



St. James the Greater Parish Life Newsletter

Summer 2013

VACATION TIME

By Father Nolker

Everybody looks forward to vacations. More and more people are scheduling vacations at times other than summer. Ski trips, a longing for the beach at Christmas, a chance to see relatives for Thanksgiving are all reasons people have spread the “vacation season” throughout the year. Despite this, I think most people like vacations in the summer. The weather is usually better and more outdoor events can be enjoyed. That the kids are out of school also factors into it. When we think “vacation”, we usually think “summer.”

As I grew up, we always went on vacation. It was one of the things my parents insisted we do every year. It wasn't always a trip to Washington, DC on a train, but we went somewhere at least for a week. A favorite getaway was a state park in Indiana, because the lodge was very nice and there was a lot to do. That fit Mom's rule that she would not cook on vacation. A lot of times, we would drive around the country.

If we were gone over a weekend, there was a standard routine. As we were driving from place to place, at noon on Saturday, we would begin to look for a hotel. Back then, that meant looking in the AAA book to see what was available in the next few towns. The prices were checked, and the number of stars indicating how good the place was rated. Before stopping to look at any hotel, though, there was one other thing to do. We had to find the Catholic Church, and see what time Mass was scheduled. (This was before Saturday evening Masses, so it also meant checking out the earliest Mass time.) If there wasn't a Catholic church in that Montana town, we didn't stay there. If there wasn't one near the town in New Mexico, we didn't stay there. If it meant driving out of our way to stay in a town with Mass on Sunday morning, that's what we did. A vacation from Sunday Mass was not an option.

It's a lot easier today to make Sunday Mass part of vacation. There are a lot more Catholic churches across the country, even in remote towns of Montana or New Mexico. The internet makes it easier to identify where churches are located and the Mass times at each church, even before clicking to make hotel reservations. There really aren't many valid excuses for missing Sunday Mass on vacation. As my one grade school teacher said, “God doesn't take a vacation from you and you shouldn't take one from him.”

Being Catholic can be a pain sometimes. Going to Mass on vacation may postpone brunch or delay some activity. But what is more important than Mass? If one is Catholic, one is a Catholic even on vacation. That means Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Recently I was talking with somebody who was going camping. The topic of Sunday Mass came up. I mentioned that a visit to the local parish wasn't unreasonable since I knew a parish was only a very short drive. A drive to quench a hunger for a Big Mac would be longer, and I am sure some people make that drive regularly. Planning ahead to go to Mass while camping in the woods is not that hard to do.

Yes, its prime vacation time. And it's very important that we take our vacations. But there is no vacation from Mass.

What's Fr. Tozzi Been Up To?

July 2 will mark one year of my serving here at St. James Church. I have been warmly welcomed over this past year, and I thank you for that! People sometimes wonder what priests do and what I'm up to, so I would like to share just some of the things I've been a part of here at St. James:

- Preparing for and celebrating many Masses, Funerals and Confessions (of course you knew that!) I've celebrated a few Baptisms as well.
- As I write this, I have given the Anointing of the Sick 62 times to people in hospitals, homes, hospices and in church (I keep track). We also had our special Masses where many more were anointed.
- I helped prepare the Church Hall for use as the church during our renovation, including overseeing the replacement and updating of the sound system, which we will enjoy for a long time to come. I also worked for us to get padded folding chairs, which we will also happily use for many years to come.
- Preparing and teaching classes for our RCIA program.
- Preparing and teaching classes for our Lenten education series.
- I helped implement the Archdiocesan Advent/Christmas Evangelization effort in our parish, which included the free book at Christmas.
- Over the course of the year I have visited almost every religion class in our school. I read stories with morals, gave church tours, congratulated kids who learned their prayers, helped with sacramental prep for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, some things for Confirmation, I gave vocation talks and I did some fun Q&A on a variety of things (My cat usually comes up!).
- The after school program had me come and talk about St. Francis and the kids brought in pictures of their pets for me to bless since they couldn't bring in their pets to school all day (they would have loved to!).
- I visited our PSR Students and had Masses for them on a few occasions.
- I have been preparing some couples for Marriage. I did some extra training and so marriage prep at St. James has been brought up to date in that the FOCCUS Pre Marriage tool we use is now available for our engaged couples to take online. This replaces the "Giant Scantron" as I called it, which was quite a pain.

This is just a sampling of what I've been up to. What are not included are the many moments in which people just need someone to talk to. It's been a good year here, and I look forward to another great year here at St. James!

Thank you for your kindness to me,

Fr. Tony Tozzi

Office of Religious Education

By Theresa Hayes, Director of Religious Education

Summer is quickly approaching and it has been a wonderful year here at Saint James – especially because of the kindness, generosity, and positive energy of the parishioners, the parish staff, and the school faculty and staff!

Thank you to all of you who have sacrificed so much to provide a strong foundation of faith for not only the members of your immediate families, but also those of your parish family! Thank you to the program coordinators, volunteers, and participants! Your selfless contribution of time and talent, especially in fulfilling requirements for training (including VIRTUS®) and fingerprinting, make it possible for us to fulfill our ministries.

Our special challenge is to balance the demands of the frenetic pace of everyday life to allow us to place God first in our lives. Our culture continues to tempt us to do otherwise. Maintaining our focus and refusing to allow intrusions into our quest for spiritual nourishment is what we are called to do. Not only are formal intellectual growth and development important, but equally imperative are growth and development through prayer, participation in liturgical celebrations (including Mass and the sacraments) and devotions, and community service.

Saint James the Greater is blessed in many ways, and we look forward to a future continuing to be filled with the power of spirituality!

Thank you, again, for an amazing first year!

Where Is My Place?

By Deacon Gregg Rose, Pastoral Associate

Yesterday morning I was praying the Divine Office and a particular verse in one of the prayers caused me to stop and reflect on a conversation that I had enjoyed with a homebound parishioner the previous day. The verse was from St. John's account of the discourse at the Last Supper when Christ promises to return for the faithful after his resurrection:

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. (Jn 14:3)

The day before, I had the opportunity to visit a long time parishioner of St. James who, due to illness, was no longer able to attend church. After I introduced myself, we had a very pleasant conversation. As I often do with homebound parishioners, I used my lap top to show him the video of the church renovation from our web site. He watched intently as the music began and the fast paced introductory photo moved across the screen. A smile came when a picture of Fr. Bachman presiding at mass appeared on the small screen. I could tell the pictures held great personal meaning for this church going husband and father; it was as though he was looking at a family album filled with cherished memories.

But, when the video featured the artist's virtual tour of the new worship space, my host's demeanor quickly changed. The smile faded and I noticed his eyes were no longer fixed on the screen. I thought perhaps the new layout of the church had confused him and I stopped the video so we could talk about what we had watched.

I asked him what he thought of the plan for the new church. He was very positive about the new sanctuary and baptismal font. He thought the Blessed Sacrament Chapel would be wonderful for parishioners to spend quiet time with the Lord. Given his change in expression while watching the program, I asked if he had any questions about what he had seen. After a pause, he said that it seemed to him that some pews were missing from the open space in front of the new choir area. Before I could respond he added in a low voice, "That's where we used to sit."

Then I understood. Even though my friend's comment concerned a few missing seats, it was more about his "place" in the life of his parish that bothered him. We talked a while about his importance as a member of the parish family. As with all of our parishioners who cannot physically come to church, regardless of where they are, when we come to the Lord as a community in prayer, they are with us.

The faith community of St. James is fortunate to have very generous parishioners who help keep homebound members connected to our parish faith life. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic bring the precious gift of Holy Communion to those who cannot attend mass. The *Circle of Care* ministers have long supported parishioners in need with prayers, a warm meal, a comforting phone call or a friendly visit. And we are blessed to have two full time priests who

respond to calls from those who wish to be united to Christ and his Church through the grace that come from the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Finally, as you settle into your pew in our new worship space at St. James, please remember those who would love to be physically with you if they could. Perhaps you can share your place with them in church by remembering them in your prayers. And united in prayer around the altar, Christ will find us and bring us to himself as he promised in the upper room two thousand years ago. The master of the universe will find us regardless of our physical "place", because he does not need a seating chart.



Michael William Sullivan, son of Douglas & Mary
Sophia Dayanna Topicz, daughter of Anthony & Julie
Kaaseon Michael James Elliott, son of Michael & Sharon
James Nicholas Harlow, son of Michael & Heather
Alaina Marlene Tierney, daughter of Kyle & Danielle
Dominic Michael Bolser, son of Christopher & Danielle
Owen Clark Sexton, son of Nathan & Jessica
Jill Michele Dowers, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Jayla Michele Dowers, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Jackie Gail Bennett, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Ashley Noelle Koch, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Douglas Ray Norman, Jr., baptized at the Easter Vigil
Christa Helana Norman, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Howard Andrew Swaggerty, III, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Samuel Leonard Hildebrand, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Cole Charles Hildebrand, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Grace Helen Hildebrand, baptized at the Easter Vigil
Jayden Alexander Schnur, son of Jason & Alexandria
Connor Perry Myres, son of John & Meredith
Brody Alexander Mumfrey, son of Kenneth & Olivia
Owen Andrew Mumfrey, son of Kenneth & Olivia
Abigail Regina Gumm, daughter of Christopher & Mary

Jason Bernhardt
Timothy and Jackie Daly & Family
William and Maribeth Dehner & Family
Jill Dowers & Family
Lucas and Ashleigh Driggers & Family
Mike and Angel Fasbender & Family
Josh Fouts and Katie Hasselbeck & Family
Christopher and Mary Gumm & Family
William Himgurg and Amber Ghatani & Family
Carole Johansen
Lisa and Dan Johnston & Family
Andrew Kaake & Family
Randall and Colleen Miles & Family
Joe Mueller
Kenneth and Olivia Mumfrey & Family
Paula O'Connor & Family
Baffour and Toni Otchere & Family
Kimberly Phillips & Family
Louis Ruehl
Nancy Ryan
Whitney Schlotman
Benjamin and Michelle Sprengard
Ryan PG and Mary Taylor & Family



Charles Fischer, 1/13/13

Elaine Leisgang, 1/23/13
Robert Louis, 1/23/13
Rita Koepfle, 2/14/13
Justin Brown, 2/25/13
Elizabeth Young, 2/28/13
Kevin Keller, 3/13/13
George Mueller, 3/17/13
Joseph Ott, 4/1/13
Mel Maringer, 4/7/13
Paul Bernard, 4/22/13
Phyllis Anderson, 5/5/13



BENGALS SEASON TICKET RAFFLE



EARLY BIRD SPLIT THE POT



SUNDAY CHICKEN



It's that time of year again! The 19th Annual St. James Parish Festival is right around the corner. **Come join in on all the fun on July 26th, 27th, and 28th. Start times are Friday 6-12, Saturday 5:30-12 and Sunday 4-10:30. On Saturday we will open immediately following 4:30 Mass.**

Major Award Tickets should arrive in your home soon. Early-Bird drawings will occur on Monday, June 10th, June 24th and July 8th at 2:00 PM so get your tickets in early. The **Bengals Season Ticket Raffle** information is included in this mailing. We will also be selling **Early Bird Split the Pot** chances after Masses in the weeks leading up to the festival and will be drawn at 8:00 PM on Friday with a **Super Jackpot**. Buy tickets presale and get two for the price of one!

Bands this year will be **OFF-R-ROCKERS** on Friday, a Cincinnati cover band playing a variety of rock, southern rock, and country dance music made popular over several decades. Back again on Saturday night is, a festival favorite, **My Girl Friday**, leaving it all on the stage with high energy performances, professional musicianship and incredible harmonies to some of your favorite artists. Sunday we're proud to present **Blue Stone Ivory** with that distinctive horn driven, professional sound providing the best dance music from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Early on Saturday and Sunday we are featuring some local entertainment. Saturday we bring you an energetic group, associated with the **East Side Players** from Blue Ash, with a "Glee" type presentation. This **Teen Encore Group** showcases the best of the community theater's up and coming teenagers. This season they will be performing some of the most popular musical hits of the past several years. Sunday from 4:00-6:00 we will be featuring **Dave Hils and his Friends** who will entertain us with a variety of songs accompanied by the sweet sounds of an acoustic guitar.

Jewelry Resale Booth is returning and we are asking parishioners to check your jewelry collections for those seldom used pieces of costume jewelry. We want the costume jewelry that you may not want or wear anymore. We will also accept small jewelry boxes, purses and scarves. Collections will begin June 1 and can be dropped off in boxes in the church hall. Our **Baskets Booth** is making a strong return with many creatively themed baskets ranging anywhere from high school and college themes to family game/movie nights. The **Bid-n-Buy Booth** is also returning in a big way so you can participate in silent auctions for tempting items including services, lawn care equipment, sports memorabilia, and much more.

This year we're mixing things up with some new booths and variations on old favorites. **Mug Slide** is becoming more of a Children's Booth and will be moving to the Sports section. This area will also include a "**Split the Pot**" **Golf Putt** that promises to bring **BIG JACKPOTS**. The newest booth in this area will be the **Lily Pond** which promotes an action packed Ping-Pong toss. It's very addicting...watch out! The games for the younger children will again be located in the grassy area below **Ring toss**, down the steps and to the left. Along with the free **Kid's Zone** area, where the little ones can get out of the sun and away from the crowd, we will have the old favorites of **Wheel of Fortune**, **Winnie's Sucker Pooh** and **Duck Pond** as well as a new **Kerplunk** Maze Game. You might even see a few characters running around!

Food offerings will include a **Bakery Booth** to help you to satisfy your sweet tooth; **St James Grille** with delicious selections to keep you fed and fueled all weekend, and all those regular festival delicacies. **St. James Vino** returns allowing adults to purchase glasses of various wines along with glasses of Margaritas. Early Sunday we will be offering **Chicken Dinners** with fried chicken from **Ron's Roost**. We will offer a limited number of 2 piece dinners, either white or dark meat, along with corn and slaw. Be sure to come early because when they're gone, they're gone.

Want to volunteer? We are utilizing an online sign up program through **4virtu**. This will enable us to send email reminders and to keep a more organized system to register and track volunteers. You can sign up your whole family at once or individually. Each person needs to have an individual email address but for younger children follow the directions given in the sign up. Look for links through the church website and/or the festival website. Look for an icon depicting *The Risen Christ* as seen on the Hubble Road entrance of the church. Just click on it and follow the directions. Please help us to get this system initiated. It will help make things easier in the future. It is a free and safe program for all but does

include ads for area businesses. You can still sign up in the traditional manner if you prefer but we would love for you to give this a try.

Don't miss out on the fun! If you have not volunteered before, this year is your chance. Every aspect of the festival can use help! We pick things up from storage in early July. Help is needed to set up, clean-up, sell tickets and work booths. There are many positions and unlimited number of hours throughout the weekend. High School students can get volunteer hours for set up and tear down as well as anytime throughout the festival. All volunteers are welcome! Donations of any kind are also gratefully accepted. Consider donating services, items you might find at a steal when shopping, new items you may have in your home that you're not using, items or services from your business or a cash donation to be used to purchase items to fill in our baskets. Contacts can be made through our festival website at www.stjamesfestival.com. The website allows information to be obtained and more people to find out how great our festival. You can preview the bands, sign up to volunteer, and visit our sponsor links to see what they are up to. You also could call or email the Lackman's direct at 385-7409 and klackman@cinci.rr.com.

Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle

Terms and Conditions

1. **The winner will receive a complete set of 2013-14 Cincinnati Bengals season tickets for SECTION 343 ROW 13 SEATS 15-16 and an individual parking pass for the Central Riverfront Garage.** Winners are responsible for their own transportation to and from games any taxes applicable to the win.

2. The price of each raffle ticket is \$10.00. The purchase of a raffle ticket is not a tax-deductible contribution. Payment may be made by check payable to Saint James Festival, attached to a completed registration form and mailed to Saint James Church, 3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247 or placed in an envelope and dropped into the collection basket during weekend Masses. A ticket stub will be sent by mail to entrants within five working days after receipt of completed registration form and payment. If an entrant's check is dishonored, Saint James Church will use reasonable efforts to notify the entrant by mail or phone; and, if unsuccessful, the entry will be declared invalid unless full payment is made prior to the drawing. By submitting a completed registration form, the participant is accepting these rules for the Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle as stated.

3. Completed registration forms (below) must be in the possession of Saint James Church (3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247) by 8:50 PM EST on Sunday, July 28, 2013 or before 400 registration forms are received, whichever occurs first, to be eligible for the Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle. This raffle will run from May 15, 2012 to July 28, 2013. **The raffle will be held during the St. James Festival at 9:00 PM on 7/28/13.**

4. Purchasers of raffle tickets must be 18 years of age or older.

5. An entrants chances of winning will be determined by the number of tickets sold and distributed. A total of only 400 tickets will be sold with each ticket having a 1-in-400 chance to win the Prize.

6. The raffle will close at 8:50 PM EST on Sunday, July 28, or when 400 registration forms are in the possession of Saint James Festival or its representatives, whichever occurs first. Any registration forms and payment turned in after the closing of the raffle will be returned to the buyer. All registration forms will be recorded on a first come, first serve basis.

7. The decision of Saint James Festival Committee shall be final on all matters concerning the raffle. This raffle is void where prohibited by law. No donation required, but we appreciate your support!

Payment may be made by check payable to Saint James Festival. Mail to Saint James Church, 3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247 or place in an envelope and drop into the collection basket during weekend Masses.

Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: (optional) _____

Attention High School Students! Need Volunteer Hours?



The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers willing to give anywhere from 1 hour to 20+ hours helping with some of the behind the scenes activities. There are many opportunities available at a variety of times before, during and after the festival. You can sign-up for as little or as much as you would like. Some of the possibilities are listed below.

- Assist with moving equipment into the gym from storage (Last week in June or 1st week in July)
- Set up tables, chairs, and netting around booths etc.(Thurs., July 25th anytime)
- Finalizing set up and attending to last minute details (Friday, July 26th anytime)
- Game and Prize set up (Fri., July 26th 4-6 PM.) (Sat., July 27th 4-6 PM) (Sun. July 28th 3-4 PM)
- Game and Prize tear down (Fri., July 26th 11PM-12:30 AM.) (Sat., July 27th 11 PM-12:30AM) (Sun. July 28th 10-11:30 PM)
- Grounds clean-up (Friday and Saturday 11 PM-1 AM, Sunday 10 PM -12AM)
- Cleaning tables (wiping off and removal of trash) under the dining tent throughout the Festival
- Removal of all equipment, tables, chairs, netting, etc. from all booths (Sun., 10:30 PM.-12 AM)
- Tear-down of all equipment and cleaning of the grounds (Monday, July 29th 10 AM.-?????)
- Assist with placing the equipment back into storage (usually sometime during the week following the festival)
- Assist with activities in the Kid's Zone Activity area any time for an hour or two during the festival hours of operation.
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If interested, use the volunteer sign-up flyer, sign up or e-mail through the website (www.stjamesfestival.org) or contact Mary and Kevin Lackman 385-7409 or (klackman@cinci.rr.com). Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Festival Committee

Festival Chairmen:	Kevin & Mary Lackman
Children's Chairmen:	Karen and Mike Manhart Matt Harp
Members at Large:	David and Kelly Evans David and Elizabeth (Betsy) Klotz
Food Chairmen:	Matt and Lisa Midei
General Booths Chairmen:	Steve Hudepohl
Gambling Chairmen:	Matt and Karen Loftus
Sponsor Chairman and Bid-n-Buy:	Glenn Grothaus
Grounds Support:	Kathy Neumann Tom and Dee Conway

SAINT JAMES PARISH FESTIVAL 2013

Volunteer Sign-Up

July 26th 6-12, July 27th 5:30-12 & July 28th 4-10:30pm

~ Visit www.stjamesfestival.com for more information ~

Take a moment **NOW** to volunteer your time and abilities to the success of the Parish Festival. Each year hundreds of volunteers are needed to staff, plan, run and organize the various booths, activities, food services, grounds, mechanical and electrical requirements, marketing, publicity, etc. Check the booth below or add a description of a talent you would like to offer, and you will be contacted as schedules are processed. Come, join our Parish Festival as a volunteer, and enjoy the fun!

Please Note: Children entering the sixth grade or younger are only permitted to work in the booth with their parent(s). Children under age 18 must have a parent/guardian signed permission form (see below*). In compliance with Ohio State laws, children are not permitted to work in gambling booths or near high temperature cooking equipment.

ALL FESTIVAL

Please list times and dates available for these activities

- Set-Up (Wed-Fri before festival)
- Tear Down (Mon.. after festival 10-6)
- Maintenance (present and on-call)
- Storage Run (Pick-up: last week in June or early July) (Return: week following the festival)
- Baskets Preparation
- Dining Tent/Table Clean Up
- Grounds Crew

CHILDREN'S

- Bottle Stand-Up
- Fat Cats
- Gold Fish
- Kid's Corral: Duck Pond, Wheel of Fortune
Winnie's Sucker Pooh, Kerplunk
- Kid's Zone
- Ring Toss
- Roll-A-Score
- Tattoos & Such
- Lily Pond
- Hole in One
- Sports
- Mug Slide

GAMES OF CHANCE

- Beat-The-Dealer
- Big 6
- Black Jack/ /Texas Hold 'em
- Chuck-A-Luck
- Jumbo Poker
- Split-The-Pot
- Mug Slide
- Instants
- Mystery Money

FOOD

- Bakery
- Beer
- Wine "St. James Vino"
- Funnel Cakes/Fried Pickles
- LaRosa's Pizza
- Pretzels & Nachos Cotton Candy/
Popcorn
- The Grill
- Soft Drinks (outside on grounds)

GENERAL

- Baskets For All Occasions
- Bid-n-Buy/Jewelry Sale
- First Aid (Dr.'s, Nurses & EMT's)
- Ham/Langen Gift Certificates
- Volunteer Soft Drinks (inside Gym lobby)

COMMITTEE POSSIBILITIES

The festival is looking for couples and individuals to join the planning Committee. Learn by "shadowing" a year or two to get the feel of what it takes to plan, organize, and execute this amazing event. If you are interested in finding out more about the Festival Committee please contact Mary Lackman. If you have not volunteered for the festival before please consider doing so. It is a great way to get involved, meet your neighbors and fellow parishioners, and have fun in the process. Sign up to participate and support your Parish family. If we all work together, we can continue to make this an enjoyable event for our Parish and our community!

Try our new online sign ups or turn this form into the Parish Office, drop in the Sunday Collection basket at Mass, email us at address below or sign up through the website.

Questions call: Mary and Kevin Lackman 385-7409 or 706-0698
klackman@cinci.rr.com
www.stjamesfestival.com

I/we will not be available to volunteer, however I/we would like to make a monetary donation of _____

NEW WAY TO SIGN UP

We are utilizing an online sign up program through 4virtu. This will enable us to send email reminders

and to keep a more organized system to register and track volunteers. You can sign up your whole family at once or individually. Each person needs to have an individual email address but for younger children follow the directions given in the sign up. Look for links through the church website and/or the festival website. Please help us to get this system initiated. It will help make things easier in the future. It is a free and safe program for all but does include ads for area businesses. You can still sign up in the traditional manner if you prefer.

Please Print

Name _____

Spouse _____

(If working in the same booth)

Phone _____

Age (if under 18) _____

E-Mail _____

***Parent's Signature**

(For permission for your child between the seventh and twelfth grade, to work in a booth independently of you.)

Please state times/dates available for the activities requiring such:

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION – Congratulations to all of our second grade students who made their First Holy Communion recently. The group was blessed to make this in our beautiful newly renovated church. Our students have taken an important step in coming to know Jesus Christ and making him the center of their lives. Saint James School is proud to help facilitate their spiritual journey through our church’s holy sacraments.

CLASS OF 2013 – Our 8th grade Class of 2013 graduates on May 29, 2013. They join a long line of Saint James alumni. It is always hard to say goodbye to so many of our students. However, we are excited and confident in knowing that we will be graduating students truly prepared for high school. All of the students have received a Christ-centered education that has challenged them toward personal and academic excellence. We wish each graduate a big congratulations on all of their accomplishments and we wish them luck as they move onto the next chapter in their lives.

PANTHER PROWL WALK-A-THON - Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in our fourth annual Panther Prowl Walk-a-thon. Together we reached and exceeded our goal. Students were able to earn a day off of school. The funds raised from this event will be used to support the fine arts program in our school. Updates will be made to the art classroom and instruments will be purchased for the music program.

SAYING GOODBYE – Saint James is saddened to say goodbye to three long-term teachers this year. Mr. Randy Moning, Miss Cathy Frey, and Mrs. Marilyn Hyland have decided to step away from teaching. We wish them well and are forever grateful for their service to our school and to the many students whom each have taught.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS - The dates and times the school office will be open during the summer are as follows:
June 3-June 20 Monday-Thursday; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (Closed on Fridays)
July - Closed
August - Reopens Monday, August 5; Monday-Friday; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - The first day of school for the 2013-14 school year is Wednesday, August 28, 2013. The School Kick-Off Day will be held on August 26 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Until then, we hope everyone has a happy and safe summer!

FESTIVAL – Be sure to visit the St. James Parish Festival on July 26-28. The teachers will once again be staffing the Chuck-a-Luck booth. Be sure to stop by to say hello and try your luck.

The St. James Memorial Fund Masses will be celebrated on the following dates:

June 30 – 8:00 am
July 28 – 10:00 am Nov. 24 – 10:00 am
August 25 – Noon Dec. 29 - Noon
Sept. 28 – 4:30 pm
Oct. 27 – 8:00 am

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for
those enrolled in the Fund.*

The following deceased members have been enrolled in the Memorial Fund:

Robert Louis, Brian LaFary Charles Fischer, Rita Koepfle,
Elizabeth Young, George Mueller, Kevin Keller, Rita Gillman
and Joseph Ott.

Dates to Remember –

June 16	Father’s Day
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
July 4	Independence Day
July 25	Feast of St. James the Apostle
July 26, 27, 28	Festival Weekend
August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)
August 23	Parish Picnic
August 28	First Day of School