



**St James Cathedral**  
CHICAGO

## 2022 MINISTRY REPORTS

### Worship

#### **Vergers & Acolytes** *by Randy Pierson, Head Verger*

In 2022 the Liturgical Ministry team successfully navigated a series of changes. I officially became Head Verger (succeeding Kevin Godsil) just after Easter and want to thank Kevin for his years of dedication to the team. As St. James emerged from the restrictive COVID protocols we restored the common cup to our Eucharistic services. The Liturgical Ministry team has been nimble and innovative through the process of trying various ways to administer the wine. We are also rebuilding the lay chalice bearer team since the group had been dormant through COVID and several individuals who had previously served as chalice bearers were no longer available to serve.

In September three of our vergers and one acolyte were honored to represent St. James at the consecration of Bishop Paula Clark. The following day, we were thrilled to have a full team for the celebratory seating of the Bishop Paula in her cathedral. In December we were blessed to join in the seating of Provost Lisa Hackney-James. We also assisted the Diocese by providing the acolytes for the Hispanic Liturgy. There were also numerous weddings and a few funerals for which our team provided support.

Our current roster contains 12 acolytes, 7 of whom are vergers. Four of these are currently only serving on an occasional basis, primarily for special services. Additionally we have only two lay chalice bearers who are not also acolytes. I hope to increase the number of acolytes and chalice bearers in 2023. We also hope to continue training the acolyte team on the various roles (thurifer, head acolyte, verger). Ideally, we would like to see the acolyte team and chalice bearers reflect the racial and gender diversity of the St. James congregation.

#### **Altar Guild** *by Charles Peterson, Ministry Chair*

As Chair of the Altar Guild, I am pleased to give a very positive annual report of our service to the cathedral. We now have a good group of volunteers serving on Sundays, holidays, special services (including services offered by the Diocese) funerals, and weddings. The Altar Guild is anchored by Arista and Charley. We are fortunate to have Mary Jo Barton regularly serving the 8 a.m. St. Andrew's Chapel service, Tom Ehlen regularly serving the weekday noon hour service, and a band of young adults who are learning the ropes: Ailie, Jacob, Kjersti, and Vivian. Together we are responsible for all the elements of our eucharistic services: wine, bread, linens, candles, silver, brass, vestments, etc. We are grateful to Laura and the Provost for their recruitment efforts for new members.

Closely allied with the before mentioned volunteers, the Linen Team, led by David, maintains our valuable and beautiful fair linen collection. Nathan shares his remarkable talents of design and decoration by managing our use of flowers, greens, and other liturgical elements, especially during holiday seasons. We also benefit from the collegial support of the acolytes before and after services. We all enjoy the opportunity to serve our parish as well as the Diocese, especially our new bishop.

Finally, we are giving attention to the historically valuable and beautiful silver and brass pieces in our collection. If you have not noticed yet, please take a good look at the recently refinished altar cross. We have many treasures in our collection.

## **Linen Care Ministry**    *by David Briere, Ministry Leader*

The Linen Care Ministry is an offshoot of the Altar Guild Ministry whose focus is on keeping all the Cathedral's fine linens in impeccably clean and excellent condition. This involves the weekly gathering up of the soiled linens, treating, washing, ironing, and folding the linens in a manner that is prescribed for the various services at the Cathedral.

All the daily and weekend services have resumed their pre-pandemic schedules and with the reintroduction of wine being presented at the services the volume of soiled linens on a weekly basis has increased substantially. The task of ensuring a clean supply of these linens has been handled very well by our loyal team of volunteers.

Our Linen Ministry has been comprised of five dedicated veteran members: Edith O'Keefe, Jane Marienau, Sue Cloud, Marsha Watt, and me. This special group of "unseen" volunteers are always open to and actively encourage new individuals to inquire about and join this very rewarding ministry.

## **Ushers**    *by Allen Moyer, Head Usher*

Although we were still feeling some of the effects related to the Covid pandemic, the usher ministry continued to provide a warm welcome for all who chose to worship in person at St. James Cathedral. While there were no capacity restrictions, we did offer social distancing in the side pews for a period, early in the year, with masking being optional. By early spring, we were fully open, although we were still offering host only, for communion. Two long time members, Tom Patterson and Judith Tribbett, stepped down from the usher ministry, this past year. We have managed to maintain a core group of 19 committed volunteers.

Each week a team of two to four ushers regularly participated in the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. We also served during several special events. In September, I was joined by Nike Whitcomb, Jeff Anderson, and Sue Lee, at the ordination and consecration of Paula E. Clark, as the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago. Additionally, we assisted at funerals, the annual Hispanic Liturgy, a Diaconal Ordination, Evensong & Compline Services, Lessons and Carols, and services over the Christmas Holiday weekend.

As 2023 dawns, we remain faithful and committed to supporting the in-person services and events at St. James, in whatever format that may be for the foreseeable future.

Once again, we are asking St. James members to consider participating in this valuable and indispensable ministry. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with an usher, or contact me at [moyear@hotmail.com](mailto:moyear@hotmail.com). We will be more than happy to tell you about our ministry.

## **Readers & Intercessors**     *by Jocelyn Colao, Associate for Administration*

The service of reading and interceding plays a vital role in worship. As representatives of the congregation, and the body of Christ, readers and intercessors embody two ministries to which every Christian is called: to share the good news of Christ and to pray.

I continue to be amazed at the dedication and enthusiasm for this important ministry. This past year we, after an elongated sabbatical during the height of the pandemic, we returned to the ministry scheduling system, Ministry Scheduler Pro. Our readers and intercessors took to the new program fantastically. I am always so surprised to see that, before I am even able to read the notification when a reader or intercessor requests a sub, someone has filled in for them. The support and flexibility the members of this vital ministry show to one another is truly inspiring.

At the beginning of 2022, we were 17 members strong (5 were also intercessors). As of today, this ministry is made up of 22 members (11 of which are also intercessors).

I extend a heartfelt thank you to each member of this team for their continued commitment and support. We could, of course, always use a few more volunteers! I invite any member of the St. James community who may be interested in reading or interceding to contact me and learn more about joining this important ministry.

## **Online Streaming**     *by Robert Black, Canon for Administration*

When COVID-19 arrived in 2020 and in-person worship services were suspended, we moved quickly to offer several online services. Those offerings continue to the present and consist of:

The *Sermon of the Day* video on YouTube was posted every weekday and featured a short meditation by one of the clergy staff. In 2022 we produced **250** daily sermon videos with a combined **16,027** views.

*Morning Prayer* via Zoom was offered every weekday at 9:00 a.m., except for July and August, led by a member of Cathedral clergy and assisted by other members of the Cathedral staff. The daily attendance is generally 5 to 9 participants.

*Live Streaming of Sunday 11 a.m. Services* continued in 2022 and was expanded to include Choral Evensong and major feast day services. In 2022 we produced **80** live streams with a combined **8,392** views.

I am grateful to Paul Bieschke, who has been the editor of our daily reflections and video director for live streaming from the beginning, and to Associate for Administration and Communications Jocelyn Colao for her behind-the-scenes work on all our online offerings.

# Music

## Choirs *by Stephen Buzard, Director of Music*

2022 was a year of notable growth and accomplishment for the cathedral music program. As of this report, the Cathedral Choir comprises 34 members - 18 volunteers and 16 stipendiary singers. This is as large a choir as our current infrastructure can accommodate, and I have started to keep a waiting list of qualified singers who have auditioned but for whom we simply do not have the space, music, folders, or vestments. The choir's repertoire has expanded to include more challenging works and more music by women and composers of color.

We now have 18 Cathedral Choristers, up from 7 last year. The choristers rehearse and sing Evensong weekly on Wednesdays, followed by a supper for the families prepared by Chef Jackie. They sing at one of our liturgies every Sunday, and each chorister receives small group or private weekly voice coaching with a member of the music staff. Additionally, many of the choristers take instrumental lessons through our partnership with the Music Institute of Chicago which teaches in our undercroft. This summer, the choristers attended a weeklong choir camp at the DeKoven Center in Wisconsin, turbocharging their musical development going into the season.

Musical highlights of the year have included a number of fine Evensongs sung by the Cathedral Choir; a service of Choral Meditations on the Seven Last Words on Palm Sunday, featuring Howells' *Take him, earth, for cherishing*, a staggeringly difficult choral work; a concert performance of the Duruflé Requiem during the Rush Hour concert series; the Fauré Requiem sung by the Cathedral Choir and Choristers with orchestra, made possible through a generous bequest by Dr. Janet Grip; a profoundly moving Advent Procession; and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols sung by the Cathedral Choir and Choristers to a nearly full cathedral.

Additionally, St. James Cathedral sponsored two successful concerts by visiting choirs this year. In March, we presented the immensely popular ensemble *VOCES8* to a sellout crowd. In October, we welcomed the boy choristers of Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City for a concert and treble festival. Choristers from throughout the region joined our choristers for the weekend, singing Evensong together with the boys of Saint Thomas and the lower voices of our Cathedral Choir. It was thrilling to hear so many young voices singing in our cathedral! One of our choristers asked her mom on the way home, "When can we go back to the cathedral? I'm so sad it's over."

All this achievement is attributable to strategic investments in staff. For five years, we employed an organ scholar as assistant, intended as a 1-2 year learning job for someone fresh out of graduate school. This was made possible due to the generous donation of housing by Dr. Rowland Chang. Our final organ scholar was **Meg Cutting**, to whom we bid farewell in July. Meg was an exemplary assistant during the worst of the pandemic and helped us emerge as strongly as we have. She was particularly wonderful with the choristers and still teaches piano lessons to several of them.

This year, we upgraded the organ scholar position to a full-time, permanent post of Associate Director of Music, enticing a seasoned church musician to share in the leadership of this department. We are exceedingly fortunate to have **David Boeckh** in this role, an organist and choir trainer of exceptional skill. His ability, passion, and experience have enabled us to multiply our musical offerings and will allow me to cast my focus toward long-term projects. David is a committed churchman, and his position on staff has enriched numerous areas of our cathedral life.

We also brought on **Jessica McCarthy** as Intern for Children's Music. Jess is an undergraduate in music education at Roosevelt University, and her internship counted toward course credit last semester. Jess assists in chorister rehearsals and takes several of the choristers' weekly private lessons which would be too much for David and me to teach on our own. Additionally, Jess has taken on leadership of the Junior Choristers and Songs and Stories following the departure of Alison Barrington this summer.

Furthermore, we are blessed to have **Briana Calhoun** as Director of Children's Ministries. In addition to her experience in formation, she is an accomplished music educator. Briana helps with the choristers each week and leads the Junior Choristers with Jess. Her involvement allows us to continue integrating the choristers with general formation offerings for mutual growth and collaboration.

The growth of our music ministry emphasizes the importance of the capital campaign. The inadequacies of our present organ are becoming increasingly manifest, and the choirs are outgrowing their performance and rehearsal spaces. A well-constructed organ is critical to the support of a choir. The current organ is located on the wrong side of the cathedral to support the choir, apart from a few unreliable stops in the north transept, and it is so compromised that emergency repairs are now a regular occurrence. To name just one recent example, two days before Nine Lessons and Carols, the organ started creating an unbearable woodpecker-like sound due to poorly installed and superfluous wind lines at the very top of the organ chamber. Fortunately, our organ technicians were able to remove the problem just before the start of the service. Otherwise, our most well-attended Christmas service would have been accompanied by the piano.

The Cathedral Choir and Choristers have grown to such a size that they can no longer sing together in the choir loft at the same time. They have also outgrown the size of our choir room, which is barely large enough to accommodate one ensemble. As part of our capital project, we aim to create a more flexible chancel space that can accommodate both choirs at the same time without crowding the altar, locating them closer to the organ and in a more acoustically advantageous location.

The astounding growth of our music ministry is cause for celebration, bucking the general trend of decline in similar Episcopal programs throughout the country. We clearly offer something of unique value to this city, as a house of prayer, as a center for service, and as a beacon of choral excellence. I look forward to continued growth in the year to come!

## Concerts at St. James Cathedral *by Robert Black, Canon for Administration*

After presenting only 2 concerts in 2020 and 17 concerts in 2021, we were able to return to normal in 2022 with 26 concerts. Twelve of the concerts were Summer Rush Hour Concerts, which were founded at St. James Cathedral in 2000 and are now produced Classical Music Chicago.

Another series of concerts were performed by Apollo Chorus, Chicago Camerata, Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Chicago Composers Orchestra, Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, Corde Volanti, and Northern California Children's Chorus.

Two highlights of the year were concerts we presented by the world-renowned VOCES8 in March and the Boy Choristers of Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City in October. We are looking forward to the return of VOCES8 in October 2023.

## Faith Formation

### Children & Youth Ministry *by Briana Calhoun, Director*

**Sunday, 9 a.m. Service** — In 2022, the 9 a.m. service saw our families continue to return in-person. Youth resumed their roles in the service as acolytes, prayer leaders, scripture readers, bell ringers, and asking our Eucharistic questions. Our family service has also grown with new families starting to attend as regulars!

**Children's Sunday School** — For our Sunday School formation, Alison Barrington led Songs and Stories (0-3 years of age), assisted by Jess McCarthy, in the first half of 2022 and Jess McCarthy led Songs and Stories, assisted by Liz Wakefield-Connell, during the second half of 2022. Children in preschool through 5th grade started attending Sunday school in person again. We had a phenomenal volunteer team of: Andrea Van Duzor, LeeAnn Shelton, Jilliann Smith, Christine Callahan, Maureen Zeller, Dean Niedenthal, and George Culver. Formation included lessons from Sparkhouse Lectionary, Whirl Lectionary, and Sermons 4 Kids. All these resources utilize creative, hands-on learning activities and serve to help children connect to lessons heard in the 9am service. Songs and Stories and Sunday School would not be successful without this amazing team of individuals.

In addition to our standard lessons, Sunday School helped with our Meals Among Us meals ministry once a month. Their eagerness means that the work gets done in about half the time! Many thanks to Tim Zeller for his leadership.

Finally, our Christmas Pageant was a great success! A huge thank you to Dean Niedenthal and Maureen Zeller who were instrumental in orchestrating the rehearsals and the performance. A huge thank you to all our participants and their families for their incredible flexibility due to the winter storm that disrupted most of our rehearsals. And last, but not least, thank you to Timothy Beltran del Rio for narrating the pageant with me!

**Junior High Faith Formation:** Timothy Beltran Del Rio and Maria Price continued using the Rite 13 Curriculum with our Junior High Youth Group (6th-8th grades). Each Sunday students received thoughtfully developed lessons that combined Rite-13 curriculum with relevant and engaging activities and discussion. Each session is designed to allow for authentic student-led inquiry and conversation exploring aspects of faith, spirituality, and society. The purpose of Rite-13's holistic classroom approach is to help our community's adolescents discover the meaning of church and Christian faith independently.

**Senior High Faith Formation:** Our Senior High Youth Group leaders, Andrew Shelton, and Sean Smith continued using the Journey 2 Adulthood curriculum. This curriculum engages our youth group in lively discussion which encourages both their own spiritual journey and a growing sense of connection within the St. James community.

Both Junior and Senior High Youth Groups helped once a month with the hot meal part of St. James' Meals Ministry. They were involved in both serving soup and putting together and serving desserts.

St. James Cathedral is moving forward with a confident sense of commitment to the members of these groups, and it is a joy to know that there is strong leadership developing within this ministry!

## **Adult Faith Formation**    *by the Rev. Canon Steven Balke, Pastoral Care & Outreach*

As Episcopalians, we are people with a long tradition of seeking to learn and grow with one another. Our faith formation is not limited to the classroom but rather is embedded within almost everything we do. Longtime members and visitors alike often share how their journeys of faith are informed and shaped when they hear a challenging sermon at a Choral Evensong, serve others at St. James Meals, get to know each other at a Newcomers Lunch, learn something new from the daily sermon videos, and more. We found many ways to be formed in Christian discipleship together in 2022.

This year was marked by transitions: significant changes in staff, a desire to bring back formation offerings that were suspended during the pandemic, and exploration of new formation opportunities. We saw the Sunday morning *Dean's Forum* transition over the course of 2022, first as The Very. Rev. Dean Barrington was on sabbatical and then more formally with his departure from St. James. Our other clergy stepped in to offer a wide range of formation topics, such as The Rev. Anna Broadbent's offerings on the journey into military chaplaincy, The Rev. Canon Steven Balke's series on Christian Ethics, The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James's examination of Walter Bruggeman and the Prophets. Guest leaders included the Archbishop of Jerusalem, The Most. Rev. Hosam Naoum, and visiting Priest-in-Residence, The Very. Rev. Lister Tonge. Forums were frequently attended by several dozen participants, including both life-long Episcopalians and brand new members learning alongside each other. With such a diversity of leaders and participants, we demonstrated that we are in excellent hands in *The Forum* going forward. We expect adult formation to continue to be a popular aspect of the St. James community in 2023. We will feature seasonal opportunities, such as Advent and Lenten Formation, and will continue to invite guest preachers and leaders. *The Forum*. 2023 will continue a fulsome approach to creating both new and long-standing opportunities to be formed with one another.

## **Young Adults Ministry**    *by Timothy Beltran del Rio, Young Adult Member*

St. James Cathedral continues to welcome many young adults through our doors each week and has gathered a steady group of YAs who are committed to the life of the Cathedral community. At St. James, young adults tend to be members in their 20/30's and often in the city for graduate school or their first professional experience. Significant leadership transitions in 2022 affected the Young Adults group programming, meaning the YA group met less frequently throughout the year than normal. There were occasional gatherings for "Second Sunday Suppers," time spent together prepping sandwiches for the meals ministry on select Sundays, and social outings led by The Rev. Anna Broadbent.

After a quieter Ordinary Time, a small group of lay YAs initiated the Advent Evening Prayer offering for the community and began brainstorming to relaunch YA programming in 2023 with one social event a month and to continue offering Daily Office services for the whole community. We currently offer Compline in Epiphany services on Wednesday evenings in St. Andrew's Chapel. We welcome participation from all those who wish to build community and support one another in exploring our faith.

## **Centering Prayer**    *by Greg Gerber, Centering Prayer Leader*

Again in 2022, the St. James Centering Prayer practice "lived" entirely in a virtual world. We gathered each Wednesday evening telephonically, through conference call. This medium worked well with a dedicated group gathering each week. Centering Prayer started at St. James during Advent, 2019 with an in-person practice in St. Andrews Chapel.

Centering Prayer is a wordless, contemplative prayer practice that involves "opening" ourselves to divine presence. While there is a simple "method" that is used, the primary purpose of Centering Prayer is communing and connecting with God. This age-old Christian practice looks and feels like meditation. Centering Prayer connects with God through silence and through being in community with others. John of the Cross suggested "Silence is God's first language." Our practitioners would likely agree having experienced a unique spiritual communion through Centering Prayer.

Our practice group has used Episcopal priest Cynthia Bourgeault as our primary teacher. Her books "Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening" and "The Heart of Centering Prayer" continue to be primary texts. Additional references included teachings from Fr. Thomas Keating and other spiritual leaders. All are welcome to join us!

A 2023 goal is to convene a St. James Centering Prayer Workshop, open to all congregants and friends.



# PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL CARE

## Invite-Welcome-Connect Ministry *by Laura Jenkins, Ministry Leader*

*"For us to live into God's call to share the good news of Christ far and wide, to serve the poor, and to love our neighbors, we need a ministry that is deeper and wider than we have imagined, that not only invites and welcomes visitors but also works to fully incorporate them into the Body of Christ... New members are empowered and equipped to live into their baptismal covenant by offering their individual gifts and talents to God ... We help them hear God's call in their lives. And this goes all the way to the members who are in our pews who have been members for a long time... When we relate to those around us by listening to them and hearing their stories and then connecting them with others, we build loving communities of faith that God intends for us. When we listen with a sincere desire to know someone's perspective, to hear their story, when we attempt to understand the heart's desire behind their ideas, their beliefs, their fears, their aspirations, we're participating in a remarkable act of compassion... When newcomers come into our church, the last thing we need to do is tell them what we can do for them. Instead, we need to deeply listen to them, to hear their story, find out what brought them there..."*

— Mary Parmer, Founder of Invite-Welcome-Connect

In 2022, parish life began to return to something like normal after the pandemic shutdowns of 2020 and 2021. With more people participating in worship in person, it became possible to extend a more concrete welcome to newcomers, and to reconnect with each other. We were delighted to be able to resume coffee hour in early March once Diocesan guidelines allowed serving food and drink. A core group of friendly and welcoming people were recruited to be coffee hour "connectors," committed to engage with newcomers and introduce them to others. On our first Sunday, there were forty people in attendance at coffee hour, including seven newcomers. One parishioner called it "a worthwhile and much-needed project" and another said, "We really enjoyed coffee hour. I hadn't realized that I missed it! Thanks for helping us all connect and welcome people to St. James."

We also resumed quarterly Newcomer Lunches in March. We continue to follow a practice of inviting newcomers to tell us more about themselves and what brought them to St. James, rather than asking them to listen to a recital of what we do. These intentional conversations, facilitated by hosts at each table, are based on the "Quaker Questions" which allow non-threatening entry into meaningful conversation. A rotating team of about twenty people serve as hosts – some at every lunch, others occasionally. During 2022 we also invited additional active members to attend the lunch, ensuring that newcomers could meet a broader array of parishioners and that long-standing members could also re-connect. Newcomer Lunches were held in March, June, and October, hosting a total of 92 participants (newcomers, hosts and other members.) Chef Jackie Lord continues to provide delicious catering for the lunches, and Canon Henry Leach and his team of sextons ensure gracious seating for all guests.

The Welcome Team assisted Canon Robert Black with recruiting and organizing volunteers for the Chicago Architectural Center's Open House Chicago on October 15 and 16. This annual free public festival offers behind-the-scenes access to architecturally, historically, and culturally significant sites across the city. With the return of in-person self-guided tours in 2022, St. James resumed its position as one of the most popular sites. Over the course of two days, fourteen volunteer greeters and three volunteer docents welcomed 1,193 visitors — ably supported by

beautiful music and extraordinarily popular "organ tours" from Associate Director of Music David Boeckh.

The protocol for welcoming newcomers who complete a welcome card includes an introductory email from Cathedral staff, a follow up contact from a clergy member, an invitation to coffee hour and other events from the Welcome Team, and an invitation to a Newcomer Lunch. With the greatly appreciated efforts of team member Beth Mitchell, we were able to incorporate sending hand-written notes to newcomers into the Welcome process. Associate for Administration Jocelyn Colao has streamlined and improved the process of internal and external communication this year, greatly improving our process.

During 2022, the working group of clergy, staff and lay leaders continued to review and refine the database of potential, active and former members of St. James to develop an accurate record of members. This process has allowed us to re-engage with some people whose relationship with St. James might have become attenuated, or to learn of their moves out of the area and is one of the first steps toward creating the long-desired parish directory that will allow us to connect with one another more easily.

There are signs that the Holy Spirit is breathing new life into our Invite-Welcome-Connect ministry, and opportunities for growth are at hand for 2023.

## **Pastoral Care** *by The Rev. Canon Steven Balke, Pastoral Care & Outreach*

Pastoral Care is a core component of Christian community. The theologian Henri Nouwen and many others define pastoral care as the "ministry of presence" to one another. The goal of pastoral care is not to try to take away someone else's troubles or pains but rather it is to be present to them in Christian love. One of the hardest parts of the pandemic in the life of all churches, including St. James, is that we were so often unable to be that presence to each other in Christian love. 2022 reminded us how important that ministry of presence is to the people of St. James, and we were blessed in 2022 to be able to re-engage more fully in our pastoral care ministries. St. James maintains a regularly updated prayer list that is shared online, in the E-News, and in the worship bulletins. It maintains a prayer list that is read aloud during worship services. Pastoral care needs can be submitted online at [saintjamescathedral.org/community/pastoral-care](https://saintjamescathedral.org/community/pastoral-care) and the pastoral emergency telephone number is 773-231-7335. The cathedral staff engages in regular communication about the pastoral needs of members of the community.

While pastoral care has always been important at St. James, The Rev. Canon Steven Balke was hired to be Canon for Pastoral Care and Outreach with a specific mandate for attending to the pastoral care efforts of St. James. In 2023, Steven will be working with a growing lay pastoral care team to offer even more robust ministries of presence to our members. As we maintain a list of members who would like a visit when hospitalized, communion for someone who is homebound, an occasional phone conversation or a handwritten note, or a companion when processing grief or loss, we also have a growing list of community members who want to be present to those in need around them. The Canon for Pastoral Care will work closely with the Provost and fellow clergy and the lay pastoral care team to coordinate our community's pastoral care efforts. We look forward to being even more present to one another in the year to come.

## Sacramental Life

### Baptisms (12)

Jack Gakunzi  
John Gakunzi  
James Gakunzi  
Samantha Grace Devlin  
Edith Rowan Michel  
John (Jack) Nottingham Feltman

Victor Christian Reyes  
William Clifton Kellow  
Andrew Grant Connell  
Madison Dale Murphy  
Xiao Elizabeth Zeller  
Beatrix Kathryn Isla Chaouki-Hendrickson

### Marriages (6)

Madeline Hume / Pat Kelly  
Raul Loureiro / Patricia Walsh  
Sarah Staudt / Austin Lugar  
Ellie Schultz / Ryan Collins  
Robert Callahan / Annie Henderson  
Alysia Austin / William Burns

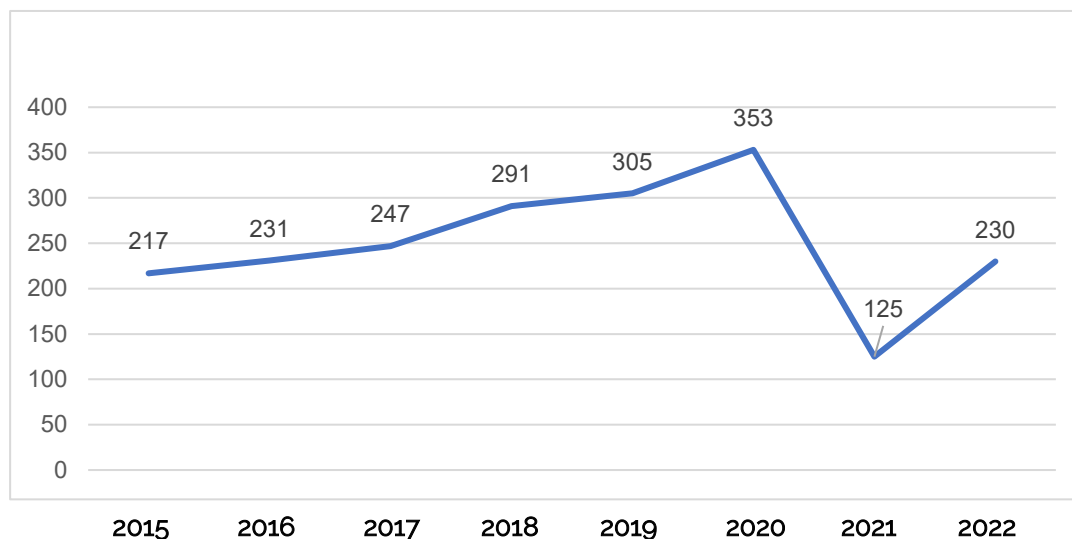
### Receptions (2)

LeeAnn Shelton  
Andrew Shelton

### Funerals (4):

Flora Fidelia Boynes-Spencer  
Timmothy J. Holt  
John Robert Orpen  
Theodore R. Johnson

## Average Sunday Attendance Trend 2015 – 2022



# OUTREACH

## **St. James Meals** *(Report to be posted soon)*

### **Meals Among Us** *by The Rev. Canon Steven Balke, Pastoral Care & Outreach*

As a part of St. James's long-time commitment to our baptismal vow to "seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves," we continued to provide meals to our neighbors in need throughout 2022. Every Sunday at St. James, a team of volunteers assembles over 100 bagged meals. Every Monday, these meals are delivered by one of our volunteers to Martin Temple AME Zion Church to be distributed to those in need. Because of a generous grant from Episcopal Charities, food for an additional 30 young people are assembled and delivered to LaTanya and the Youth of Englewood every week.

Each week features a different group of volunteers. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, the children of St. James assemble the meals as part of their Christian formation for that week. The other Sundays of the month, approximately six volunteers gather after the 11:00 a.m. service to assemble meals. This ministry makes a true difference in the lives of people who might otherwise not have a meal that day and St. James routinely receives thanks and praise for continuing the meals ministry even through the pandemic.

More than 6,000 meals were assembled and delivered by our volunteers in 2022 and we expect at least that many again in 2023. In the year to come we hope for even more volunteers to join in this meaningful ministry, as it is a great way to serve and an opportunity for fellowship and bonding for the volunteers. We will continue to bring meals to Martin Temple AME Zion Church and LaTanya and the Youth of Englewood. We will continue to foster a passion for service in our children. Meals Among Us is a great opportunity for any members who are looking for a new way to participate in an outreach ministry at St. James, especially for any new volunteers who like to put their skills at organizing to good use and like physical activities that have a measurable impact on the community.

### **Summer in the City** *by Nicole Spencer, Ministry Chair*

Summer in the City 2022 was based in-person at St. James Commons with an enrolment of 36 campers. The two-week camp included a mix of on-campus and off-campus adventures, including rock climbing at Brooklyn Boulders, photography lessons with Joel Maisonet Photography, beach day at Rainbow Beach, pottery lessons at Gnarware Pottery, and a trip to the National Museum of Mexican Arts. On-campus days included cooking classes with Chef Jackie, a Cathedral tour, an organ demonstration with Associate Director of Music David Boeckh, and an opera demonstration with choir singer, Carolyn DalMonte.

2022 was the fifth year of leadership by former Associate for Outreach Ministries, Anna Broadbent. After the announcement in 2021 from former Program Director Tony Santiago that he

would be stepping down from his position to explore other opportunities, Anna took on a great deal of the Program Director responsibilities. We welcomed a new Camp Manager, Mayme Simms, whose years of teaching experience with children and youth of many cultures provided a solid foundation for a successful SITC 2022. Two camp counselors, Sade Roush and BJ Ratliffe engaged campers. BJ, a returning camp counselor, was a SITC camper for multiple summers during his formative years. We were thrilled to re-establish the Junior Counselor role under the leadership of the Rev. Shawn Evelyn. Six junior counselors were members of the SITC 2022 team. Most of our junior counselors were SITC campers in prior years. The SITC Team engaged in three staff training days, which included CPR training for all.

On the administrative side, we welcomed Maria Price, a member of St. James, as volunteer coordinator. Twenty-four volunteers from the St. James community supported SITC 2022. As in years past, volunteers were pivotal to our success. They were present every day of the camp and provided hands-on support and supervision of SITC Campers.

Camper recruitment focused on engaging past campers and continuing our partnership with "LaTanya and the Youth of Englewood" (LYE). Of the 36 campers enrolled in SITC 2022, 10 campers were from within the St. James Cathedral community. 16 campers were new to SITC. 17 participants were returning campers.

The total cost of SITC 2022 was \$41,766 and revenue was \$40,985. The Summer in the City reserve fund had a balance of \$10,297 at the end of 2022.

We said goodbye to our Associate for Outreach Ministries, Anna Broadbent, this past August but SITC 2023 is in very good hands as Rev. Steven Balke, Canon for Pastoral Care and Outreach, and Briana Calhoun, Director of Children & Youth, will lead the efforts of the St. James staff, supported by the SITC Committee.

## **ReVive Christmas Gifts**     *by The Rev. Canon Steven Balke, Pastoral Care & Outreach*

The ReVive Center for Housing and Healing has been coordinating Christmas gifts for families in need for 101 years! Each year they distribute Christmas wish lists of families in need—ranging from one, elderly or homebound individual, to families of ten or more—to churches across Chicago. In 2022, St. James sponsored 79 families for Christmas, more than any other year in St. James history. Some individual members of St. James sponsored a family while others, such as the choir or children's Sunday school, teamed up as sponsors. Some generous members offered donations so that other hard-working volunteers could shop and wrap gifts. All told, the people of St. James worked together to provide Christmas gifts to over 260 people who might otherwise not receive a gift for Christmas. Well done!

St. James participates in the ReVive Christmas Gifts every year and we plan to do so again in 2023. Be on the lookout this October for the ReVive Christmas Gifts announcement to sponsor a family. This is a great opportunity for someone who is not able to participate in a regularly scheduled volunteer ministry but wants to contribute in a meaningful way. It is also a wonderful opportunity for volunteers who are interested in using their communication and organizational skills to put their skills to good use for the church in the Fall by helping coordinate St. James's efforts in 2023.

## Charitable Giving *by Robert Black, Canon for Administration*

In 2022 the St. James Cathedral community raised **\$86,106** through special offerings and collections to support the ministries of:

Latanya and the Youth of Englewood	\$16,885
American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem	\$ 2,250
ArtsLink	\$ 1,000
La Creche in Bethlehem	\$ 50
St. James Cathedral Meals Ministry	\$ 1,786
St. James Cathedral Meals Among Us	\$12,806
Chicago Refugee Coalition	\$ 3,750
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants	\$ 3,750
Revive Christmas Baskets	\$ 5,495
St. Martin's Repertory Theatre	\$ 685
St. James Cathedral Summer in the City	\$34,985
Other	\$ 2,664
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,106</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## GOVERNANCE & FINANCES

### Senior Warden Report *by Nicole Spencer, Senior Warden*

As I reflect on the work of Chapter in 2022, it is important to call attention to the committed members of Chapter that I serve alongside. Your Chapter carried out its responsibilities in 2022 with faith and resolve. We kept front of mind our responsibility to support and enhance the many ways in which members of St. James engage with each other; and how, as a vibrant part of the Body of Christ, we engage our neighbors and our city.

Your Chapter took seriously our role as financial stewards as we reviewed and approved the budget. We also committed to engage in an on-going effort to consider how members could deepen our support of St. James through annual pledges and the capital campaign, but also by giving our time and sharing our talents by participating in ministry. Particularly important throughout 2022 was the Chapter's Real Estate Working Group which was formed in response to the Diocese's announcement that it would sell St. James Commons. The Real Estate Working Group continued to act upon the needs and best interests of our parish. The Real Estate Working Group consists of the Provost, Wardens, the Chancellor, Greg Gerber (Chapter Member) and Jones Lang LaSalle. Their work will continue in 2023.

Significantly, Chapter called a Provost, Lisa Hackney-James. The pastoral and leadership experience Lisa brings to the role of Provost demonstrates that in a year with many changes St. James moves forward from strength to strength. Your Chapter looks forward optimism, purpose to the opportunities that await us in 2023.

## **Finance Commission**    *by Paul W. Thompson, Treasurer and Chair*

In 2022, the Finance Commission consisted of members George Culver and Kevin Godsil, with *ex officio* members Nicole Spencer (Senior Warden), Susan Fickling (Junior Warden), Alan Gunn (Investment Officer) and Paul Thompson (Treasurer). The Treasurer served as Chair. The Commission invited Canon for Finance and Administration Robert Black and Accountant Christine Price to join in the Commission's meetings, along with Dean Dominic Barrington and Provost Lisa Hackney-James. Nine meetings were held during the year via Zoom, typically on the fourth Thursday of the month at noon.

The role of the Finance Commission is to advise and assist the Treasurer, the Chapter and the staff on financial matters such as budgeting, bookkeeping, banking, credit cards, investing, and fraud protection, and to closely monitor the Cathedral's financial performance and reporting, including stewardship results and activity pertaining to designated funds. The Commission monitors revenue, expenses and cash flow related to the Capital Campaign. The Commission also meets with the Cathedral's auditors, Selden Fox, Ltd., in coordination with the Cathedral's Audit Chair, Sean Smith.

The Finance Commission is a resource as well as a working group. I would like to thank the members of the Commission for their time, expertise, and commitment during this past year.

## **Investments**    *by Alan Gunn, Investment Officer*

St. James Cathedral's reserve financial assets are overseen by the Finance Commission, which meets monthly. The Cathedral began 2022 with \$6,012,674 in assets in restricted and unrestricted investment accounts and ended the year with \$4,142,303. The year-end amount includes \$207,607 in a separate account set up in 2020 to receive capital campaign donations. The rate of return for these assets in 2021 was approximately -17.2%. Asset depreciation was \$940,872 and income was \$62,484.89. Drawdowns from the investment assets in 2022 for Cathedral operational expenses totaled \$1,100,000.

The Cathedral's assets in 2022 were invested in four Vanguard exchange-traded funds (ETFs):

- A domestic bond index ETF (BND: -13.12% return in 2022)
- An international bond index ETF (BNDX: -12.75% return in 2022)
- A domestic stock ETF (VTI: -19.51% return in 2022)
- An international stock index ETF (VXUS: -16.13% return in 2022).

Invested cash was held in a money market fund (VMFXX: 1.55% return in 2022). Fees charged by Vanguard were approximately \$2,580 in 2022 based on average balances and an 0.044% average fee.

## **Count Ministry**    *by Marianne Culver, Chair*

The Count Ministry manages all the various items that appear in the collection plates and drop boxes at St. James Cathedral. The team counts and tabulates all cash collected at regular and special services and deposits it in the Cathedral bank account each week. Our happy band of human calculators includes Robert Anderson, Mary Jo Barton, David Briere, Sue Cloud, David DuPre, Fran Horn, Laura Jenkins, Tom Patterson, and Norman Sunderman who all perform a demanding job with accuracy and good cheer.