

St. James Parish March & April 2014 Newsletter

REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION



The St. James Saint Vincent de Paul members thank all who contributed food and other items to the Reverse Collection benefiting the Sussex Food Pantry. The response was overwhelming, with a total of **4,483** items collected! What a tremendous tribute to the generosity of our Parish.

As Matthew Kelly, author of Dynamic Catholic, has stated,

“We Catholics can and do make a tremendous difference!” Thank you!



Love One Another - February 12, 2014



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

On February 12, 2014, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee filed its Plan of Reorganization in our Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceeding. This is the next major step toward ending the bankruptcy and returning our focus to the primary mission of the Church; proclaiming the Gospel, worshipping more fully and serving our sisters and brothers in need.

It's been over three years since our Chapter 11 petition was filed, but we are turning a corner. A Plan of Reorganization is what allows the archdiocese to emerge from bankruptcy once it is confirmed by the court. This Plan demonstrates both our commitment to abuse survivors and our commitment to serving the people of God in southeastern Wisconsin. It's time for us to get back to what the Church is supposed to be doing. It's time for the archdiocese to return its focus to its ministry. Outreach to and the support of abuse survivors will always be part of that ministry.

Nothing I can say or do can change the past. The abuse suffered by survivors sickens me. When I arrived in Milwaukee four years ago, I found a faithful community of Catholics who were angry and ashamed that trusted priests abused innocent children, and embarrassed about how some Church leaders responded.

But I also found a Catholic community committed to making sure nothing like this could ever happen again. For years now, and continuing with my unyielding commitment, rigid protections have been put in place, which we strictly follow. Education, training and safe environment initiatives have been implemented. Stringent policies and procedures have been rigorously observed and audited annually for compliance. Documents and information about abusive priests have been publicly shared. I promise to remain vigilant to all of these commitments.

Abuse survivors have consistently told me this is not about the money and I believe them. No amount of money could ever be enough to restore what was taken from them. People were robbed of a part of their lives and I understand that nothing we do today can change that; nonetheless, I want to do the best I can to help abuse survivors.

I am sorry for what happened to abuse survivors and I understand our obligation to love and care for those who were harmed. So, a large part of the Plan outlines our permanent commitment to their ongoing support. I can't change the past, but what I can do is to make sure they receive the therapy assistance they need.

We've started to see some healing these past years, but it's going to take much more time. That's why the Plan includes a Lifetime Therapy Fund. I also want to take this opportunity to renew my invitation to personally meet with any abuse survivor who would find it helpful.

So what does the Plan do? This Plan of Reorganization renews our pledge and commitment to abuse survivors, and renews our spiritual commitment to the work of the Church in southeastern Wisconsin. First and foremost, the Plan provides abuse survivors the assurance of therapy for as long as they need it. Second, the Plan takes whatever unrestricted archdiocesan assets that remain and gives them to abuse survivors of diocesan priests. Third, it pays the cost of the bankruptcy, as required by bankruptcy law; mainly legal and accounting fees.

The length of the Chapter 11 process and the legal costs associated with it has depleted archdiocesan resources. What many people do not realize is that the archdiocese must pay the lawyers on both sides. So every decision the creditors' committee made to pursue assets like parish investments, school funds or other charitable trusts that didn't belong to the archdiocese, depleted our resources even further.

One asset we do have, however, is our insurance policies. In the interest of abuse survivors we have aggressively pursued action against our insurance companies. Our lawsuit against Lloyds of London has resulted in a settlement that will contribute millions of dollars to pay for the Plan. We will continue to pursue litigation against other insurers to benefit abuse survivors.

The costs of the bankruptcy are the responsibility of the archdiocese and the Plan must outline how we expect to pay those bills. To make the Plan work financially, we have taken the few remaining properties we own -- mostly vacant land -- and converted them to cash by using them as collateral to secure a loan from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust. Instead of depending upon an unstable real estate market, we have been able to secure more for these properties by using them as collateral for this loan. This puts an end to any speculation about the money that was always intended for cemetery perpetual care and avoids the expense of a lengthy court appeal, which could take another year or more. Since no bank would ever lend the archdiocese the amount of money needed to pay for the Plan, this loan makes sense.

So although we hope to emerge from Chapter 11 soon, because of all these expenses, we will emerge with at least \$7 million of debt. The archdiocese has historically operated on a balanced budget, so the burden of paying off this debt will certainly be part of our penance. I wish we wouldn't have had to spend the past three years and millions of dollars on attorneys' fees to get to this point, but now we have a Plan that moves us forward.

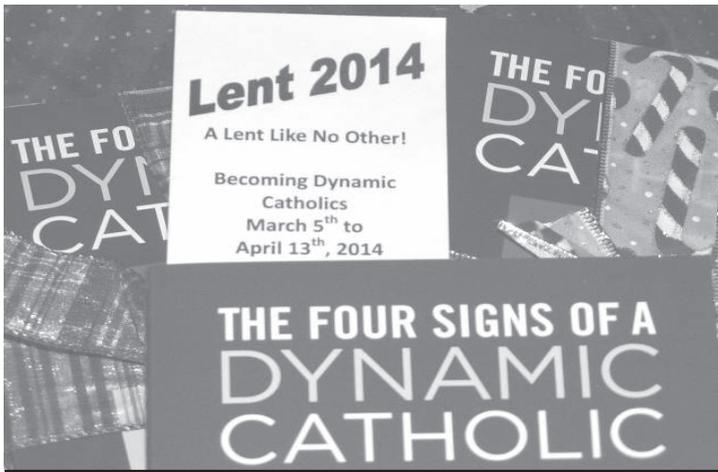
I feel confident about the future of the Church in southeastern Wisconsin. Confident because of the faith we share in Jesus Christ. Confident that the good work of the Church conquers the evil of clergy sexual abuse. I am confident, mainly because of you, the faithful Catholics in parishes across this archdiocese, who live your faith every day.

So now is the time for the archdiocese to emerge from Chapter 11. Now is the time for the archdiocese to turn a page on this ugly chapter of our history, not forgetting our past, but looking forward to a future guided by the Holy Spirit. Because of the lessons we've learned, we will be a stronger, better Church as we continue to proclaim the Gospel, and continue our works of education, service and charity. We do so as we fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ to Love One Another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI

Archbishop of Milwaukee



DYNAMIC CATHOLIC BOOK DISCUSSIONS!
 Over 1500 of Matthew Kelly's book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, have been given away at St. James since Christmas! Nearly 20 small groups will be discussing this book during Lent. If you received a copy of this book and only perused it then consider spending ten minutes a day reading it this Lent and reflect on the characteristics of a dynamic Catholic! Be bold!

EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM AT DISTRICT SYNOD GATHERING!
 St. James Parish was well represented by our eight delegates at the District 4 Synod gathering held at St. John Vianny Parish in Brookfield on Saturday, February 22nd. Nearly 140 representatives from each of the fourteen parishes of the eastern half of Waukesha County reflected upon and shared further insights on the "Calls to Strengthen the Church" which emerged from the fall Synod sessions held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Some 15,000 people participated in those sessions (100 from St. James).
 Eight areas of the Church's mission were considered in spirit-filled discussions. These areas included social justice, evangelization, liturgy, stewardship, marriage and family, leadership, multi-cultural, and catechesis. Each area was to discern 2 to 3 key initiatives; 1 or 2 "quick hits" (what could be done immediately); and 2 or 3 "innovative ideas" (requiring longer range planning.) Ideas from this district gathering will be gleaned and summarized with ideas from the other 14 Archdiocesan districts. These ideas will then be considered at the Archdiocesan Synod on June 7th and 8th of this year. Each parish will have one delegate to the Synod and we are pleased to have Debra Schneider representing St. James.
 Archbishop Listecki is expected to issue a pastoral letter in the fall of 2014 that will detail plans for the next 10 to 15 years in the Archdiocese. There are new challenges as well as new and exciting opportunities that await us. Here at St. James we are already preparing for the future by our participation in the Dynamic Catholic program. We're bold! We're Catholic! We're ready!
 Thanks to all who participated in our parish sessions and thanks to our eight delegates who represented us so well. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2014 Synod.

March 5th is Ash Wednesday.
 Ash Wednesday Services for our Cluster is as follows:
 Good Shepherd 7:00 PM
 (N88 W17658 Christman Rd., MF)
St. James 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
 St. Mary 8:15 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm
 (N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave., MF)

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper



March 5th, 2014
5:00 – 5:50 p.m. – Serve soup
6:00 – Liturgy
6:45 – 7:30 p.m. – Serve Soup
All are welcome to attend this event.
 Through fasting, prayer, & giving of Alms (sacrifices and money), we will honor the beginning of Lent
Come to Church to Pray with the community.
 Ash Wednesday mass at 6:00 p.m.
After prayer, come to the Community Center to Fast with a Simple meal.
 We will serve a simple meal of soup, bread, and beverages for all to share.
Come to give alms.
 All Donations will go to help serve the community of Leech Lake.
Come to enjoy your parish Family.

The menu will include;
 Homemade Soup, bread, and a beverage.

Any questions call Sue Devine-Simon at 262-253-2904 or email at devinesimons@archmil.org

Good Shepherd, St. James & St. Mary
CLUSTER CALENDAR
ASH WEDNESDAY THROUGH EASTER

- **Ash Wednesday, March 5th see p. 3 with Soup Supper.**

Stations of the Cross

Good Shepherd Wednesdays, March 12 –April 9, 6:00 pm

St. Mary Sundays during Lent—2:00 pm

Lenten Prayer & Devotions

Good Shepherd Evening Prayer Sundays, March 9-April 6, 6pm

St. James Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Tuesdays in the historic chapel, 8:30-6:00

St. Mary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Wednesdays all day w. Reposition 6:30 pm

Lenten Programs

Good Shepherd

“Spotlight” - Adult Faith Formation Series from 9:45-10:45 in the Church Hall
 (A Mini-Series on Ways to Pray)
 March 2nd—Prayer & Imagination
 March 16th—Getting in Touch with Your Soul Through Collage
 March 23—Prayer without Words or Ideas
 April 6—Prayer along the Path

Widening the Circle” (Film & Discussion)

Richard Rohr, OFM’s “Beginner’s Mind”,
 Contemplative Prayer,” and “Bias from the Bottom”,
 Wednesdays—March 12, 26, & April 9, 9 am & 7 pm

21! Youth Group

Middle School Holy Thursday Retreat
 Thursday, April 17th—5:30-9:30 pm
 Good Shepherd Church

St. James—Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic by Matthew Kelly,
 nearly 20 discussion groups meeting Sundays through Saturdays during Lent. Contact St. James for details.

St. Mary—Living the Eucharist (call St. Mary for details):
 small groups different days/times.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION		
ST. JAMES		
Saturday, April 5th		10:30 am
ST. MARY		
Tuesday, April 8th		7:00 pm

TRIDUUM/EASTER	
Holy Thursday	April 17
Good Friday	April 18
Holy Saturday	April 19
Easter Sunday	April 20

Good Shepherd

Holy Thursday	7:30 pm
(Adoration one hour after Mass)	
Good Friday	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	8:30 am & 11 am

St. James

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm
Good Friday	1:00 pm
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	8:15 & 10:30 am

St. Mary

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 8 am on Good Friday in Church)	
Good Friday	12:30 pm
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 am

—————PLEASE NOTE —————

There is NO Mass of Anticipation at any parish on the evening of the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday).

Good Shepherd

N88 W17658 Christman Road, Menomonee Falls
 262-255-2035

Weekday Liturgies: Tuesday & Friday, 9 am Weekend Liturgies: Saturday 4:30, Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

St. James

W220 N6588 Townline Road, Menomonee Falls
 262-251-3944

Weekday Liturgies: Tuesday thru Friday, 8 am (*Chapel*) Weekend Liturgies: Saturday 4:30, Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 am

St. Mary

N89, W16297 Cleveland Avenue, Menomonee Falls
 262-251-0220

Weekday Liturgies: Wednesday, 8:15 am & Friday 8 am Weekend Liturgies: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am



The next few months will be a busy time for the Art/ Environment Committee.

The environment in the church must be prepared for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Easter and then Pentecost. If you can lend a hand for any of these special holy days, please contact Sue 262-366-1211 or suemangan@ymail.com

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Deacon Bob is starting a Word & Communion Service at a local assisted living place in Menomonee Falls. Help is needed for about 1/2 hour, once a month at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. This is a very rewarding ministry. If you are interested please contact Deacon Bob at 262-251-4912. Look forward to hearing from you. Thank you Deacon Bob.



St James Annual Thrift Sale

Plans are underway for our Annual Thrift Sale - June 5, 6, & 7th, 2014

Please set aside your unused and unwanted items for this sale. We welcome all **clean, useable** items including furniture – big and small, indoor and outdoor, lamps, pictures, sporting goods, housewares, bedding, linens, seasonal decorations, toys and tools. Clean, gently used clothing, jewelry, antiques, craft items, records, CDs, DVDs, etc. and books.

Items that we will not accepted are: computers, large TVs, large appliances, exercising equipment, skis, baby cribs or mattresses, car seats, and encyclopedias.

More information will follow in the April & May bulletins and on the website.

FYI.

This will definitely be my last year as head leader of St. James Annual Thrift Sale. Please call me if you are interested in filling this role for next year and beyond.

**Thanks.
Marie Goergen
262-252-4537**



IMMEDIATE NEEDS NOTICES:



STEWARDSHIP FAIR (March 1 & 2)

All of the various groups and committees here at St. James need help. Some committees look for occasional help where others look for volunteers on a more regular or frequent basis. Please stop at the tables during the Stewardship Fair, March

1st and 2nd and browse the many opportunities where you can get involved!

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

WE NEED YOU TO BE AN USHER !

Ushers help people feel welcome, help find seats, take up the collection and hand out bulletins as they wish people a good day. Please join us in the warm & rewarding Ministry! We are looking for 6 additional Ushers for the 10:30 Mass, to support those already performing this ministry.

For more information contact Tom Pinzl 414-614-0298 or Sue Mangan 262-366-1211 Or talk to one of the ushers at the Mass you attend. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

WE NEED MORE GREETERS!

For the 4:30 pm Saturday evening masses. All you need to do is be at your door 30 minutes prior to the start of mass and welcome folks as they arrive with your smiling face or a warm handshake.

For more information, please contact Dee Ooton at 262-246-6115 or Lori Jansen at 262-246-5942 lorijansen@att.net. Please consider serving, we really need help. Thank you.

Spring Fest at Hamilton High School Saturday, March 15
Stop by the St. James booth and say "hello!"

ENGAGED ??



—A Wedding is a Day, A Marriage is a Lifetime – Motto for Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE)

Catholic Engaged Encounter in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is happy to offer a weekend retreat for Engaged Couples who are preparing for marriage. This retreat is a weekend shared by an engaged couple reflecting and discussing every aspect of a marriage relationship. Topics include, but not limited to, finances, sexuality/NFP, parenting, communication and spirituality. A team of three married couples and a priest will present the weekend. Perhaps, parents or grandparents could offer this to you as a wedding gift. The weekends are April 4-6 and September 5-7 at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. Please register online through the John Paul II Center website: www.johnpaul2center.org

Questions? Call Jenni Oliva (414) 758-2213 or email: olivaj@archmil.org Or John & Louise Vos – local coordinators for CEE (262-439-8559) or email: johnlouisevos@yahoo.com

EXPECTING A BABY? JUST HAD A BABY? BAPTISM INFORMATION!

If you are expecting a baby or have had a baby, we are pleased to help you prepare for your child's baptism. The community of St. James wishes to celebrate this sacrament with you so we generally schedule the baptisms during Masses on the weekend of the third Sunday of the month. Since we typically do not celebrate baptisms during Lent and since Easter is late this year, the next baptisms will be in May. Baptisms are scheduled for the weekend of:

May 17th and 18th
June 14th and 15th
July 19th and 20th
August 16th and 17th.



Here is some other basic information about celebrating baptism at St. James.

- Parents should be registered members of St. James.
- Participation in a pre-baptism class is expected of parents. It is highly recommended that parents participate in the class before the child is born.
- Pre-baptism classes are usually held once-a-month on the first Saturday.
- So that baptisms may be as personal as possible only four baptisms are scheduled for any Mass. So register early!

Call Daryl Olszewski at 262-253-2213 for more information.

Opportunity awaits!

Unless you have been involved in a funeral or memorial service here at St James you may be unaware of a wonderful ministry provided by a branch of the bereavement committee. It is the funeral luncheon committee. It consists of volunteers, some of whom donate food, others setup, serve the luncheon and clean up the community center after. We have a wonderful group of volunteers for whom we are very grateful, however, we need more help or it is a possibility that this service, that has been in existence since June of 1976, could become impossible to maintain. The more volunteers we have the fewer times you would be called upon as we use a rotating system. The only thing we ask is if we leave a message, you return the call whether you are available for that funeral or not.

For more information or to sign up please call LaVerne Lepak 293-9016 or Carole Patterson 255-1924. If you have been on the list and have given up your land line, please call and let us know your cell number. Thanks!

Eucharistic Adoration

Has your schedule been so hectic you cannot see or hear the Lord's own desire for you? Jesus is inviting you to come into the quiet anytime at all. The historic chapel is always open when you need that type of Serenity.



And on Tuesdays, He invites you to come in and spend 15 minutes or more if possible. Beginning after 8:00 daily Mass, there are 10 hours available for Adoration. The number of people accepting His call has been too low recently, perhaps because of weather, or other things that seem more important, but all people's needs are becoming greater. Please consider dedicating a little time, something more valuable than money, to the Lord each Tuesday. Closing prayers which include the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Listen, is that your name He is calling? Make a Lenten commitment and answer, Here I am, Lord!

WONDERFUL LENTEN AIDE

If you have participated in the "Catholicism" series you have met Fr. Robert Barron. Now you have another Fr. Barron opportunity. To subscribe to a FREE daily Lenten reflection go to wof@wordonfire.org. Take advantage of this for Lent.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our life is a journey. Our faith is a journey.

And our Confirmation candidates took another step on that journey with God. January 17th & 18th and January 31st & February 1st the candidates from St. James & Good Shepherd came together at TYME OUT Retreat Center. It was a time to relax, search and seek out their journey - how God fits on that journey, how God guides on that journey and how faith is a very personal part of that journey. Candidates could express their faith and show each other how they see God in their life. "The most meaningful part was when we passed around the candle and talked about when we see God in everyday things," said one candidate.

Many candidates reported that they had a great time or a better time than they expected. It was a safe place to sort out what they believe. "Agree/Disagree" had candidates and adult leaders doing just that. They had to pick a side of statements that were read based on faith questions written by the candidates themselves. There were wide and varied views at all levels of agreeing and disagreeing with some very personal statements about our Catholic faith. "The activity caused me to think differently about my faith," said another candidate. "It really had me dig deep within my faith, and I think that I grew and am more comfortable talking about my relationship with God because of that."

With lots of downtime, playtime and prayer time as well, many left on Saturday night knowing a few more people and feeling a lot more comfortable about their relationship with Jesus and the church. These emerging adults from St. James and Good Shepherd took another step forward in their journey with God. They had the chance to see where they are going or where they could be headed in continuing on in their life with Christ and in being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Snacks, Service, mission trips & More for Our High Schoolers:

Do you have service hours to fulfill for school? National Honor Society? Clubs or associations? Then opportunity is smacking you right in the face. Don't miss these coming events for our high schoolers.

Sunday, March 2nd from 6-8pm is our next "Snacks & Service": Bring a friend and snack to share to the community center for a time of fun, friends and service to the seniors of Waukesha County, patients at Children's Hospital and more.

Holy Hunger, Batman! It's our 9th Grade retreat on Saturday, March 15th (11:30am-5:30pm) or Sunday, March 16th (11:30am-4:30pm). Did you know there's a hole in your heart? So what do you fill it with? God wants to take care of it by slowing you down, giving you some quiet time and showing you how much better life can be with a little of His Holy Hunger.

Tuesday, April 22nd (Time yet TBD): **It's a day of Laser Tag with your friends during Spring Break.** We'll schedule a time during the day as it is the Tuesday after Easter and a great time to have some fun with friends.

Summer Outdoor Retreat Anyone? We know you love retreats. We know you love the outdoors. The "Encompass" Retreat is run by TYME OUT on June 22-24 and offers three days of camping, relaxing, making amazing campfire meals, and growing in faith. Friends are very welcome! Contact Bryan in the CF Office if your interested.

Moore, Oklahoma NEEDS YOUR HELP! If you haven't signed up for a mission trip yet, time is running out! It's going to be a great week of getting to know others, serving the Lord and having the best experience of your life. Get signed up RIGHT NOW! Contact Bryan in the CF Office for a registration.

MINI-WORKCAMP is scheduled for Saturday, APRIL 12th!



Mini-Workcamp is a day long service project where adults & teens from the Cooperating Churches of Sussex parishes (*of which we are a part*) do spring clean up for area senior citizens. We need all of you to pray for good weather!!!

SENIOR CITIZENS looking for help with Spring clean up projects such as raking, gutter cleaning and window washing can pick up a **yellow form** at the Information Booth or call to have one mailed to them so they can register for this assistance. If you participated within the last two years you should receive an application in the mail. Be sure to read your form carefully as it also contains an invitation to join us for *dinner that evening in St. James' Community Center.*

YOUTH Gr. 7 and up who would like to help us provide this service can pick up a **pink form**, and **ADULTS** wanting to help can pick up a **blue form** either from the Information Booth in the Gathering Space or in the rack outside of the Christian Formation Office upstairs.

All registrations, *whether you want to receive or provide assistance* for this day should be mailed to Greg Zyla (as shown on the registration form) NO LATER THAN MARCH 29TH.

If you have any questions about Mini-Workcamp feel free to call Diana in the Parish Office at 253-2235.

6th + 7th + 8th Grade = 21! Youth Group

We have talked about where we fit into God's big PUZZLE...so we decorated and donated cookies to St. Ben's and helped kids at the Ronald McDonald House - donating gifts and making fleece-tie pillows, angel ornaments, and cards. We have focused on the Bee-Attitudes and BEE-ing the person God wants us to BEE...so we created ways we can use our own gifts to help others. Phil (in Groundhog Day) showed how God wants us to treat each person and new day like a new opportunity to make the world better...so we came up with some great plans make a difference in our community. Join us anytime to learn a little and have a lot of fun with friends making a difference. We celebrate together **Ash Wednesday March 5th**. Work with us on the group-designed service project on **March 19th**. And be part of our middle school **Holy Thursday retreat on April 17th** (Note the special date. It will take place from 5:30-9:30pm.) Our year has been a lot of fun so far and when you join us, it will get that much better. 21! Youth Group meets every other Wednesday from 6:21-7:49pm. Check the bulletin for locations.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates
Sunday March 16, 5:30pm & 7:00pm.**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

March 2014

- 1 Mission Trip Stock Sale after mass
No CF classes
- 2 Mission Trip Stock Sale after masses
HS Snack & Service 6-8 p.m.
- 4 Making Soup for Soup Supper
Scripture Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.
No CF classes
- 5 Soup Supper-Fasting with Friends
21 Youth Group meets at Good Shepherd 6:21-7:49 p.m.
All Committee Night
RCIA @ St. Mary's
- 6 SOAL #2
- 7 Mission Trip Stock Sale after mass
- 8 BOW at 8:15 mass
- 9 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
Mission Trip Stock Sale after all masses
GIFT 11:30-1:30
MS/HS CF classes 4:30-6 & 6:30-8
Adult Confirmation at Good Shepherd
- 11 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00
CF Classes Gr. 1-10 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30-7:30
Community Banquet
- 13 SOAL #3
- 14 RCIA Retreat 6 pm-9:30 pm
- 15 RCIA Retreat 8 am -4:30 pm
9th Grade Retreat 11:30-5:30
- 16 BOW at 8:15 mass
CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
9th Grade Retreat 10:30-4:30
MS/HS CF classes 4:30-6 & 6:30-8
Confirmation classes meet/Reconciliation 5:30 & 7:00 pm
NO 9th Grade CF
Adult Confirmation at Good Shepherd
- 18 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00
CF Classes Gr 1-10 6:30 pm
Scripture Study
- 19 St. Ben's
21 Youth Group meets at St. James 6:21-7:49 p.m.
- 20 RCIA @ St. Agnes
- 21 SOAL #4
- 23 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15
CF Classes Gr. 1-5 9:30 am Parents & children attend
GIFT Parents Attend with children/youth
MS/HS CF classes 4:30-6 & 6:30-8 Parents Attend!
Adult Confirmation
- 25 **CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00 Parents attend with youth**
CF Classes Gr. 1-10 6:30 pm Parents attend with youth
No Scripture Study
- 27 Community Banquet
- 28 SOAL #5
- 29 First Eucharist Retreat 5:30-8:30
- 30 First Eucharist Retreat 9-noon
BOW 8:15 mass
CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
CF Classes Gr 1-10 6:30 pm
MS/HS CF classes 4:30-6 & 6:30-8

April 2014

- 1 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00
CF Classes Gr 1-10 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30-7:30
- 2 All Committee Night
21 Youth Group at Good Shepherd 6:21-7:49 p.m.
- 3 No RCIA
- 4 SOAL #6
- 6 BOW at 8:15 mass
CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
GIFT 11:30-1:45
CF Classes MS/HS -4:30-6 & 6:30-8
- 8 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00
CF Classes Gr 1-10 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30-7:30
- 10 RCIA @ St. Agnes
Community Banquet
SOAL potluck
- 11 Mission Trip Retreat
Mini Work Camp
- 12 Aluminum Can Drive
- 13 BOW at 8:15 mass
CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
Aluminum Can Drive
- 15 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00
CF Classes Gr 1-10 6:30 pm
- 16 St. Ben's
21 Youth Group at St. James 6:21-7:49 p.m.
- 17 Middle School Retreat 5:30-9:30
- 21 All St. James offices closed
- 22 HS laser tag outing
No Scripture Study
- 24 Community Banquet
RCIA @ St. Agnes
- 29 Scripture Study
- 30 21 Youth Group at St. Mary's 6:21-7:49 p.m.

You are invited...

As you read **Four Signs of A Dynamic Catholic**, you discover that Matthew Kelly emphasizes the importance of the "classroom of silence". He encourages us to spend time in the "classroom of silence". We define prayer as "conversation with God". Yes, CONVERSATION. Conversation is both speaking and listening. Conversation with my friends does not mean that I do all the talking. I do both: talk and listen.

Prayer, CONVERSATION WITH GOD is the same. There is time for my talking to God, expressing my ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, REPARATION, and PETITION. If I take a look at my prayer time, I often find that I am doing all the talking. Where is the CONVERSATION aspect? I need to give the Lord time to SPEAK TO ME. Therefore, I need to take time for SILENCE, time to listen to the Lord. Matthew Kelly calls it spending time in the CLASSROOM OF SILENCE. That is exactly what we do in Centering Prayer. We take time to just BE. Listen to the Lord. And find a sense of peace.

Come, experience that sense of PEACE. Join us on the second and fourth Thursdays at 1:00 in the Reconciliation Room.

HEALTH MINISTRY

“MAY THE GOD OF PEACE MAKE YOU COMPLETELY HOLY AND MAY YOUR SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT SOUND”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

A Note from the Parish Nurse, Pam Dennis:

February was national heart month, in one of our weekly bulletins for this month I talked about stroke. I'd like to talk about a different aspect of the heart in this newsletter article, the love of all human hearts. I recently read a quote from Pope Francis that moved me and I'd like to share it with you, "Life is often wearisome, and many times tragically so. But what is most burdensome in life is not worry or tragedy: **what weighs more than all of these things is a lack of love.** It weighs upon us never to receive a smile, not to be welcomed ... even at times within families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, among siblings. Without love, the burden becomes even heavier, intolerable.



Jesus wants our joy to be complete! "Come to me families from around the world – Jesus says – and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete. Take home the Word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts, share it with family." In nursing we like to focus on the mind, body and spirit. It is a holistic approach to caring for each person. There are times that the sick must accept that their level of health may not ever be back to the baseline health they would like it to be. Concentrating on the mind and spirit is important to nourish the soul as they journey through chronic or acute illness. A heavy heart cannot bring the spiritual well being needed to handle the twists and turns that life can give to all of us with health issues.

I find as I journey with my weekly parishioner visits that it is not just the hands on nursing skills that help our sick and home-bound but it is the prayer, the touch, the presence and love of another human being who cares about them that makes the difference even more so at times. I attended a presentation from a Chaplain representing a hospice in the local area a few months back. The Chaplain spoke of how many hospice patients, after a time in hospice, no longer met the criteria for continuing to stay in hospice. He shared with us that as a result of all the care from the social worker, nurses, nursing assistants and Chaplain the person had improved in their health and no longer needed hospice.

This is an example of the true meaning of holistic healthcare making a difference. What weighs on your heart at this time? Perhaps bringing it to God will lessen the burden. I am always in need of Eucharistic ministers to assist with parishioner visits. If your heart is calling you to this beautiful ministry you can contact me for more information. Happy heart month to you all!

Our Spiritual Health

We are quite good at taking care of our physical well-being. We are careful about what we eat, we exercise, visit the doctor, the dentist, the beauty parlor...all that which makes us stronger, healthier, more comfortable and more beautiful.

An important question: How much attention and care do we give to our spiritual well-being? Our spiritual health?

A retreat is a wonderful opportunity to care for ourselves spiritually, to "grow" our relationship with the Lord.

The Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc offers a variety of retreat opportunities. Holy Week: April 14-19, April 30-May 2; August 11-17; and more. For information:

rrc@redemptoristretreat.org

Fields of Hope & Dreams Community Gardens

"Real gardeners" know their gardens change size in the course of a year. When they order seeds and plants in the winter, they view their gardens as the size of football fields. At planting time in the spring, their gardens seem to shrink to the size of postage stamps. In August when it's 100 degrees outside, their gardens somehow become the size of three football fields. And in the fall, when it's time to clean up, their gardens seem to disappear or don't exist at all!

Here at St. James, our community garden volunteers are currently viewing our two gardens as two huge football fields, by the discussions of what and how many seeds to purchase and start. We all must have that cabin fever Father Mike was talking about. In our last two planning meetings, we decided what plants we wanted in each of the raised beds. And we ordered seeds accordingly after taking inventory of what seeds we had left over from last year. Then at our next meeting, we planned what plants we would grow for our annual spring **Plant Sale**. This year the plant sale is scheduled for the weekend of **May 17th/18th** or the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. This happens to be the weekend most gardeners like to put in their own home gardens, weather permitting. The sale will once again be held after each mass on that weekend and will again, be located outside in the front of the church's main entrance way or under the car port. We've ordered seed for the plant sale too, which will include flowers. Please mark your calendars to help support our gardens and in the process get some home grown starter plants for your home garden, started by St. James community garden volunteers in their basements and family rooms of their homes starting . . . well . . . now, or at our house, last week.

The other thing about "real gardeners" is that they have a home library with one Bible, one cookbook, one dictionary, one novel, one biography and two hundred books on how to plant a bean seed. Take a look around – what does your home library consist of?

Thank you for all your past help and support of our community gardens these past five years. And if you'd like to have some fun and get to know a great group of people, come and join our garden volunteers by calling (414) 587-1202 or email:

pschneider@wi.rr.com. Spring is right around the corner.

Parish Council and Committee Meeting Minutes Synopsis Committee Corner

As we introduced last newsletter, the parish council hopes that a short synopsis of the committees and parish council will keep you informed of all the great work being done behind the scenes here at St. James.

Activities Committee

The stewardship committee has been discussing various ways to restructure fellowship Sundays to spread out the duties of hosting among other groups in the parish. There will be a stewardship weekend the weekends of March 1st and 2nd.

Buildings and Grounds

- The Christmas Season has been the focus of the department. There was a “Crunch Period” from 12/15 thru 12/25. These days required considerable extra hours because of scheduled events throughout the facilities and a problem with a relay and a HSI unit going bad on one Church boiler and a transformer burning out on the other, Christmas Eve afternoon. Maintenance director ended up staying onsite for the Eve Masses and John Swanson took care of the Morning mass operating the boilers manually- Thus allowing the celebrations to go on.
- Storage Space Report- Little time has been available for addressing the storage issues. What has happened is the Library has been almost completely dedicated for Art & Environment use. A small portion has been dedicated to Human Concerns.
- Aside from the usual issues we have had ice damming, valves break and flood cafeteria, switches, blower motors, equipment failures [snow blower, scrubber, and School Boiler], and church pew repairs; we have completed the following projects and started others in between putting these other fires out.
- The east side of the Gather Space near the kitchenette has been the scene of serious ice damming and some major snow slides. We discovered the problem with leaks in the Gathering area and follow up investigations. Right now there is a 3ft snow build up. We had 4ft of packed snow and ice before we removed most of it. We still have not completed our assessment because the continued snowfall build up. What we do know is enough snow came down at one time as to bulldoze the stone on the rubber flat roof. This could have produced a tear in the area. We still show extensive ice damming in the area also and evidence of past intermittent leaking suggests that ice is the primary problem. To manage the leak until weather permits us to address the issue we drilled a weep hole in the roof decking to concentrate the water flow, and are moving the water into the kitchenette sink with a condensate pump.

Christian Formation

- Child Ministry – Recently held Christmas programs in Church. They were well received and attended.
- Youth Ministry – The Cluster parishes are offering 3 different mission trips. The one to Leech Lake, Minnesota and the one to St. Louis, MO are both full with waiting lists. The trip to Moore, Oklahoma has a little room yet.
 - 10th grade retreats took place January 4/5th. Approximately 66 of 75 students participated.
 - The “21” middle school youth group and the High school youth groups are meeting regularly.
 - Confirmation service and retreats are underway and proceeding well. – Classes are on hiatus until February, but are generally going well.
- GIFT – Our theme this year is prayer. The trip to Holy Hill and the Advent Workshop were well attended and enjoyed by participants. In January we will look at “Prayer and the Saints”, and “The Mass”
- Adult Ministry – Adult Confirmation “recruitment” and advertising is taking place – Scripture Study Continues – A group of adults are gathering to practice Centering prayer – We are looking at some possibilities for Adult formation .

The committee has been evaluating policies and guidelines surrounding Christian formation classes. Discussion on class size, attendance policy, special requests and class formation are occurring among other topics.

Health Ministry

Suicide Prevention Update – Cards have been displayed in all the church bathrooms with prayer cards for parishioners to take. We are planning a presentation on Suicide Prevention and the Catholic teachings for high school Christian formation students on the 23rd of March in their classes.

Bereavement Companion Ministry - We will canvass for more ministers to help out. Parishioners who had companions had positive experiences during their first year of a loss. We continue to send out the series of 4 bereavement books to all parishioners who suffered a loss.

Human Concerns

Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) met jointly with human concerns committee. SVdP members shared what they see happening in our community in terms of poverty including single moms, generational poverty, physical and mental health issues, budgeting issues, the economy/lack of available jobs at a good wage, and insufficient education.

Giving Tree: \$6700 was donated – not including toys, more than past years. Of this total \$3200 went to SVdP.

Planning continues for the Matthew 25 project for this upcoming lent. Members have been also working on respect for life month (February) and tracking immigration reform.

Parish Council

Parish Council welcomed new members Mary Klade and Tom Zagorski. We are grateful for these parishioners stepping forward to assist us in leading our parish.

The council has been discussing how to better communicate and provide financial transparency to everyone in the parish. A retreat is planned for first Saturday in February in conjunction with staff to take a day to plan, pray and set direction for the upcoming year.

Prayer and Worship

Christmas season celebrations were reviewed and lessons learned discussed.

Christmas mass attendance- 3:30 Mass Attendance – 1250 in Church and 550 in Community Center 5:30 PM – 885, 10:30PM – 644, 9:00 AM - 480

Prayer and worship has been monitoring parking at the 10:30 mass which has been tight. This may be due to snow compounded with Christian formation traffic. The ushers are monitoring.

Stewardship

Planning continues for Stewardship Weekend which will be March 1st and 2nd.

Human Concerns 5th Sunday Priority Relationships

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our local conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be coming to speak at each of our masses the weekend of March 29th & 30th. They will also have a table in the gathering space after mass for questions & to discuss service opportunities. There is an immediate need for new members. Financial contributions are always welcome. The following is a summary of the organization and service opportunities available.

Goals & Objectives

The Society of St Vincent de Paul exists to provide an environment for the personal spiritual growth and development of those who participate in its works. This energizing spirituality leads the members to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, and the deprived, so that they may bring them the Father’s love”. Vincentians are a “relational” people; called to be in relationship with our sisters and brothers in need. Works of charity are a means to this end. They strive to:

- Take part in spiritual development and formation based upon Scripture, prayer, reflection and discussion with their fellow members at their regular meetings.
- Serve, as best as they can, the physical, spiritual, social and economic needs of everyone in trouble, without regard to religious or racial background.
- Make special efforts to eliminate the causes of these injustices.
- Grow spiritually through person-to-person contact with those in need.

Vincentians in parish groupings (a conference), like St James, work cooperatively with others involved in the same works.

Who Can Be a Member?

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an association of lay men and women from all walks of life, from every social, economic, educational, ethnic, racial, and age level. Conferences are generally parish members who desire to live their faith commitment in service to the Lord’s beloved needy. They agree to meet regularly to support each other in their work. They develop personal helping skills not only in the distribution of aid, but in listening to and supporting those who need help.

How you can help

SVDP envelopes for donations are at each exit of the church or you can send donations to the rectory marked in an envelope for SVDP. For further information or any interest in possibly joining the St James SVDP conference, you can call Zoltan Eszes @ 262 442-2841 or Daryl at the parish office. Once again, immediate needs are new members & financial contributions.

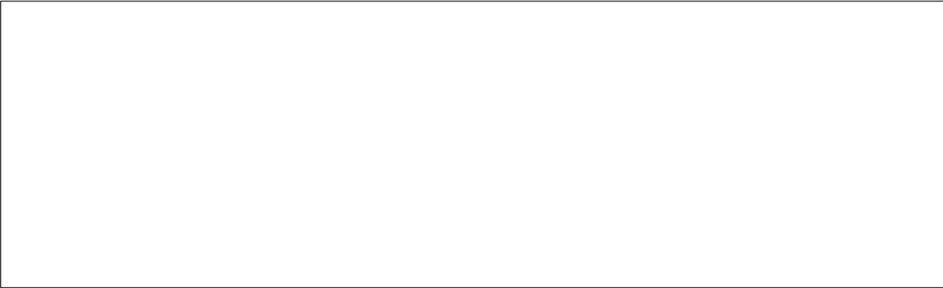
If there are any general questions about the “Priority Relationships”, contact Tom Bohmann @ 262-628-8323



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Dates to Remember

MARCH 2014

- | <u>DATE:</u> | <u>EVENT:</u> |
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| 1: | Baptismal Prep Class, 9:30 am |
| 1/2: | Fellowship Weekend & Stewardship Fair |
| 4: | Scripture Reflection, 6:30 pm |
| 5: | ASH WEDNESDAY, 8 am & 6 pm (Church) |
| | Fasting with Friends Soup Supper, 5:00 pm |
| | All Committee Meeting Night, 7:00 pm |
| 8: | Signed Liturgy, 4:30 pm |
| 8/9: | Blood Pressure Screening after Masses |
| 12: | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7:00 |
| | Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 |
| 13: | Centering Prayer, 1:00 pm |
| | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm |
| 15: | Spring Fest at Hamilton High School |
| 16: | KC's Pancake Breakfast, 8:00-Noon |
| 18: | Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3:30 pm |
| 21: | St. James Senior club, 12:00 pm |
| 22: | Signed Liturgy, 4:30 pm |
| 23: | Panera Bread Sales after Masses |
| 26: | Common Threads Quilting, 9 am |
| 27: | Centering Prayer, 1:00 pm |
| | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm |

APRIL 2014

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| 2: | All Committee Meeting Night 7:00 pm |
| 5: | Baptismal Prep Classes, 9:00 am |
| | Lenten Reconciliation Service, 10:30 am |
| 5/6: | Fellowship Weekend after Masses |
| 8: | Lenten Reconciliation (St. Mary's), 7:00 pm |
| 9: | St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm |
| 10: | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm |
| 12: | Mini-Workcamp |
| | Signed Liturgy |
| 17: | Holy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm |
| 18: | Good Friday Service 1:00 & 7:00 pm |
| 19: | Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm |
| 20: | Easter Masses, 8:15 & 10:30 am |
| 21: | Parish Offices Closed |
| 23: | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 24: | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm |
| 25: | St. James Senior Club, 12:00 pm |
| 26: | Men of Harmoniee |
| 27: | Lioness Fashion Show |

Please see page 8 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department