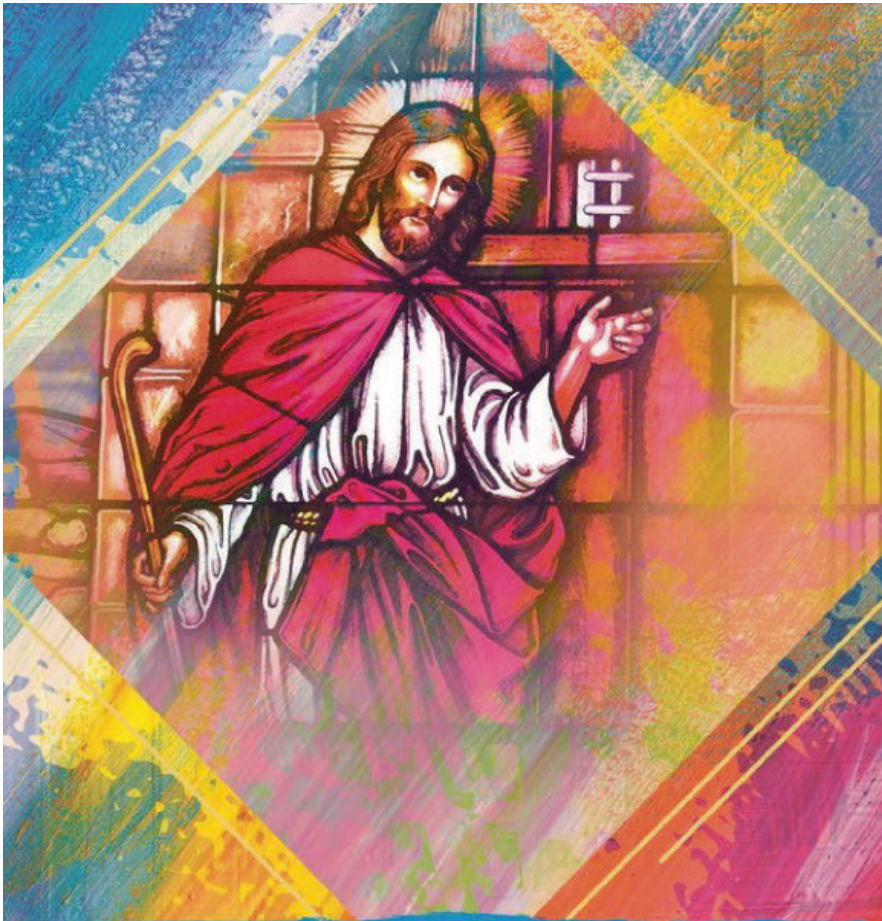




# St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

1000 Decatur Road • McDonough, Georgia 30252

JULY 24, 2022 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“He will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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“Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?” He replied, “For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.”  
(Gn 18:32)

## Mass Schedule

### Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

11:00am

5:00pm

### Weekdays

Monday — Friday 8:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Our “cry room” is available for use. Please access the cry room through the doors in the church.

## Confession Schedule

Wednesday 7:00 — 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 — 10:00am

or by appointment

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7:00pm — 8:00pm

First Fridays of each month 9:00am - 8:00pm

# Readings for the Week

July 25 through July 31

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 20:20-28  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/  
Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

## Observances for the week of July 25

Monday: St. James, Apostle  
Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday:  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. Martha  
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest



# Mass Intentions

July 25 through July 31

Monday 8:30am Robert & Theresa Sanzeri  
by Kellie Crespo  
Tuesday 8:30am Katherine Williams+  
by Drs. Frank & Eve  
Higginbotham-Williams  
Wednesday 8:30am Mrs. Ruby Higginbotham+  
by Drs. Frank & Eve  
Higginbotham-Williams  
6:30pm Emily Minter & Family  
by Tim & Alice Mitchell  
Thursday 8:30am Charlotte Barringer+  
by Elodia Upchurch  
Friday 8:30am The Perkins Family+  
by Bette Perkins  
Saturday 4:00pm Mrs. Ruby Higginbotham+  
by Drs. Frank & Eve  
Higginbotham-Williams  
Sunday 8:30am Our Parishioners  
11:00am Jean Leon+  
by Marie Leon  
5:00pm Michel St. Clair+  
by Pierre Saint Clair



## STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

### Weekly Collection for July 17, 2022

We began a new Fiscal Year July 1, 2022

<b>Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$11,061</b>
<b>YTD Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$43,398</b>
<b>YTD Budgeted Offertory</b>	<b>\$51,348</b>
<b>YTD Over/ Shortfall</b>	<b>-\$7,950</b>
<b>Archdiocese for Military</b>	<b>\$1,426</b>
<b>% Online Giving</b>	<b>31%</b>

#### Archbishop's Appeal:

Goal	\$ 95,900	
Paid-to-date	\$ 58,214	60.7% of goal
262 donors		

No 2nd collection for July 31

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$230</b>
<b>Total Building Fund</b>	<b>\$52,286</b>

Your contributions to the building fund have enabled, among other items, the repair or upgrade of the heating and air conditioning system, parish hall lavatories, computer system, parish locking system and installation of flooring and painting in various parts of the parish facilities. We thank you for your generous support!

#### Current Building Fund Projects:

1. Upgrade bathrooms in Parish Hall & Faith Formation area.
2. Painting outside of parish buildings.



Genevieve Alston, Laura Alvarez, James Baker, Ron and Jan Banister, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Jacqueline Boshears, Ann Marie Callahan, Evelyn Carr, Micah Carroll, Kathleen Cawley, Patrick Chesley, Jr., Patricia Clark, Dudley A. DeCastro, Melanie Dunn, Richard Evarts, Vicki & Tom Farah, Vince Farah, Nikolas Fried, Marie Georganakis, Michael Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, John Glover, Rodger Hallam, Sally Henkel, Sarah Hill, Lynn Hoffman, Marty Huckaby, Connie John, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Mike Lanasa, Joey Landon, Larry Lightle, Glen Lillquist, Latina Mason, Frank McCarthy, Maria McKinney, Elva Medrano, Tracy Miller, Cathy Moeller, Gary Moeller, Mott Family, John Murray, Irene Neilson, Angie Nelson, Edna Norton, Diane M. O'Connor, Margarita Papadimitriou, Bette Perkins, Hope Prudenti, Maureen Richardson, Valerie Ryczek, Martin Schilling, Eleanor Sinagra, Dan Sitler, Francesa Soares, Lou Sposaro, Anita Lenortavage Tarreto, Mike Tittiger, Greg Virag, Mary Wagener, Jean Washo, Marsha Weeks, Michelle Witman, Peggy Wofford, George and Kathleen Zanebis.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, homebound or in an assisted living situation, please call the Parish Office to notify us.

## This Week's Reflection

### Gospel Meditation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Diane & Arlis Scarbrough and family** on the loss of Arlis' brother-in-law, Herbert Cody who passed away on July 13th. The funeral was held on July 21st in Fairburn, GA.



We have relocated our **Lost and Found** area to the Parish Hall. Please check the cabinet next to the sound box if you have lost any items recently.

*Please note: Unclaimed items will be removed from the cabinet at the end of each week.*

### First Friday Adoration

If you are interested in being a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament for **First Friday Adoration** please call Mary Byram at 678-228-3391.

## Sacramental Preparation & Information

**INFANT BAPTISM** Parents must be members of St. James for at least 3 months or have the pastor's permission, and must attend our pre-Baptism class which is generally held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm. Please call the Parish Office to learn the requirements and policies of Baptism. After attending the class, please call to schedule your Baptism celebration. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the **first Saturday** of the month at 10:30 am, however there may be exceptions during certain times of the year.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Children in the second grade, and active in the Faith Formation program for two consecutive years, are eligible to enroll in the sacramental preparation program. Special preparation sessions for these two sacraments are held throughout the year before the reception of these sacraments. Contact the Faith Formation office 770-957-5441 ext.108.

**CONFIRMATION** Preparation for this sacrament is coordinated through our Youth Ministry Office. Youth in the 10th grade or older, and active in the teen program of the parish for at least two consecutive years, will be eligible to register for Confirmation. Contact the Youth Ministry office at 770-957-5441 ext. 110 for more information.

For Adult Confirmation preparation, contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.

**MARRIAGE** Couples considering marriage must contact a priest or deacon **at least six months before** the projected date and must attend a pre-marriage program.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Celebrated the second Saturday of the month following the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, or please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. **If this is an emergency situation after hours, please call the Parish Office and press "1" for a sacramental emergency.**

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK** If you or a loved one is in the hospital or in an assisted living situation, either temporarily or long term, please call the Parish Office to arrange a visit. This must be arranged prior to any weekend Mass.

**PRAYER CHAIN** Contact: Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

**PRAYER GROUP** Meets Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 214. Please contact Leticia Richards at 770-507-7377 for more details.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Please contact the Parish Office. **Donation is \$15.**

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD** Saturday: 9:00 - 10:00 am and Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 pm or by appointment.



### Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We **will not be meeting** during the summer months. We will resume Wednesday, August 10th after the 8:30am Mass. For more information please contact Art Belback at 770-918-6985.



Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?  
 Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?  
 Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation  
 (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?  
 Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the  
 Catholic Church?  
 Do you just want to learn more about your Catholic faith?

If you (“or someone you know”) answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join us as you discover more about your Catholic faith.

**RCIA Classes begin August 16th at 7:15pm.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

contact Deacon Charles Iner at [ciner@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com) or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.



Please join us for the  
**Family Rosary**  
 Sunday, July 31st  
 following the 11:00am Mass.  
 The Rosary will be followed with a  
 complimentary Pizza lunch.  
*Families that pray  
 together stay together.*

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**CURSILLO** is a three-day, grace  
 filled spiritual encounter with  
 Jesus Christ at the Monastery of  
 the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA.  
 Arrive Thursday evening at 7pm  
 Depart Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

For information contact Julie Gonzlez: 678-628-3322

**Next Weekends:**

**Men: September 22-25, 2022**

**Women: September 29—October 2, 2022**

*Applicants must be vaccinated and have a card as proof.*



We are in need of instructors for our  
 our Parent Baptism classes which  
 are held on the 3rd Thursday of every  
 month at 7pm. If you would like to volunteer or get more  
 information about this ministry, please contact Deacon  
 Charles Iner at [ciner@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com) or

**“Spotlight  
 On Our Ministries!”  
 is coming August 6th & 7th**

As we kick off our  
**Stewardship Campaign of  
 Time, Talent and Treasure** please plan  
 to join us in the hall after the weekend Masses on  
 August 6th & 7th for our **Ministry Fair!**

We will be showcasing all of our ministries  
 here at St. James. You will have an opportunity  
 to join us for some fellowship and food  
 and discover what our ministries do  
 and how you can give of your  
 time and talent to St. James!

**We’re excited about YOU becoming  
 a part of our ministries!!**

For more information contact Mara Martin  
 at 770-957-5441x101.

**Clothing Donation Bin for Fr. Roy Lee**

Fr. Roy Lee WILL NOT be accepting clothing  
 donations during the month of July. **PLEASE** do not  
 leave donations at St. James! Take them to the Goodwill  
 Thrift Store located at 250 Jonesboro Rd.



**MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST**

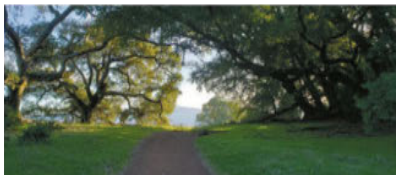
All women are invited to the Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, August 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. Guest speaker will be Linda Koerner, of St. John Neumann Church, Lilburn. Reservations are required in advance. Cost is \$25. Register online by August 10th at <https://tinyurl.com/2022AugMagnificat> or send check, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, to: Debbie DuPont, 315 Rose Court, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047. Check in at the door. Contact Debbie

DuPont at 770-696-6216 for more information.



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the



### **Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat**

a Catholic retreat center in Alabama, has exciting retreats coming up in the Fall.

### **The Healing Road: Moving Through the Change**

Weekend Retreat August 26 - August 28  
Contact Cindy Hoover, MCA 334-614-8669 or  
chover\_99@yahoo.com

### **Applying the Science of Motivation to Change our Habits**

Fr. Matt Linn, SJ – Friday, September 2

### **Healing the Unconscious through the Great Parables of Jesus**

Fr. Matt Linn, SJ – Friday – Sunday, September 2-4

### **Annual Pilgrimage to the Grotto**

October 2

### **Introspections of Advent**

December 5-9

For additional information and to register online, please visit our website at [msbt.org/btsr](http://msbt.org/btsr)



**Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat**  
*Peace in the Pines*

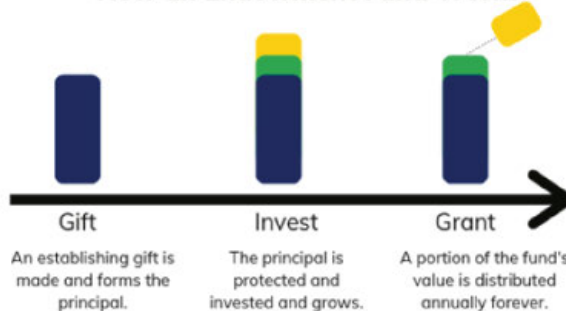
107 Holy Trinity Rd., Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

## **LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND**

Have you considered leaving a lasting legacy that will benefit the parish forever? Parishioners can make planned gifts to the parish endowment fund which will provide funding for our parish ministries long after we are gone. *This is a wonderful thing you can do for your parish!*

A planned gift is a gift that requires forethought, as it comes from assets or from a will or estate plan. Many find that making a gift in their will (also called a bequest) is the easiest way to support the future of the church for generations to come. The goal of planned giving is to help you plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family, and the causes you care most about.

### **How an Endowment Fund Works**



To learn more, go to the Catholic Foundation [planned giving page](#) or contact Juliet Greco at [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org).

**Gifts to the parish endowment fund will ensure our parish has the resources to serve and make a difference in the lives of current and future generations.**



## Attention Faith Formation Families!



Registration for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation year is now available!

Please scan the QR code below to be taken to our online registration page.



\*Please note that online registration payments will differ from cash/check payments to offset credit card fees. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for your time and May God continue to bless you and your family always!

**Eric Bridwell**

Director of Religious Education



What we are doing at **St. James Life Teen!**

For 9th-12th grade

9th Grade Parents and 2023 Confirmation Candidates!

Confirmation requirements for your teen include a retreat.

This requirement can be met with the 2022 Fall Retreat Nov. 11-13, 2022.

Youth Ministry office 770-957-5441 x110

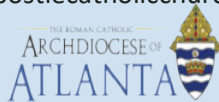
### JOB OPENING

St. James the Apostle has an immediate opening for a full-time Youth Minister and is seeking a qualified candidate who is an active practicing Catholic with knowledge of Catholic liturgy and can prepare the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Job requirements include coordinating the Life Teen program, developing an annual budget, supervising youth events, planning and attending social and recreational activities including weekend retreats and other duties as assigned. A minimum of 2-3 years of experience in an office environment with working knowledge of Microsoft Office and effective communication and organizational skills are a plus. Interested candidates should submit your resume with cover letter including salary requirements to the St. James business manager at [busmrg@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:busmrg@stjamesapostle.com).



## Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year

Our Preschool classes are for children ages 1-5 years old (they must be that chronological age by September 1st). Registration forms and information are available on our website: [www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool)



For more information about registration, please call (770) 957-5441 extension 121 or email the Director at [vspieth@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:vspieth@stjamesapostle.com).

We also have a Facebook page and Instagram!

## Now Hiring

St. James Preschool is now hiring qualified teachers for the 2022-2023 School Year! If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the Director, Vickie Spieth at [vspieth@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:vspieth@stjamesapostle.com) or call (770) 957-5441 Ext.121

You can also download an employment application on our website:

[www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool/forms](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool/forms)

### COUPLES CELEBRATING 50th AND 60th ANNIVERSARY IN 2022

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1972 and 1962 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Saturday August 13, 2022, at 12:00 noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church**. A light reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited.

Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.



### Bible Study

Please join Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic for a scripture study program every Monday evening at 7:15pm. Dr. Hunt will be broadcasting via his YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/DrAllenHunt>

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**July 2022**

25th – Planning Meeting (7pm)  
31st – Family Rosary (1215pm)

**August 2022**

1st – Rosary for Life (6pm)  
1st – Member’s Meeting (630pm)  
15th – Assumption Day  
27th – Installation/Banquet(530pm)  
29th – Planning Meeting (7pm)

**September 2022**

5th – Labor Day  
12th – Rosary for Life (6pm)  
12th – Member’s Meal & Meeting (630pm)  
26th – Planning Meeting (7pm)

**October 2022**

3rd – Rosary for Life (6pm)  
3rd – Member’s Meal & Meeting (630pm)  
8th - KofC Golf Tournament  
15th – St James Fall Festival  
24th – Planning Meeting (7pm)  
30th – Family Rosary (1215pm)

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**NEW BEGINNINGS  
MINISTRY NEWS**

We are following up on some leads to a new location for our food pantry. Please pray for us that one of these leads becomes a reality.

New Beginnings will be collecting school supplies for the Student Support Center until July 30th. Donations could include: backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, pens, loose leaf notebook paper, 3 ring notebooks, notebook dividers, erasers, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, protractors, compasses and flash drives.

We have helped two women with hotel rent, one a stroke victim and the other a working, single mother who is looking for a second job to make ends meet. We also helped a couple with food. The husband is on disability and his wife is not working at this time. We helped another family with a food delivery; the husband is in the hospital and he is the sole wage earner.

We continue to assemble grace bags for both children and adults. All these acts of kindness are possible because the parishioners of our church are thoughtful and generous in their donations. Thank you!

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