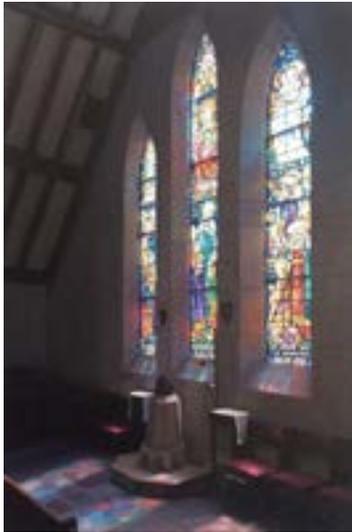


ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The SEASONS Of St. James

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

By The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. *Psalm 84:1*

The time has come to return to in-person worship at St. James Church. This comes long after we first thought we would return, and it comes well before we have an answer to the question of how to control the spread of this coronavirus.

Services will be offered on the following schedule to a limited number of worshippers:

Saturday, July 4 at 5:30 p.m. (30 in the church)
 Sunday, July 5 at 9:30 a.m. (30 in the church)

Saturday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. (30 in the church)
 Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. (30 in the church)

No nursery will be available during worship services.

If everything goes well the first two weeks back, we will return to a regular schedule of weekend services, yet we will limit the size of the congregation, so reservations still will be required. Unfortunately, reservations may be required for the foreseeable future. God willing, we will graduate to this schedule:

Saturday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. (30 in the church)
 Sunday, July 19 at 8:30 a.m. (30 in the church)
 Sunday, July 19 at 10:45 a.m. (45 in the Guild Hall)

Saturday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. (30 in the church)
 Sunday, July 26 at 8:30 a.m. (30 in the church)
 Sunday, July 26 at 10:45 a.m. (45 in the Guild Hall)

Still, no nursery will be available during worship services. Children’s Sunday School, Adult Forum and Coffee Hour will still be held online in Zoom meetings.

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Returning to In-Person Worship Continued

We are not allowed to offer any food or drink (no coffee) at this time. That means no “hospitality” except for smiles under your masks and hugs at a distance. All of us will want to fall back into our old ways of being together when we gather again. We are all going to have to work together and help each other get the hang of the way we need to behave now. Kindly worded reminders can be very helpful. Use your voice, your words, your prayer, and your heart to share greetings with fellow parishioners when we return. We will not have nametags right now because we thought thumbing through them would be too germ-y. If you keep yours at home or in your car, then of course you can wear it.

More facts about worship services in July:

- **Holy Communion will be shared in one kind** (bread only). The very small amount of wine which is consecrated will be consumed by Mother Dawn. The bread will be administered to every individual in their pew. Instructions are that the wafer is to be dropped into your hands to avoid contact. Mother Dawn will wash her hands immediately before the Eucharistic Prayer begins.
- **Services will be kept intentionally short**, for many reasons including guidelines about wearing masks, avoiding restrooms, and not being crowded indoors with a lot of people for a long time. There will be no singing.
- **For everyone at home** – for lack of reservation, want of transportation, “lock-down,” or continued desire for safety – please note that each Saturday evening service will be recorded and made available for you to view on YouTube (and hopefully Facebook) at your usual worship time on Sunday morning.

If you would like to see more detailed information about the guidelines we are attempting to follow, visit our website at www.stjameswichita.org or the diocesan website at <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/>.

If you have not been receiving the weekly email from the church (The eTower), check your spam folder and/or give us your contact information. Our “fancy” software tells us that about 50% of the people who receive this communication open it (read it). Maybe you get it and you don’t even know it, perhaps you overlook it for one reason or another. It’s OK, we know how computers are! But seriously, this is the most frequently updated and complete source of information you can get from St. James. We mail printed copies to those who expressly request it, but if you have access to email, you should be receiving this note from us each Friday for free. Email office@stjameswichita.org and request to be added to the email list if you don’t get it.



HOW TO MAKE WORSHIP RESERVATIONS

Beginning June 24 (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist) at 9:00 a.m., we will begin taking reservations for attendance at worship services. Reservations may be made by telephone call to the church office 316-683-5686 or by email to office@stjameswichita.org. The time of a reservation request will determine the order in which your reservation is taken. If you request a reservation by email, you will receive word by return email that a reservation has been made for you at the next available date and time of worship. All reservation requests received by e-mail must include the number of individuals included in the reservation request and a telephone number.

We return to in-person worship Saturday, July 4 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 5 at 9:30 a.m. When reservations fill for one weekend, we will begin making reservations for the following weekend. Please allow everyone who wants a chance to return to in-person worship an opportunity to attend a service before you return again. People in the same household can sit together, all households will be distanced by at least 6 feet from one another. Because strict rules about wearing a mask will be in force and restroom use is to be avoided, services are to be intentionally short.

	<u>Vestry</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>
Joan Moore, Sr. Warden	<u>Class of 2022</u> Anne Clark Brandon Whipple Paula Skinner	<u>Class of 2021</u> Adrienne Edwards Jackie Farha Tristan Holmberg	Deb Hager Phil Speary Jane Spurrier Susan Stallings Gary Thudium
Danny Blair, Jr. Warden	<u>Class of 2023</u> Judy Goodpasture Jeanie Hans Sara Robinson	<u>Class of 2022</u> Randy Harrison Marilyn Milhon	
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TE DEUM WINDOW PAINTING - EXCITING NEWS

By Denise Evans Gorney

The printing company that produces our Te Deum Window Painting prints has now reopened and is printing again. This is great news for the printing company and also allows us to begin processing orders again.

An opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the St. James Te Deum Window, captured in this painting by Bill Goffrier, is now available. Prints and boxed sets of notecards featuring a reproduction of the painting can be ordered. Prints can be ordered on fine quality paper or on canvas in a variety of sizes. The paper prints can be framed as is in standard size frames or matted to a different size. The canvas prints can be framed in a similar manner as any oil painting. This would typically be frame only (no glass or mat). The boxed sets of notecards come with 12 cards and 13 envelopes.

Please mail completed order forms along with payment to the church. Orders will be processed weekly and you will be notified as soon as your order is ready to be picked up. During this time, drive-thru pick up opportunities will be made available. Please feel to email Denise Evans Gorney at dgorney@cox.net with any questions.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TE DEUM WINDOW PAINTING

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Order Forms will be collected for processing each Sunday. Expected delivery time frame should be approximately 2 weeks from order placement. Parishioner order pickup will be at the Church. Payment is due at time of order.

PARISHIONER ORDER FORM

Note: Purchases are NOT Tax Deductible

Place orders/payments in a sealed envelope and turn in at the welcome desk.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Print (Unframed)	6x9" Image on 11x14" Paper	\$35.00		
Print (Unframed)	11x17" Image on 16x20" Paper	\$55.00		
Canvas Print (Unframed)	12x18"	\$100.00		
5x7" Notecards	Set of 12 (13 Envelopes)	\$15.00		
Purchase Total			\$	

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Method of Payment (please circle): Cash Check Credit Card

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ CCV #: _____

I authorize St. James Episcopal Church to process payment on the above listed credit card for the Purchase Total Amount.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MUSIC AT ST. JAMES

By Marlene Hallstrom

TWO HYMNS FOR REFLECTION DURING THIS TIME**THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD – A HYMN OF LAMENT****Refrain:**

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [Refrain]

2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." [Refrain]

3 Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll ne'er refuse to lend. [Refrain]

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This anonymous African American spiritual probably took shape during outdoor revival meetings in the early nineteenth century. The text draws on the image of Gilead, which in biblical times was a source of spices and medicinal ointments. The refrain states in positive terms what the prophet Jeremiah asks negatively, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" "Balm" becomes a metaphor for redemption in Christ. One of its most memorable phrases, "the sin-sick soul," was taken from hymns by Charles Wesley and John Newton. The refrain alone was published in the *Revivalist* (upstate New York, 1868) and the complete spiritual in *Folk Songs of the American Negro* (1907), compiled by brothers Frederick J. Work and John W. Work, Jr. Of those stanzas, the two are included that concern the Spirit's encouragement of discouraged Christians and the task of every Christian to be a witness to Christ's love.

**GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY – A HYMN OF CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY**

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Fosdick, Harry Emerson, 1878-1969
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This hymn is a prayer — a prayer for God to bestow power upon the church — and wisdom — and courage “for the facing of this hour.” The hour that they were facing at that time was the Great Depression — an economic disaster that drained the nation of life and hope. “For the facing of this hour,” however, is a timeless phrase, because there is never a time when we do not need God’s help “for the facing of this hour.”

“Save us from weak resignation” is an important part of the prayer. “Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.” We are always tempted to believe that the evils that we face far outstrip our resources to deal with them — tempted to retreat into a safe place and wait for the storm to blow over — but evil unopposed doesn’t blow over. It takes the sacrifices of dedicated men and women to build a better world.

“Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.” That was a good prayer when Fosdick first wrote this hymn in 1930. It is a good prayer today.

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A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

June 14, 2020, was scheduled to be the grand celebration of St. James' 100th Anniversary! But, because of circumstances beyond our control, this did not happen! However, being people of hope, we look forward to the time when we will be together again and proceed with the celebration. In the meantime, let's remember the hymn "A Cause for Celebration" which was written especially for this occasion by our own Jeanine Hathaway with music composed by American church musician and composer Alfred Fedak. The text is included here, and you will soon be able to watch and listen to a virtual performance of "A Cause for Celebration" by members of the St. James Choir on the St. James YouTube and Facebook sites. Stay tuned!

**A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION**

Jeanine Hathaway

A cause for celebration, bright voice of jubilation:
a century of praying in this space
surrounded by our saints. Through the length of history
the strength of God's great Mystery has planted here its grace.

We look to one another, to ourselves, our families.
We gather for the Eucharist, Olde English teas,
Sunday breakfasts, oyster dinners, legacies.
All saints in training, shaping future centuries.

Invite life into lives, that bloom of generosity,
its fruit in reciprocity.
Our faith has roots in love's great heart.
One hundred years is just the start.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS IS JUST THE START!

If you are interested in watching and listening to more virtual choirs on Youtube, search for The Strife is O'er - The Episcopal Church Virtual Choir and Orchestra - Easter O Day Full of Grace - with text (for singing) – Pentecost

There are many more like this. Enjoy!

Marlene Hallstrom, Director of Music

WORSHIP AT HOME

By Jay Price

As a result of a recent conversation at Adult Forum (held online every Sunday morning), we present you with some ideas for enhancing your experience of worshipping at home. This is an opportunity to reconnect with an ancient form of spiritual practice. For thousands of years, families worked with household shrines that honored the ancestors. Catholic and Orthodox households around the world have places to honor a patron saint. Home Bible studies and hymn sings used to be common. Jewish families mark Shabbat at a meal at dining room table. Muslims can offer their daily prayers at any place. Now we, too, can rediscover the rhythms and insights that home worship can bring.

Whether you are holding family worship time, having a personal prayer routine, or joining in on St James's services on YouTube, you can enhance your experience.

When establishing a home worship practice, it helps to consider the setting where you pray, worship or check in. Setting involves three aspects: Place, Time, and Tone.

Place

Find a location in your home that works for you. It can be at the dining room table, a place in the garden, in a comfortable chair. It may involve a small altar or in front of an icon. Let it be as free from distractions as possible

Time

More than place, it is important create time for worship, setting aside a time for worship. It is a time away...from distractions and business. This is sacred time, a time to reflect, for quiet'

It is a time for...you and God. It doesn't have to be for anyone or anything else unless you want it to be. Focus on priorities and connect with what matters to you. This is a time for intimacy.

Just as important, it is about time WITH someone. Perhaps it is about being with your family. It might be a chance to be with those loved ones who have passed. Perhaps have a photograph of them or a memento of a time or place that was meaningful. Perhaps you are connected with your St James family or with Christians or people of faith around the world. Perhaps you are with those who made our parish like Fr. Otis Gray or Sam West.

Tone

Setting the right tone for worship involves the five senses:

- **Sight:** create a focal point. Perhaps an icon, candle, prayer book, or other object to focus attention. Perhaps have a cloth that reflects the liturgical color of the season.
- **Sound:** Sound creates a sense of emotion. This might be a bell to begin and end. Don't forget that silence is also part of the experience
- **Touch:** Consider what you are wearing. Is there a favorite sweater or blanket to wear?
- **Smell:** This is the deep sense that often has the most memories. What smells evoke home or someone or something special? Perhaps incense (allergies permitting), or a scented candle can create a special sense of place and time.
- **Taste:** We have the most connection to holidays with food. Are there foods associated with a time of year or time of day? Perhaps a special tea or coffee for worship time.

While not required, perhaps consider a place for an icon or personal altar for worship time. Above all, however, remember that this is your journey! These are suggestions! You are invited to view a brief video hosted by Jay Price, WSU professor of history, about worshipping at home. It is available online at: <https://youtu.be/usW2Rd2tle4>.

HOME ONLINE

Visit the St. James webpage, www.stjameswichita.org where you can quickly conduct different forms of parish business and find handy sources of information:

- Sign up for Vacation Bible School
- Children's Christian Formation information.
- Multiple ways to give to St. James Church
- How to sign up for the eTower (weekly email newsletter)
- The Church Calendar
- An archive of previous sermons.
- A library of liturgies to use as companions to online worship.
- Updates and announcements dealing with COVID-19
- Resources such as old issues of the eTower, the Seasons newsletter, the Annual Report, and more.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

We are returning to a normal office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). If you come by the office, please remember, we are observing safety measures for the sake of those around us. When you enter the building, there is a hand-sanitizer dispenser on the wall on the right (before you get to the front desk). Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter (or wash your hands immediately). Stay home if you feel sick in any way. Wash your hands frequently, keep your distance, and let us know you are here. We are keeping track of everybody who comes in case we have to do contact tracing later. When you arrive, if no one is at the front desk, please let Jinger know you are in the building.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE FRONT DESK

Volunteers at the front desk - who answer the phone and monitor the front door, are also returning. Their help has been very much missed. Some, in vulnerable populations, will not return at this time. Others of you may find yourselves with some extra time on your hands. If you would help us out at the front desk for several hours one day a week, we would consider ourselves very blessed by your generosity. Contact Jinger at office@stjameswichita.org or 316-683-5686.

ST. JAMES GARDENING

By Anne Clark

- June 20: cleaning
- July 11: cleaning
- July 25: cleaning
- August 8: cleaning
- August 22: cleaning
- Sunday, Sept 13: cleaning
- October 17: cleaning and planting fall bulbs
- November 14: cleaning prep for winter

**CONGREGATIONAL BOOK READ**

By Mother Dawn

As we experience a sea-change in American society, I invite you to join in reading two books with me. The purpose is to study and discuss injustice based on race and our role in structural racism. These books are incredibly popular and can be hard to find. More copies of the books are said to be coming available at the end of June. Audiobooks are available for download without delay. As we get feedback from you, work toward in-person worship in July, and see how the health of our community is maintained, we will establish ways to discuss these books with a small group. We may have small (but distanced) groups at St. James. We will most certainly have groups who gather on Zoom. Each book will probably be discussed over four meetings. We are open to suggestion of other books we could read together as a congregation, or other ways to safely carry out group discussion and sharing. The books we will start with are the following:

**Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes
What We See, Think, and Do**

By Jennifer Eberhardt, published in 2019 by Penguin Random House

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism

By Robin DiAngelo, published in 2018 by Beacon Press

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS MAKE A MODEST COMEBACK

In addition to returning to in-person worship in July, we will ease our way back into hosting small group meetings at St. James. Beginning in July, if a group of ten or fewer people would like to meet at St. James, you will be able to do so following these guidelines:

- Confirm advance arrangements with the office for use of specific space at a definite time. We will post meetings on the web calendar as public information.
- Make a list of all who attend the group and submit it to the office before leaving the building.
- **Follow health guidelines.** No one in the group attends without feeling 100% healthy. All attendees wear a mask. Hand sanitizer is used upon arrival. A minimum distance of 6 ft. is kept between individuals.
- Service (sharing) of food or drinks is not allowed (individuals may bring a personal beverage).
- Singing in the same space with others is not allowed at this time.
- **Restroom use remains strongly discouraged**, but allowed, with the understanding that except during periods of public worship, the restrooms are cleaned once a day. Avoid restroom use if possible. Exterior doors to restrooms (not stalls) are to remain open at all times to prevent doors from being touched. Lights in the restrooms and hallway are automatic. Restrooms available for use are on the main hallway between the church and the guild hall.

“CONVERSATION IN ACTION” PANEL DISCUSSION

Global Faith in Action and Beyond Tolerance recently hosted “A Conversation in Action” with a variety of Wichita faith leaders who began to address how we, as citizens from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, might reach across the divide and seek to understand our diversity.

Participating in the panel were: Christian: Mother Dawn Frankfurt, St. James Episcopal Church; Rev. Carl Kirkendal, Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, President of (GWML); Dr. William Vann, Pastor of Iasis Christian Center; Judaism: Rabbi Michael Davis, Congregation Emanu-el; Muslim: Naim Ballout and Sister Debra Dirk. Moderators were Sam Muyskens and Surinder Moore.

Our society is faced with two, in-your-face, crises: a global pandemic which is affecting our health, our economics, and our daily lives; and an awareness, regrettably new for some, of systemic racism and bigotry in our society. How we respond to these crises comes from our disparate backgrounds. What can help us understand that ours is not the only valid understanding? How can we reach out and learn about the hopes and fears and dreams of others? How can we take that knowledge, add it to our own, and address these crises and the societal disruption they cause? The event provided an opportunity for questions and respectful discussion from the community. A video of the conversation can be viewed at Faith In Action’s YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/-DsVDCaJloo>.

Sam Muyskens, Surinder Moore (also of Alternative Gift Markets International), and Chelsea Whipple (also of St. James Church) are members of the Board of Directors of Global Faith in Action (GFIA). Global Faith in Action is a non-profit organization which believes in and works to support a world of faith living together beyond our differences. Their mission is to assist families, congregations, communities, and nations live beyond our differences, in respectful presence of all through dialogue in action. The GFIA vision is to help people of differing religious ideologies and faith practices focus on commonly held beliefs that are transformative and life-changing. To find out more, visit their website: <http://globalfaithinaction.org>.

**GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH**

When you come to a worship service be sure you are 100% healthy and have a reservation to come to the church service you intend to attend.

Before you leave your home:

- Use the restroom.
- Wash your hands.
- Bring your mask.
- Leave the house early and arrive at church early.

When you arrive at St. James:

- Put your mask on before you get out of the car.
- Wear a mask (if you don’t have one, it will be provided)
- There may be a line for sign-in at church (for contact tracing).
- Keep 6 ft. distance between yourself and others in line.
- Check-in at the front desk.
- Use hand sanitizer as you enter the building
- Hand sanitizer is available in lobby and throughout the church.
- Your sole opportunity to leave an offering will be at the front desk when you enter the church.
- No food or drink will be served.
- Restroom use is strongly discouraged.
- If you must use the restroom, the only open restrooms will be the ones on the hallway to the Guild Hall. They will have their exterior doors propped open and they will be attended. We are required to clean the restroom between each use.

Going into church:

- Allow an usher to show you to your seat (it will be similar to being seated at a wedding).
- Household units may be seated together.
- No physical contact between individuals of different households (including greetings and the Peace).
- Keep your mask on throughout the service (services will be intentionally short).
- Communion will be offered in one kind (bread only) and will be served to you at your seat by Mother Dawn.

Leaving worship:

- Ushers will dismiss pews one at a time to exit through the Tower Room door, out by the chapel, through the workroom, and you will exit to the parking lot at the south door by the bookkeeper’s office. This is a handicapped accessible exit to the parking lot.
- If you want to speak to Mother Dawn after church, keep your mask on, join a line under the porte cochere with 6 ft. distance between you and others.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*By Chelsea Whipple, Program Director*

VBS is going virtual this Summer from July 12-August 9th! Join us as we walk the Way of Love using stories, games, science, art, music and mission. We will explore how we are called to love one another and to spread God's love to ALL people. Conductor CW leads the s.t.e.a.m. engine train to Way of Love Station each week so hop on board and let's get going! We will send out all the material you will need to conduct the VBS at home. Each week will bring 2 concepts to show how much God loves us and how we can spread that love to others. We will have an opening session on July 12th (more details coming) and a closing session on August 9th at St. James. We will use Google Classroom to interact with each other and have a weekly Zoom call to see what the kids are creating. You must register to be included: www.myvbs.org/stjameswichita. This is open to kids ages 3-incoming 6th grade (but if your kids don't fall in this age category but you think they'd like to participate, please sign them up)! Questions? contact Chelsea Whipple at formation@stjameswichita.org or 683-5686.

**CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES***By Anne Clark***Saint James Church 2020 Graduates**

Jenny Kroeker – from Perdue University
 Brooke Talbott – from Wichita State University
 Eve Moore – going to Oberlin College
 Kennedy Compton – going to Wichita State University

**WAY OF LOVE****Adult Forum**

What does it mean to love each other as God loves us? Adult Forum is studying the topic of Radical Love and looking at others who followed the Radical Love of Jesus. We will study Dorothy Day, Paulo Freire, Martin Luther King Jr., and others who displayed this love, no matter the cost. We will also look at Scripture and those that displayed the Radical Love of Jesus. We meet via Zoom every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The link for the meeting is in the E-tower. Questions? contact Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org or 683-5686.

**ENDOWMENT ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE***By Tom Gossen, Endowment Funds Board*

The 2019 Endowment Annual Reports have been printed and are available for pick-up in the front lobby of the church (just north of the red doors in the corner of the windows). Each household in the parish receives a copy of the report. They will remain available at church for you to pick up. Staff presence is getting back to normal at the church (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). Once in-person worship begins, you may pick your copy of the report up when you're here for worship, if you haven't already gotten it by then.

YOUR GENEROUS HEART*By Paul Clark, Bookkeeper*

Your faithful generosity has kept our parish strong in a time of social insecurity. This speaks to the value you place in the church and its role in being part of our future stability. In addition to your giving to the parish, if you are so inclined to send donations on to organizations we frequently support, like: Breakthrough ESS, St. Francis Ministries, or Episcopal Relief and Development; you can make your check-writing simple. You can designate all or a portion of your contribution to one of these charitable organizations by writing a check to St. James and putting a designation for the funds in the memo. We will forward contributions on to various entities on a regular basis. Thank you for your willingness to love one another by supporting our community and the world.

ST. JAMES OUTREACH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE*By Judy Goodpasture, Outreach Committee Chair*

Our Outreach Committee has met by zoom the last two months, and will do so again this June. Several of our projects have been delayed or cancelled because of corona virus restrictions. However, we did deliver approximately 800 diapers and new undies to the Wichita Children's Home, and they were thrilled to receive them.

Also, we made a video for part of St. Francis Ministries World Refugee Day Celebration. This year the celebration will be via the internet, and our video of blessings for immigrants will be used.

A number of parishioners are taking water bottles to Breakthrough ESS this summer, and we know the water is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to resuming our full schedule of activities in the fall.

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PSALM 84 *Quam dilecta!*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest

where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!