CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

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Church Office:	
School Office	
Early Learning Center:	
Convent:	
School Office Early Learning Center: Convent: Email: Website:	general@stjamessav.com
Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5	5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-3 2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30	pm

Staff

Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL	Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Gberikon	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	Deacon
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM	Dir. of Evangelization
Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM	School Principal
Mrs. Misty Ellison-Youssef	Director Early Learning Ctr
Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	
Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
Mr. Mark Kolbush	Director of Finance
Mrs. Susanna Powers	Receptionist
Mr. Richard Morgan	Maintenance
Mr. Matt Keck	Maintenance

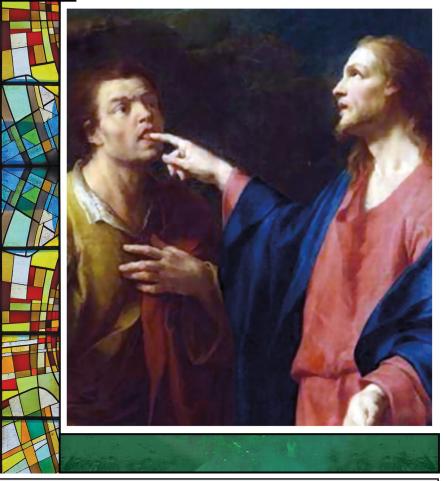
St. James Catholic School For information or tours 355-3132 8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA www.stjameschargers.com

Mass Schedule
Sunday:7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 am (Nursery available)
Vigil:5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only
Holy Days of Obligation:TBA
Pro-Life Holy Hour:Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm
(Rosary, Adoration and Benediction)
Sacraments
Reconciliation: Weekdays Mon-Fri: 7:45 - 8:15am; Tues-5pm,
Saturday: 3:454:45pm, and by other times by appt.
Baptism:Please call the parish office to pre-register
Anointing of the Sick:For anointing, or in case of an
emergency, please call the parish office.
Marriage:Please contact a parish priest
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." $${\rm Mk}\,7{:}37$$



Saint James Parish Mission Statement

Saint James the Less Parish will conduct our lives in ways that illustrate our discipleship to Jesus Christ by evangelizing His Word, promoting a culture of life, embracing the richness of the Catholic Faith, use the Beatitudes to model our behaviors, and draw closer to Him through the Sacraments where we will receive courage, zeal, confidence, purpose, and the blessings of the Holy Trinity.

WELCOME, **VISITORS!** We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or at the kiosk located in the Narthex, and return it to the church office.

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Pastor's Corner 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHARGING FORWARD IN FAITH AND EDUCATION

Wednesday, September 4th, we announced publicly for the first time our *Charging Forward in Faith and Education* capital campaign! It was a tremendous evening and a glorious event! Thanks to our Chairs of the Public Phase, Abigail Cail and Nicole Mayberry, and to their team for all the work you did in pulling that together! Thank you, also to Stephanie Painter, the Director of Advancement for the Church and School. So many people made that evening possible! This is a momentous and exciting time in the history of St. James the Less Catholic Church and School and I invite everyone to be a part of it!

If you were not able to attend, here are the details! After a few years of discussion and feedback, we are embarking on a \$15.5 million capital campaign for the future of our Church and School! Our projects include a new school entrance with greater security as well as additional of classrooms to better serve our students, families, faculty and staff (\$11 million); renovations and updates to the Church which include new flooring, new altar and backdrop, stenciling to highlight the windows, and frames surrounding our beautiful stations of the cross (\$3 million), and endowments for the Church (\$500,000) and for the School (\$1 million). As of this weekend, we have received over \$10 million in cash and commitments to the campaign!

It has been quite a few years since St. James has embarked upon such an endeavor and I am humbled that it comes during my time as Pastor. My predecessors have done a remarkable job in preparing us today for the future. Now it is our time to build upon that foundation, and ensure a sacred and secure environment for our parish community to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ by surrounding ourselves with all that is True, Good, and Beautiful.

Help to make this vision a reality by joining us on this journey!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Sunday begins our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) year!

Welcome back to our students who are returning for another year of growth in Faith, Hope, and Charity! Welcome to the students who will be with us for the first time! This will be a wonderful year filled with an abundance of God's grace and Truth! Please pray for all our students and catechists.

St. James the Less, pray for us and all our endeavors and plans!

May the Lord Jesus bless you and your families abundantly this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

e are excited to begin a new year of Religious Education this year with our PREP program! Classe egin again this weekend on Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in St. James School ease pray for our students and their families as we all grow together in our relationship with Jesu ad His Church!		
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students in grades Pre-K to 8		
students in grades Pre-K to 8 16	20	3

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Please pray daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters

9/8 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

- 7:30 am Special Intention, Mary Grider ~ Fr. King
- 9:00 am + Sean Ryan ~ Fr. Firmin
- 11:30 amFor the People \sim Fr. King

**Romanus Ezeugwu, Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Mariusz Fuks | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Joan O'Reilly

9/9 Monday St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

- 7:00 am Special Intention, Eleanor Farkas ~ Fr. King 8:30 am + Jack Kaster ~ Fr. King
- **Gabriel Gberikon, Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez | Stephen Owusu Dwamena| Sr. Catherine McElroy

9/10 Tuesday

1	Cor 6:1-11; Ps	149:1b-2, 3-4,	5-6a and	9b; Lk 6:12-19

7:00 am	+ Tatyana Taura ~ Fr. Firmin
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8:30 am + Al McElroy \sim Fr. King

**Richard Hart, Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, Francis Higgins | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

9/11 Wednesday

7:00 am $+$ Bill & Joanne Shiels ~ Fr. K
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- 8:30 am + Thaddeus Hejka ~ Fr. Firmin
- 5:30 pm + Jeff Sanders-Fr. Firmin
- **James Holloway, Daniel Ihunnia, Gordian Iwuji, Francisco Gamboa | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell

9/12 Thursday Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

7:00 am + Sr. Doloretta Maria Rooney ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Sheila Pippin ~ Fr. King

**John Johnson, Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela Michael Kavanaugh | Deacon Kevin Braski | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

9/13 Friday St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

7:00 am+ Angela Fountain, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Gabriel8:30 am+ June McCombs ~ Fr. Firmin

**Donal Keohane, Robert Keffer, Mike Kerin, Inshik Kim, Lewis King | Deacon Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

9/14 Saturday Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

9:00 am	+ Stephen T	homas, Sr.	~ Fr. Firmin

- 5:00 pm + Robin Molella ~ Fr. King
- **David Klecker, Vernon Knight, David Koetter | Jared Miller | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

9/15 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

- 7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Firmin
- 9:00 am + Ann Geraghaty ~ Fr. King
- 11:30 am Special Intention, Lucy Huber ~ Fr. Gabriel
- **Dawid Kwiatkowski, Brian LaBurt, Peter Lanshima, Andrew Larkin | Noah Pace

The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9 AM & 11:30 AM Sunday Masses. The Nursery is located in the Early Learning Center, Classroom #2.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father, your only son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community: Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, Elsie Coursey, Donna Katula, Sandy Ramirez, Maria Polito, Vicky and Susan Reyes, Dick Buchner, Nick & Thomas Turchiano, Brian DeRouen, Noelle Franklin, Sean McGahey, Rick Vogel, Monica & Pamela De Guzman, and all those listed in the book of the sick.

In order for a name to be included on the prayer list, an immediate family member must notify the church office at 912-355-1523. Names will be listed here for 4 weeks and then entered into the Book of the Sick, unless the office is notified otherwise.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, grant that our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have passed from this world, may come to share your eternal happiness in the communion of saints.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Keith Like, Julia Kerley, Margaret Hobe, Monsignor Jim Costigan, Al McElroy, Frank Phillips, Andrew Schilly, Helen Laird, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Vincent and Grace Raimondi & Family Peter & Meri-Winston Romano & Family

	St. James Weekly Calendar	
9/8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:00-11:15am	SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm	
10:15am	Baptism-Church-Fr. King	
10:15-11:15am	PREP-SJS	
Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued		
healing daily after the 8:30am		
9/9 Monda	,	
	Confessions-Church-Fr. King	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
9/10 Tuesday		
	Confessions-Church-Fr. King	
	Rosary-Cry Room	
	SJS Faculty Meeting-Mercy Conf. Rm	
	SJS VB practice-PC/8ym	
	Confessions-Church	
	Prolife Holy Hour-Church	
9/11 Wedne	5	
	Confessions-Church-Fr. Firmin	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
,	Choir Practice-Church	
6:30-8:00pm	First Holy Communion Parent Mtg-PC/gym	
9/12 Thursda	5	
7:45 -8 :15am	Confessions-Church-Fr. King	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
3:00-4:00pm	SJS Children's Rosary–Church	
3:30-5:00pm	SJS VB practice-PC/8ym	
6:30-8:00pm	SJ Parish Council Mtg-Mercy Conf Rm	
	Grandparents Day	
	Confessions-Church-Fr. Firmin	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room	
12:00рт	SJS Dismissal	
9/14 Saturday		
8:30am	Rosary-Church	
	1 Franciscan Workshop-SJS Computer Lab	
10:00am	Baptism-Church-Deacon Lou	
	Confessions-Church-Fr. Gabriel	
	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Catechetical Su	5	
8:00-11:15am	SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm	
10:15-11:15am		
12:30~3:00pm	SJ. James Parish Picnic-McBride Field	



Pray the Fatima Rosary with us...

You are invited to join a group from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church to pray the Fatima Rosary at St. James the Less Catholic Church on Friday, September 13th at 5 PM located at the

School at our Blessed Mother's Statue. All are welcome to join us in prayer to Our Blessed Mother! We pray, as always, for the conversion of sinners and peace in our world. Please join us in this special devotion.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

\$24,618.21

September 1, 2024 YTD Offertory: July 1st through September 1st

TID Onertory: July	ist unrough september
2023-24 Actual	\$236,045.74
2024-25 Budget	\$237,718.85
2024-25 Actual	\$233,259.92
2024 ACA Progress Rep	<u>oort as of 8/9/2024</u>
Total Given & Pledged	\$166,889.89
ACA Parish Goal:	\$134,000

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Stewardship of Treasure. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and provides programs, support, and services to our parishioners, school and community.

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% Participation:

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING Visit our parish website at www.stjamessav.com and select the Online Giving link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-

1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamessav.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.

Stewardship is determined by:

- * Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- * Faithful participation at Sunday & Holy Day liturgies

* Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: Sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, and Catholic School verification.

NAMI Are you interested in learning more about caring for your loved ones who Savannah Georgia live with a mental health diagnosis?

NAMI Savannah is offering a free, nine week educational program on Tuesday evenings, starting September 24 from 6 to 8:30pm and ending November 19. This program is for family members, caregivers and friends of people living with NAMI-trained family members lead the mental illness. course with presentations, discussions and interactive exercises. Contact Pam (a) 912-401-2689 or Mary (a) 912-308-3126 for more information and to register. Space is limited.

> **ABUSE HOTLINE...** To report sexual abuse of a I minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or

volunteer, call the abuse hotline at 888-357-5330 or the Office for Protection of Children & Young people at 912-201-4073. To read the policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 15, 2024 12:30 - 3:00 PM McBride Field - Behind St. James School

BURGERS & HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED! PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

> BRING CHAIRS IN CASE EXTRA SEATING IS NEEDED

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10TH



Return form below to church office, scan the QR code or email parishlife@stjamessav.com.

Name

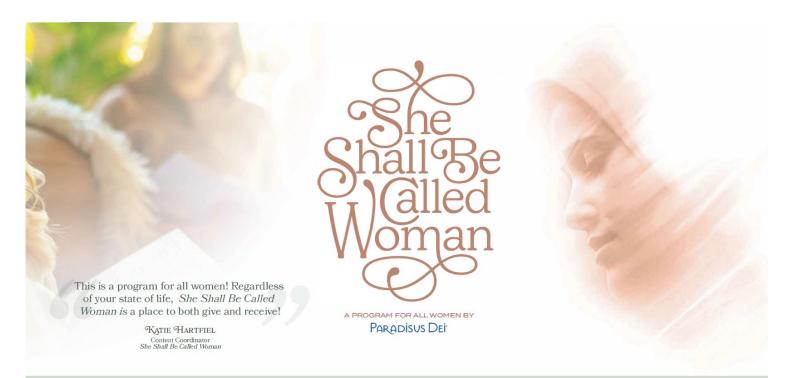
How Many Attending? _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Will you bring a side dish, salad, or dessert? _____

Are you able to help set up/serve/clean up? _____





SEASON ONE MASTERPIECE of CREATION

To truly understand the way the Lord views femininity is to live as one who is fully alive. In a world that often speaks in clichés and labels, God desires to reveal who He is through a greater understanding of who we are. This season will not only unpack the wealth of celebration of what Saint John Paul II called "The Feminine Genius" but will also give real advice on how to combat the mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges we, as women, face every day.





SARAH SWAFFORD Speaker & Founder Emotional Virtue Ministries

ALICIA HERNON Co-founder Messy Family Project



Catholic Speaker & Evangelist



WATIE HARTFIEL Content Coordinator She Shall Be Called Woman



CEO

Families of Character







LISA COTTER Catholic Speaker & Author

Nine Engaging Sessions

- HIS 1 KATIE HARTFIEL
- PUTTING on the MIND of CHRIST 2 JORDAN LANGDON
- HE SEES YOU, HE KNOWS YOU, 3 HE LOVES YOU SARAH SWAFFORD
- UNVEILING the FEMININE HEART 4 LISA COTTER
- FINDING the EXTRAORDINARY 5 in the ORDINARY ALICIA HERNON



- CROWN JEWEL of CREATION 6 SR. ALEXIA ZALDIVAR
- **DIVINE DESIGN** MARI PABLO
- FIGHT LIKE a GIRL KATIE HARTFIEL
- THE PARADISE of GOD 9 MARK HARTFIEL



St. James SHE Small Groups start the week of September 23!

Servant of the Pierced Hearts

of Jesus and Mary

When: Weekly on several days and at different times

Where: Various parishioners' homes within our parish

- Schedule:
- 30 minutes of social time 30 minutes of video presentation 30 minutes for small group sharing
- Each group views the same material every week.
- It's okay to miss a week!
- Infants and small children are welcome.

Scan the QR code to sign up! Need help?



Please see the Parish Office.

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SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN

ST. JAMES PARISH FAITH FORMATION



Save the Date!

JANUARY 25, 2025 9 AM TO 4 PM

BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL SAVANNAH, GA

> National Speakers: Lisa Cotter & Danielle Bean



Registration opens in October 2024

What are you looking for? Come and see. (Jn. 1:38-39)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is for those who are not baptized, or those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition who are interested in becoming Catholic Christians.

Learn more about RCIA

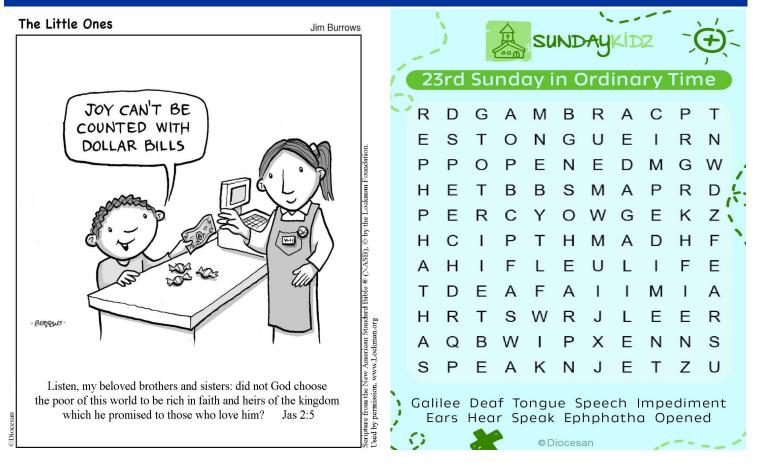
Contact Sr. Stephanie for an overview of the process, ask questions and discern next steps.

RCIA meets weekly on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8. Mercy Conference Room

Meetings begin Sept. 17, 2024 An interview with Sr. Stephanie is requested prior to attending an RCIA meeting.

Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

KIDS CORNER





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