafford
- **Request Prayer:** You are invited to request prayer via the **prayer box** in the narthex. It is checked regularly by clergy. Daughters of the Holy Cross members also pray for our parish daily and will pray for anyone who would like to be added to their prayer list. All prayers are kept confidential.

Today's Servers

Music Leader: Shane Williams
Acolyte Team: Charlie Cope, Edmund Cope, Aubrie Nichols, Aurelia Nichols, Lila Smithson, Eliza Cate Volousky, Lenox Williams
Children's Chapel: Sam English, Debbie Morillo
Nursery: Jessie Miller, Cadence Volousky
Audio Visual: Bill Read
Flower Guild: Betty Floyd
Altar Guild: Tina Thompson, Maureen Lehman, Vivian Watts
Lay Readers: Jay Millen, OC Brummett
Greeters: Mickey & Betty Floyd, Jean Matthews, Jan Temple
Prayer Team: Maxine Swafford, Paula Huff, Carol Galvan, Jackie Miller

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