



St. James Parish

Life in St. James Parish

St. James Parish, located midway between New Orleans and Baton Rouge on the mighty Mississippi River, and divided in two by the Father of Waters, is one the original 19 parishes created on March 31, 1807, by an act of the Orleans Territorial Legislature.

Prior to its creation as a civil parish, St. James Parish formed a part of the “Comte’ d’Acadie” or Country of Acadia, which was composed of the old ecclesiastical parishes of St. James and “The Ascension,” commonly referred to then as the First and Second Acadian Coasts. St. James Parish is known as the Perique Tobacco and Bonfire Capital of the World.

Educational Opportunities

St. James Parish Public Schools is a public-school district dedicated to excellence, with eight campuses located throughout the Parish. It has 3,794 students in grades PK-12 with a student-teacher ratio of 13 to 1. A focus on excellence is demonstrated by average teacher salaries consistently ranking in the Top 10 of school districts throughout the State.

Adjacent Ascension & St. John Parishes, branches of the State’s Community College System offer technical education to many St. James residents.

Additionally, eight universities are located within an hour of the Parish, with interstate and state highways to allow ease of access.

Stats & Demographics

Population
21,037

Median Age
38.9

**Number of
Business
Establishments**
412

**Median
Household
Income**
\$52,055

Housing Units
8,817

**Gross Median
Rent**
\$725

**Size of Labor
Force**
9,501

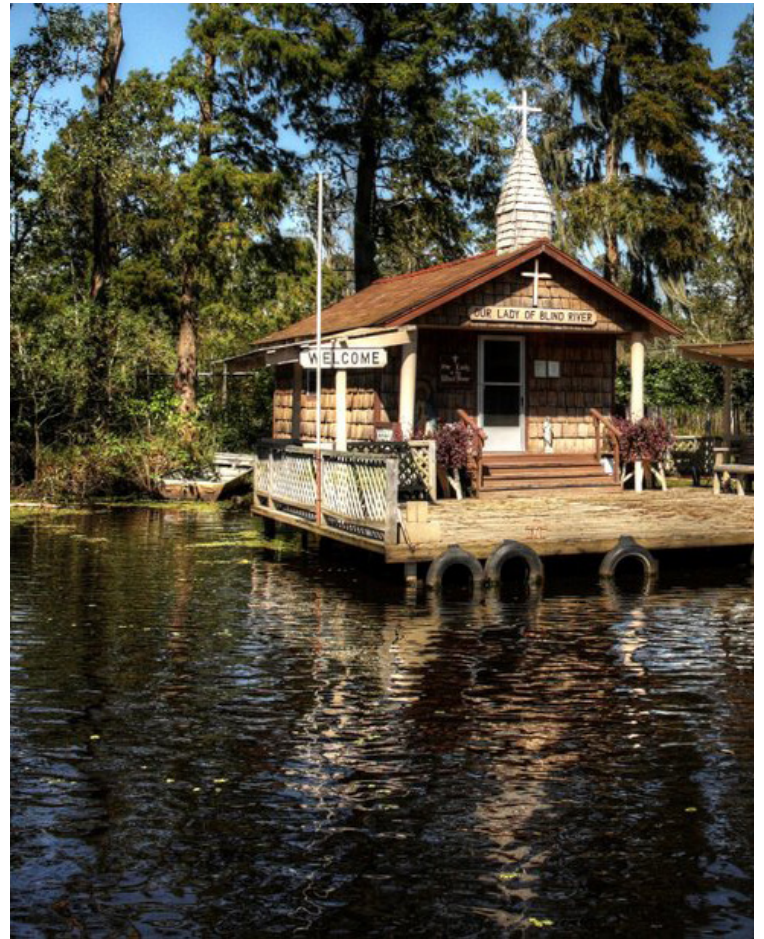
**Estimated
Median House or
Condo Value**
\$136,400

Parks & Recreation

The mission of St. James Parish Parks and Recreation is to provide recreational opportunities that allow residents to enhance their quality of life and promote community involvement, with the goal of increasing the physical and social well-being of all residents.

With eight parks and recreation facilities located in the Parish, it is easy to become engulfed in the many aspects of recreation available.

From history books to cultural activities, festivals, and live entertainment, to eating delicious Cajun food at any of the nationally known restaurants, to watching some of the South's biggest high school sporting events, to being a part of many team and individual sports activities, and taking swamp tours on our beautiful waterways, there is always entertainment of different forms in St. James Parish.



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