

Dear Friend of St. James,

I would sincerely like to welcome you to our parish. If you choose to register with us, I hope that you will very quickly feel 'at home' here at St. James.

Our parish family is a warm and caring faith community that treasures children and family life, while greatly valuing the talents and involvement of young married couples, the widowed, and single adults. As disciples of Jesus, we are a family of faith and hope, called to be a beacon of light and joy for our section of Novi. We have a great deal to be proud of and you would be a welcome addition.

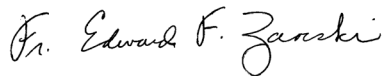
Your registration at St. James is your commitment to enter into the spirit of our parish family. This spirit is one of gratitude, because God our Father is the giver of everything that is good. At St. James there are many services available to you, as well as a host of activities in which you may wish to participate. Your participation is essentially what will help our parish continue to grow and flourish as a thriving and active community.

This packet will acquaint you further with our parish. You will find some important information about services and programs offered here at St. James. This information may be especially pertinent to you in addition to informing you of opportunities to share your talents and skill set. We need you!

Please return the completed registration form to the parish office. At that time you will be assigned a parish ID number and your registration will be completed.

Please take a moment to stop and introduce yourself after Mass. I look forward to personally meeting you and getting to know you. In gratitude for considering St. James Catholic Church in Novi, and with best wishes.

God's Peace



Rev. Ed Zaorski
Pastor

TIME



SHARING OUR TIME

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16

Time is the daily gift from God that is given to each of us equally, twenty-four hours every day, no more no less. How we choose to spend that time is completely up to us. Time can be considered our most valuable gift from God, but often we take for granted, and not value, the finite amount of time we are given.

Please consider and pray over how you will share this most valuable gift. When God asks us to share our time, we do so in prayer and service. There are one hundred sixty-eight hours in each week. How much of that time can you share in prayer and service? The following are examples of ways to share our time in prayer and service to others.

Private Prayer

- Morning Prayer
- Evening Prayer
- Novena/Devotions
- Perpetual Adoration
- Scripture Reading
- Spiritual Reading
- Rosary

Public Prayer

- Weekly Mass
- Daily Mass
- Family Prayer
- Grace Before Meals
- Prayer Group
- Holy Hour
- Mission/Pilgrimage
- Scripture Study

Service to Others

- Church ministry (see 'Sharing Our Talents' Form)
- Charitable/service organizations
- School volunteering
- Assisting family, friends and/or neighbors in need, particularly the elderly, poor and disabled

Sharing Our Time Commitment

Our/My preference time for weekly Mass at James is: 4:00 Sat 8:00 Sun 9:30 Sun 11:30 Sun

Our/My commitment to private and public prayer is: _____ hours a week

Our/My commitment to service is: _____ hours a week, or _____ hours a month, or _____ hours a year

Note: Your commitment can be as a family or as an individual. Please let us know if you need any additional forms.

Name: _____

I/we understand that this is a pledge to God and not the parish. Accountability is also between God and each individual.

TALENT

SHARING OUR TALENT



"Christ has given each of us special abilities, whatever He wants us to have out of his rich storehouse of gifts." Ephesians 4:7

_____	_____	_____
Family Name	Member 1 First Name	Member 2 First Name
_____	_____	_____
Address	Contact # or email	Contact # or email

(Please review these opportunities to serve and initial any that you'd like to learn more about.)

Music Volunteer Opportunities

- _____ St. James Adult Choir (Vocalists) ages 21-99
- _____ St. James New Harvest (Vocalists and Instrumentalists) ages 14-99
- _____ St. James Joyful Noise Choir Gr 3-6
- _____ St. James Joyful Noise Choir Assistants Ages 14-18

Liturgical Ministries

- _____ Altar Servers *
- _____ Altar Servers - Funerals (daytime)
- _____ Art and Environment * (Seasonal Decoration Setup/Takedown)
- _____ Baptism Coordinator
- _____ Church Linens / Alb Cleaning *
- _____ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist *
- _____ Distribute Communion at Health Care Centers
- _____ Funeral Ministry (daytime)
- _____ KidsWord Leader (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
- _____ Lector (Readers)
- _____ Mass Greeter *
- _____ Sacristans
- _____ The "Vigil Lights" (Parish Prayer Support)
- _____ Ushers *
- _____ Wedding Coordinator

Maintenance and Environment

- _____ Exterior Window Washing (Fall and Spring)
- _____ Flower Planting and Landscaping Maintenance *
- _____ Muscle Group * (Major setup for large parish functions)
- _____ Church Cleaning *
- _____ Hymnal Repair *

CYO Athletics

- _____ Coach/Assistant Coach
- _____ Game Day Volunteer / Banquets / Support for AD *

TALENT

Christian Service

- _____ Blood Drive Committee
- _____ C.O.T.S. (Coalition of Temporary Shelter)
- _____ Courtyard Manor of Wixom
- _____ Donut Weekends *
- _____ Food Pantry *
- _____ Funeral Luncheons
- _____ Grocery Store Community Rewards
- _____ Hearts and Hands Homebound Ministry
- _____ Holiday Projects * (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- _____ Kitchen
- _____ Life Issues Ministry
- _____ Moms, Babies, and Kids (Pregnancy Programs)
- _____ Miscellaneous
- _____ Parish Health
- _____ Special Projects * (Backpacks, Mercy in Action, Rebuilding Together, Postal Food Drive, Crop Walk)
- _____ St. Aloysius Breakfast

Religious Education

- _____ Catechist / Teacher for FaithBuilder Gr. 1-6
- _____ Assistant Catechist / Teacher for FaithBuilder Gr. 1-6
- _____ Session Support (Childcare, Safety, Hall Monitor) for FaithBuilder Gr. 1-6
- _____ Teen Catechist / Teacher for FaithBuilder Gr. 1-6
- _____ Table Leader for Ignite Gr. 7-8
- _____ Session Support for Ignite Gr. 7-8
- _____ Vacation Bible School Assistant
- _____ RCIA Team Member
- _____ Hospitality Assistance Ignite Retreat

Parish Office Support

- _____ Bulk Mailings *
- _____ General Office Assistance

Hospitality

- _____ Committee Member

** Indicates a Family Opportunity*

For more information on any of our ministries and groups, please contact us at volunteer@stjamesnovi.org.

_____ I /we are not ready to serve at this time, follow-up with me/us in 3 – 6 months

Please let us know if you have experience, talent or special skills that you would like to share.



SHARING OUR TREASURE

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Luke 12:34

Our commitment to financially supporting the parish should be made after prayerful consideration and reflection. The sharing of our “treasure” should be intentional, planned and proportionate:

Intentional...

This means that our gift is well thought and not an afterthought. We recognize that our offering is an expression of God’s priority in our lives. We realize that all that we have is a gift from God and we are called to return a portion of our resources to support His work through the Church.

Planned....

This means that each household makes a commitment of support as part of its budget. Just like a mortgage, car payment or insurance; it is an amount that is planned for and not what is left over after all other needs are met. We may need to reprioritize our financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in our spending; He doesn’t ask for much in return for what He has given each of us.

Proportionate....

Scripture tells us that we return to God the first and the best that we have. Carefully consider how your gift to God is proportionate to the other wants and needs in your life.

We encourage the use of parish offertory envelopes or online giving. They are helpful reminders of our Stewardship Commitments, they encourage consistency in giving, and they allow the parish to keep an accounting of contributions for tax and other purposes. When envelopes are not used and loose cash is put in the offertory collection, it makes the gift seem unintentional and unplanned.

There are times when little or any financial support to the parish is not possible. Unexpected job loss or unforeseen expenses can occur. While it is not necessary to share this information, keep in mind that the parish may be able to assist families in their time of need.

Suggested Amount to Give: If you are unsure of what an appropriate weekly amount should be, consider one hour of your weekly wage or a percentage of your income such a 1 to 2% of your annual income.

Example: Hourly wage - \$27.00 an hour, weekly contribution = \$27.00
 \$50,000 a year - 1% = \$500.00 annually, 2% = \$1,000 annually

Sharing Our Treasure Pledge Card

In prayerful thanksgiving for God’s many blessings, this is my/our financial commitment for the support of the parish for the coming year:

\$ _____ weekly or \$ _____ monthly or \$ _____ annually

My/our method of donation will be:

_____ Envelopes, _____ Online/Electronic Giving, _____ Other (stocks, gift annuity, etc.)

___ I/We can’t pledge any financial support at this time; we would like to speak to the pastor regarding this matter.

Name _____

I/We understand that we are under no obligation to fulfill this pledge and can change it at any time.

Name (First, Middle, Last)				
Nickname				
Gender				
Birthdate				
Relationship to Head of Household (Son, Daughter, Mother, Father, etc.)				
Special Needs (Allergies, Hadicaps, etc.)				
Sacraments	Baptized: <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation	Baptized: <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation	Baptized: <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation	Baptized: <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation
H.S. Graduation Year				
Current Grade				