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Vacation Bible School: Teachers/aides and helpers needed for a week of learning, crafts, prayer, food and fun. Contact: Theresa Hayes, DRE, Religious Education Office (741-5335).

Social Outreach

Cookie Connection: Parishioners are invited to bring cookies and juice boxes to Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the needy and homeless of the inner city. Volunteers are needed to

gather the items and deliver them. Contact Carolyn West (385-0615), Carol Aichele (385-5388) or Ann Goldschmidt (385-1605).

Giving Tree: This is an Advent project of providing Christmas gifts and assistance to various community agencies and area families in need. Individuals who are organized and enjoy serving behind the scenes by doing practical and necessary tasks are needed. They oversee the project set-up and coordinate the duties such as writing tags, promoting the project and delivering the gifts. Contact: Connie Lanter (741-9430).

Mission Outreach: In response to God's call to love our neighbor, we are a ministry that empowers our parish community to reach out to the poorest of the poor, shares knowledge about the need, provides for their physical needs and moves toward social justice through service. Contact: Deacon Tim Crooker (460-7013).

Scarves for the Homeless: Provide assistance to organizations with crocheted and knitted items. Contact: Cathy Rizzo (385-9108).

St. Vincent De Paul: Works with those in our community faced with temporary financial challenges. To volunteer contact: Parish Office, 741-5300.

OTHER: Parishioners are also involved in regional programs not sponsored by the parish such as Habitat for Humanity or People Working Cooperatively. For information on these call the Parish Office (741-5300).

Youth

American Heritage Girls: A girls scouting organization that focuses on service to the parish and community, achieving life-long skills and outdoor adventure. Our oath is "I promise to love God, cherish my family, honor my country and serve in my community." Contact: Jodi Baier, j.baier@fuse.net or phone: 300-0117.

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts: Instills strong Catholic values and leadership in boys, throughout the parish. Scouting influences boys to develop character, good citizenship, and encourages them to grow strong in mind and body. Contact: for Boy Scouts – Ed Baier (300-0119) or for Cub Scouts – Martin Reid (227-7053).

Girl Scouts & Brownies: Helps girls grow to be spiritual, caring, competent and confident young women. The program teaches girls to serve God and their country. We always welcome new adults and girls. Contact: Jenny Freese (bjfreese@fuse.net).

SJAC: St. James Athletic Club promotes and organizes youth athletic programs (baseball, softball, football, volleyball, basketball, golf, track and cheerleading) for parish members. Also maintains fields and facilities to support the programs of this association. Meetings are the 2nd

Monday of each month. (not April through August) Contact: Karen Eutsler at karen.eutsler@gmail.com or www.stjamespanthers.org.

St. James Youth Group: Interested in growing your faith with like-minded teens. Come to one of our youth functions, listed on our calendar below. In January, we do a west side volleyball league with other west side parishes. It is a lot of fun, so be sure to get on our email list by emailing Nic Kovatch at nkovatch@stjameswhiteoak.com or calling 741-5325. Don't see something you like...give some suggestions as to what we could do for the youth of our parish. I can always use more VIRTUS® trained adults willing to volunteer their time to make sure all our events can continue to happen. You can check out our calendar of events on St. James web page at: www.stjameswhiteoak.com look under the Ministries tab for Youth.

The parish strongly encourages the young people of the parish to participate in all ministries and programs.

Spirituality

Father's Ministry: The Father's Ministry is a fellowship of Christian fathers who through mutual encouragement and accountability are seeking God's direction in loving their wives, leading their families, bringing their children up in the discipline and discipleship of the Lord by practical application of biblical principles. Weekly meetings are held at 6:03 am in the Church Hall every Friday morning until 7:20 am. Contact: Tom Schlotman (923-3466).

FAMILIA: THE PEACE OF KNOWING YOUR FAMILY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK - www.familiausa.net. Familia is a Catholic program committed to strengthening all families by helping men and women live their vocation to marriage and parenthood in all its fullness. The family is the bedrock of our society. They are worth the investment of your time. Be a part of a Catholic program that can help you reach the heights God has planned for you. See for yourself what the Church really has to offer your life, family, and marriage. Contact Christina Sillies for more information at 513-741-8747 or silly7@fuse.net.

MOMS (Ministry of the Mothers Sharing): We are mothers searching for spiritual growth and development through Christian fellowship, religious support, spiritual introspection, spiritual discussions and prayer. By sharing ideas and values, it is our greatest hope to integrate God's plan into daily lives by raising our children and supporting each other in the many roles as mothers and friends. Contact: Monica Grace (385-4083) or MaryPat Schmidt (245-9393).

Prayer Chain: These parishioners pledge to pray for the needs of others. To be placed on the list of those who will pray or to request prayers, call the Parish Office (741-5300 ext. 174).

St. James LIFE: (Life Is For Everyone): St. James LIFE! Ministry exists to promote respect and protection for life at all stages from conception to natural death. Our objective is to impact our parish families and our community through prayer, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit; through education by being a source of education on Church teaching on the respect for human life; and through action by hosting or participating in events that demonstrate that St. James

is a "pro-life" parish. Contact: Monica Grace (385-4083), Marti Shoemaker (741-7120) or Chris Tonnis (741-4250).

St. Mary's Ladies Society: All Women of the parish are invited to pray and share fellowship. Some members make baptismal garments for infants. Contact: Joan Meiners (923-3055) or Grace Suer (923-4207)..

Shepherd of Christ: We pray during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for priests, renewal of the Church and the world. This includes praying for our parish, the pope, vocations and all religious orders. We meet in Church every Monday at 11 am to pray the rosary and Shepherds of Christ prayer Manual. We make rosaries and have special programs for schools, nursing homes and shut-ins. We help in preparing Priestly Newsletters to mail to Bishops and Priests throughout the world. Contact: Dan & Melanie Noe (385-9296 or 385-3064).

Administrative

Parish Office Volunteers: Whenever large mailings are necessary in the parish, this group helps prepare the mailing by folding, stuffing, labeling, and sorting the mailing by zip code. We need individuals who have flexible schedules, are able to follow directions and are good with details. This is a fun way to become involved helping the parish while enjoying the conversation and fellowship of other parishioners. Contact; Marian Collins (385-0028).