

SUMMER CAMPS

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How to Register

Fill out the Registration, Permission, and Medical Release Form for each child attending a summer activity, and enclose it (along with payment) in a sealed envelope. This envelope can be turned in at the parish office or at St. Zita's. Please try to have all forms and payment in by May 24. **Online registration and payment are also available this year at www.stjameswv.org.** In case you have a last-minute change of plans and there is space available, you can register up to ten days prior to the start of your activity. A confirmation of your registration will be sent via email. We reserve the right to refuse and/or rescind acceptance of any registration or camper at any point if we believe he/she is unsuitable for our programs for any reason including: health, physical ability, or behavioral history. For **Youth Counselor applications**, stop by the parish office or email Allie Enos at vcrc@stjameswv.org **Scholarships are available.** Those requesting scholarships will be asked to volunteer in some capacity for one or more of the camps. Contact Allie Enos x231 at (304) 725-5558 or vcrc@stjameswv.org for more information. There are many other wonderful camp opportunities in the area. Please check with Trail Life and AHG for camps they will be offering this year. Also, JCPRC and Camp Carlo offer many camps during the summer.

2026 SUMMER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS



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Veterans Kayak and Taco Tuesday Evening

Tuesday—Date/Time TBD
Location: St. James
Eligible group: Veterans Cost: No charge
Description: Join us as we host Veterans. Evening of prayer, food and kayaking!

Ladies Kayak Evening

Thursday— Date/Time TBD
Location: St. James
Eligible group: Ladies Cost: \$20 per person
Description: Evening of prayer, food and kayaking!

Boys' Pioneer Camp

June 1-5 8:00 am—4:00pm
Location: Priestfield Pastoral Center
Eligible Group: Boys 8-13 Cost: \$155 per youth
Maximum attendees: 30
Leader: Steve Crawford
Description: Have you wanted to learn how to be a true patriot. Join our special unit of adult men who love Jesus Christ, love the United States and are willing to sacrifice for both. You will have an opportunity to work together as teams to support each other through special operations challenges throughout the week. You will have the opportunity to camp under the stars, learn land navigation skills, go to daily Mass, go on adventures in the woods and experience holy friendship. Of course, the week would not be complete without kayaking, an obstacle course, and building a 20' observation tower with rope and lashings. Breakfast and lunch will be provided every day.

Girls' Pioneer Camp

June 1-5 8:00 am—4:00pm
Location: Priestfield Pastoral Center
Eligible Group: Girls 8-13 Cost: \$155 per youth
Maximum attendees: 30
Leaders: Mary Herter and Madison Bishop
Description: Girl's Pioneer Camp this year will be inspired by *The Clue in the Patchwork Quilt* by Judy Bolton. We encourage campers to read the book beforehand to make the week even more exciting. Activities will include cooking, embroidery, kayaking, and many other hands-on adventures. Campers will also enjoy overnight stays on Wednesday and Thursday. Be sure to brush up on your mystery solving skills; a special grand activity is planned for the final day. Each day will begin with Morning Prayer and Mass and concludes with the rosary. Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily.

Gabriel Science Camp

June 8-12 8:00am—4:00pm
Location: Priestfield Pastoral Center
Eligible Group: 10-15 Cost: \$140
Leader: Steve Crawford
Description: This camp will explore the history and science of space exploration by studying model rocketry, radio astronomy and radio frequency direction finding. Each day will bring unique challenges: constructing and launching model rockets, building and utilizing homemade radio direction finding equipment, and constructing an improvised satellite antenna to listen to distant planets. The week will conclude with a day of rocket launches and recoveries, as well as, playing back our captured recordings from distant planets. Lunch will be provided.

Star Wars Camp

June 8-12 8:00am-4:00pm
Location: St. James
Eligible Group: Boys 5-9 Cost: \$125
Leader: Seminarian
Description: This exciting camp is for young gentlemen who will get to spend the week with two seminarians. Inspired by the Star Wars movie, this camp is designed to train Jedi for life in the galaxy. Daily activities will include galactic water wars, Star Wars crafts, light saber duels, galaxy themed snacks and a laser tag field trip. Each day will include Mass. Attendees are encouraged to bring their light sabers and have at least a beginning knowledge of the Star Wars Saga. Please pack a snack and lunch each day.

Princess Camp

June 8-12 8:00am-4:00pm
Location: St. James
Eligible Group: Girls 5-9 Cost: \$125
Leaders: Mary Herter and Madison Bishop
Description: Princess Camp is a joyful, faith-filled week where the girls will get to know four amazing female saints through stories, crafts, music, and hands-on activities. Each day highlights the life of a different saint, inviting the girls to explore her virtues, creativity, and love for God in a fun and engaging way. Throughout the week, campers will create themed projects, enjoy imaginative play, and build friendships rooted in faith. The final day is set aside for a special reflection on God's love and how the saints can inspire us in our own lives. We end the week with our beloved annual tea party, a sweet celebration of everything the girls have learned and created together. Please pack a snack and lunch each day.

St. Joan of Arc Camp

June 15-19 8:00am—4:00pm

Location: Priestfield

Eligible Group: Young ladies ages 10-16

Cost: \$155

Contact: Sister Jennifer

Description: Are you a young woman who loves real adventure. Come train for a week with a world class tri-athlete and a world class prayer warrior. Join Sister Jennifer and Rebecca Henelotter as they help you train to compete in a real triathlon and how to harness the power of the trinity. These women want to help you reach to the heights here and in heaven.

Basketball Tournament

June 15-18 6:00—9:30 pm

Location: St. James

Contact: Seminarians Thomas Oldenburg and Collin Bowers

Email: TOldenburg@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Phone: 304-725-5558

Eligible Group: ages 13 and up

Cost: \$20 per person / \$40 per 4 person team (must register complete team)

Description: Basketball tournament with 4-person teams, 20-minute-long games, prize for winning team.

Snack bar available from 6-9pm.

St. Lawrence Cooking Camp

June 22-26 8:00am-4:00pm

Location: Priestfield Pastoral Center

Eligible Group: Youth 8-13 Cost: \$155

Leader: Madison Bishop

Description: It is back, better than ever. We have this great opportunity to learn how to cook. In addition to cooking, we will get a chance to learn how to serve food and manage a kitchen. We will participate in daily mass, confession and a senior citizen luncheon. We will have the annual St. James Cook-Off on Thursday during the camp. We will have our annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Tuesday. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.

Brother Giovanni Bistro Camp

June 22-26 8:00am-4:00pm

Location: Priestfield Pastoral Center

Eligible Group: Youth 5-7 Cost: \$140

Leader: Mary Herter

Description: In Brother Giovanni Cooking Camp, you will get the chance to cook with saints from all over the world and learn many valuable cooking skills. You will get the chance to cook, pray, and feed the hungry. You will also be on one of the teams for the cooking competition with the St. Lawrence Cooking Camp. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.

Quo Vadis Camp

June 28-July 1

Location: Priestfield Pastoral Center

Eligible Group: Boys—grades 6-8 and grades 9-12

Cost: No charge

Leader: Seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Description: Do you want to know what it takes to be a happy priest? Come meet Fr. Brian Crenwelge, Fr. Timothy Grassi, Fr. Tom Gallagher, Fr. Philip Szabo, and other priests and seminarians from our diocese. These men have a great love for Jesus Christ and life. You will have a chance to pray, go to daily Mass and learn about the priesthood every day. We will end the week with the Priesthood Olympics. In between our times of prayer and study, we will go kayaking, attend an adventure park, have a great campfire, and eat some of the best food in the state of West Virginia.

St. Thomas the Apostle Young Artist Camp

June 29-July 3 9:00am—2:00pm

Location: St. James

Eligible Group: Youth 8-12 Cost: \$125 per youth

Leader: Jamie Smith and Jessica Buede

Description: If your children love arts and crafts, then this camp is for them! We will begin each day with Morning Prayer. Please pack a snack and lunch each day for your child. It is also recommended to bring a change of clothes for the week. We will finish the camp with our own art exhibition party, and the campers will bring home several completed art pieces. Every year offers all-new projects, so previous year campers are invited to join in the fun again this year!

St. Luke Teen Art Camp

June 29-July 3 9:00am—4:00pm

Location: St. James

Eligible Group: Ages 13 and up Cost: \$125

Leader: Annette Noll

Maximum attendees: 15

Description: Come and enjoy a week of creativity as we design and make a variety of art and craft projects. We will explore several mediums, such as paint, colored pencils and pastels, and mix in some 3D materials like yarn and cardboard. We will end the week with an art show where the campers can display their art work before taking it home to enjoy. We will begin each day with Morning Prayer. Please pack a lunch and snacks for your camper each day.

Vacation Bible School

July 6-10 6-8:45pm

Location: St. James—Lower Level

Eligible Group: Youth 5-10

Cost: \$45 per youth (no cost if parents attend Adult VBS)

Leader: Seminarian

Description: Does your child want to experience the Word of God? Join us for this year's VBS where your child will not only encounter the Word of God but have a living experience with the Word. There will be moments for learning, prayer, playing and much more. Please pack a drink and a snack each night.

Adult Vacation Bible School

July 6-10 6-8:30pm

Location: St. James—Main Church

Eligible Group: Adults

Leader: Sister Jennifer Cost: \$20

Description: Come and encounter the Word of God in a personal way as we journey together through Saint Paul's missionary journeys. Just bring a Bible, a notebook and something to write with. There will be a time to learn, to pray, and even to play.

"If I preach the Gospel, there is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1Cor 9:16).

Webster Springs Work Camp

July 12-17

Location: Webster Springs, WV

Eligible Group: Must have completed 9th grade; confirmed and older
Cost: \$65

Description: This is our parish's most ambitious yearly outreach program to the poor in the central mountains of West Virginia. This work camp, based in Webster Springs, offers youth and adults the opportunity to serve others and is directed towards the spiritual and physical growth of oneself through reaching out to others. Daily activities begin with Morning Prayer followed by group projects of repairing/constructing areas of individuals' homes, and end with Evening Prayer and group activities such as kayaking, swimming, music, and dancing. Sacrifice only one week of your life to change the lifetime of another. **This trip fills up very quickly. Sign up now**

Little Shepherd Drama Camp

July 20-24 8:00am—1:30pm

Location: St. James

Eligible Group: Youth 5-6

Cost: \$95 per youth / \$150 per family

Description: Little Shepherd Drama Camp is a week-long camp that gives our young children the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other children while growing in the knowledge of Christ and His Church. Activities include games, singing, crafts, and the production of a short play. The final performance will be on Friday at 2:00 PM. Please pack a snack and a lunch each day.

Good Shepherd Drama Camp

July 20-24 8:00am—4:00pm

Location: St. James

Eligible Group: Youth 7-13

Cost: \$95 per youth / \$150 per family

Description: A very popular camp that has formed the backbone of the summer camp program for several years, Good Shepherd Drama Camp gives participants the opportunity to learn more about their faith and to share in the expression of it with peers as well as their families. Activities include singing, crafts, games, and the production of a short play to be performed for friends and family on Friday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Please pack a snack and a lunch each day for your child.

Site and Sound Theatre

Lancaster, PA

Dates: July 30

11am showing

Tickets: age 13-adult \$104

Ages 2-12 \$44

This production, developed over nearly three year aims to immerse audiences in a state-of-the art live experience that brings the miraculous adventure of the Israelites to life, including significant biblical events like the crossing of the Jordan River and the Ten Commandments. The show features nearly 60 cast members and utilizes Immersive media on a state-of the art LED screen, making it a family-friendly experience that explores themes of redemption and faith.

Note: We will stop for dinner after the show, please bring funds with you to pay for dinner.