

50 Ways to Connect to St. James

Connect to Christ through The Mass and Sacraments:

Ministry Name	Contact Person	Phone #
Adoration: Sunday 6pm – Monday 6pm	Tanya Britton	601-672-7010
Altar Servers: Open to boys and girls who have made their First Communion.	Corrie Weatherford	662-419-1322
Baptism Prep for Infants - English	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Baptism Prep for Infants - Spanish	Raquel Thompson	662-402-9599
Choir – Adult English	Lailah Valentine	662-401-3584
Choir – Adult Spanish	Erika Acosta	662-397-2671
Choir – Corpus Christi (Youth)	Erin Bristow	662-610-1151
Lectors: Proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass.	Anne Haire	662-871-3066
Marriage Enrichment: Strengthen the bonds of marriage.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Ministers of Communion: Distribute Holy Communion.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Sacristan Team – Help with seasonal decorating, clean the church, prepare for liturgies, etc.	Tanya Britton	601-672-7010
Ushers: Greet and seat people and collect the offertory.	Robin Haire	662-871-3237

Connect to Christ through Faith Formation:

Ministry Name	Contact Person	Phone #
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 3 - 12 years	Karen Mayfield	karen@stjamestupelo.com
Sunday Mornings: Grades 2 - 6	Veronica Lopez	785-817-2503
Wednesday Nights: Grades 7 -12	Erin Bristow	662-610-1151
Young Adult Ministry: 18 – 35 Years	Luz Elena Acosta	Luz@stjamestupelo.com
Adult Education: English	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Adult Education: Spanish	Gricelda Martinez	662-372-7497
OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (English)	Alex Emplaincourt	662-312-0464
OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (Spanish)	Yolanda Aguilar	662-231-4109

Note, the Student Faith Formation program has a variety of volunteer opportunities for Catechists, classroom assistants, small group leaders, chaperones, security monitors, etc.

Connect to Discipleship through Outreach Programs:

Ministry Name	Contact Person	Phone #
Backpack Food Program: Donate & pack weekend meals and snacks for kids.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Beds For Kids: Construct, deliver, and assemble beds for kids who need a bed.	Michael Boland	662-889-8770
Bread of Life: Prepare and distribute to-go meals for the homeless.	Mary Frances Strange	662-871-6277
Casserole Club: Prepare casseroles for parishioners with illness or injury.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Catch Kids: Provides free, high-quality healthcare and dental care to children.	Ed Ivancic	662-401-6645

Catholic Charities: A broad program to reduce poverty and provide stability.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
DISMIS Program: Provides essentials to those being dismissed from prison.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Food Pantry – Nettleton: Organize, pack, and carry out food for the needy.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Food Pantry – St. Luke: Packing food for the needy in Lee County.	Kathy Pizza	662-231-0086
Habitat for Humanity: Build affordable housing for low-income families.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Happy Hearts: For adults 55+ who meet monthly to socialize and have fun.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Hispanic ACTS: Lay-driven apostolate that conducts retreats to foster deeper relationships with Jesus Christ, the parish community, and the church.	Men - Fortunato Gomez Women: Angelica Castillo	662-260-7390 662-231-1011
Hispanic Ministry Other: Helps with many basic needs of our Hispanic families.	Raquel Thomspson	662-402-9599
Hospital Ministry: Visit the sick, to give them hope and encouragement.	Sheri Boettcher	662-871-0050
Knights of Columbus: A Catholic fraternity of men who support charitable works.	Thomas Whitenton	662-871-0888
Meals on Wheels: Prepare, pack, and deliver lunches to shut-ins, Mon-Fri.	Jaime McGrath	662-213-4646
New Beginnings: An agency that supports and assists with adoptions.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Parkgate Pregnancy Center: A one-stop resource for life-affirming choices.	Carrie Haadsma	662-213-4916
Prayer Team: Pray for St. James family and friends.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Prison Ministry: Help Fr. Tim organize and pack items for his monthly visits.	Fr. Tim Murphy	662-304-0087
Red Cross Partners: Respond to basic agency requests for help in our area.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Tree of Hope: Donate a variety of Christmas gifts to children in need.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
Tree of Life: Provides free basic medical and dental care to the uninsured.	Meg Gibens	662-322-7685
Visitor Welcome Team: Attract and welcome new people into the Catholic faith.	David Haadsma	662-422-1984
Working Together MS: Organize diverse groups to foster relationships and tackle community concerns.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055

Connect to Stewardship Through Your Financial Gifts:

Ways to Give	Contact Person	Phone #
Weekly Mass Offertory Collection	Meg Gibens	662-322-7685
Give Online Scan here: 	Meg Gibens	662-322-7685
Legacy Giving: Remember St. James in your will, life insurance policy, endowments, etc.	Rhonda Swita	662-231-7671
Pledge: Strategically plan for your financial giving. Scan here: 	Rhonda Swita	662-231-7671