St. James Altar Society

Serving Our Parish • Supporting Our Worship • Sharing Our Gifts

All women of St. James Parish, age 18 and older, are welcome!

The Altar Society is a lay ministry dedicated to serving the Lord and supporting the life of our parish. Through prayer, service, fellowship, hospitality, and charitable outreach, our members help care for our church and respond to the needs of our parish community.

Whether you can give a few hours occasionally or would like to become more involved, **there is a place for you in the Altar Society!**

✝️ Our Ministry of Service ✝️

Our most important responsibility is caring for the altar, sanctuary, and other worship spaces so that our church remains beautiful and prepared for the celebration of the Mass.

Members may help with:

- Preparing the altar and sanctuary for Mass and special liturgies
- Changing altar linens, vestments, and server robes according to the liturgical season
- Caring for altar cloths and other sacred linens
- Preparing flowers, candles, and other items used for worship
- Helping provide hosts, wine, candles, and other items needed for the celebration of Mass
- Assisting with special liturgical and parish needs as they arise

❤️ Serving Beyond the Sanctuary ❤️

The Altar Society's ministry reaches far beyond the church altar. We work together to support our parish, school, diocese, and local community.

Our activities include:

- **Funeral dinners** and **Cook teams** for wedding receptions
- **Fundraising events** such as quilting, raffles, bake sales, and other parish activities
- Supporting **parish, school, and diocesan charitable efforts**
- Helping with **community outreach**, including support for food pantries and Catholic charities
- Visiting and assisting elderly or homebound members of our community
- Partnering with other parish organizations on special projects and events

🤝 Membership & Involvement 🤝

There are no annual dues.

Membership is open to **all women of St. James Parish who are 18 years of age or older**, whether single or married.

You can participate in whatever way works best for you:

- Attend our meetings
- Volunteer for a specific event or project
- Help with funeral dinners or parish hospitality
- Take on an officer or leadership role
- Share a particular skill or talent
- Simply lend a helping hand when you are available

Every contribution matters, and every woman has something valuable to offer.

🙏 Faith • Fellowship • Service 🙏

Being part of the Altar Society is about more than getting things done. It is an opportunity to grow in faith while building friendships and serving our parish family.

Through the Altar Society, you can:

Grow in Faith: Serve Christ by caring for the place where we gather to worship Him.

Build Fellowship: Meet and build friendships with women of all ages who share a love for our parish.

Share Your Talents: Use your gifts in hospitality, organization, cooking, crafting, fundraising, decorating, or simply lending a helping hand.

Make a Difference: Help strengthen our parish and extend Christ's love to those in need.

📅 Come Join Us! 📅

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m.
St. James Old School – SJ Quilt Room

Meeting dates are also published in the parish bulletin.

You Don't Have to Do It All — Just Do What You Can!

Our Altar Society is made possible by the generous **time, talent, and treasure** of our members. The Lord gives each of us unique gifts to share with others.

What gift can you share?

Could you spare a few hours to help prepare for an event?
Could you help with a funeral dinner?
Could you share a skill or talent?
Could you simply come to a meeting and see what we're all about?

We would love to have you join us!

❤️ Come Serve. Come Fellowship. Come Be Part of the St. James Altar Society. ❤️