

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

The St. James Outreach Committee has worked hard to build relationships, identify needs, and respond to requests in our local community and beyond throughout 2025. We look forward to continuing to grow our reach and to expanding opportunities for parish-wide participation in 2025.

Members of the 2025 Outreach Committee: Teddy Faust, Mary Pilcher, Michelle Roberts, Anne Sclater, Randy Sternenberg, Meghan Smith, and Abe Hildreth.

2025 Accomplishments:

1. We continued to support an active Blessing Box installed to address local food insecurity and need. All are invited to contribute non-perishables as they are able. Those in need are invited to take donated items as needed.
2. Ecumenical Ministries: The Outreach Committee supported Ecumenical Ministries in 2025 by contributing outreach funds toward a home roof repair project through Baldwin Repair.
3. One More Moment. Outreach supported One More Moment by contributing outreach funds to assist in their mission of empowering and helping anyone raising a child or teen with parent led support, training, and mental health counseling.
4. Neighborhood Bridges. Supported Neighborhood Bridges by initiating a campaign and provided funds to purchase sunscreen to children in need.
5. Participated in the Back to School Bash Event and provided outreach funds to purchase water bottles for children in our community who needed assistance with getting ready for a new school year.
6. Child Advocacy Center. Outreach initiated several campaigns to raise awareness and much needed supplies and toys to provide children who were in need of their services.
7. Participated with St. James School on several projects to raise awareness and to collect items for Veterans and Children's Cancer Research.
8. Co-ordinated the Fall Day of Service where we built a deck and handicap ramp for a elderly person identified by Ecumenical Ministries and Baldwin Repair. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Randy Sternenberg, our Project Lead, who helped co-ordinate and manage the project. A special thanks also goes out to all those who came to help us with the build. It was great seeing our St. James working together as a family.
9. Participated with Daughters of the King in their Winter Coat Drive.

10. Baldwin Family Village, a local transitional homeless shelter for women and children is in it's third year of operation. Under the continued leadership of Julee Howard, St. James Parishioners have continued to provide a monthly dinner for the residents, an effort that began in June 2023. Outreach has provided financial assistance with this project as was needed.
11. Christmas Giving 2024: The St. James family was able to provide Christmas gifts for Veterans, children and elderly in need through Ecumenical Ministries and the William F. Green State Home in Bay Minette. We also served as a donation site for Toys for Tots.
12. In addition to those listed above, financial contributions were made to Alabama Free Clinic, Prodissee Pantry, Neighborhood Bridges, Ecumenical Ministries, South Alabama Volunteers Lawyers, One More Moment and Baldwin Family Village Foundation.