

# St. James Parish

## MAY/JUNE 2014 Newsletter



**Cooperating Churches of Sussex  
MINI-WORKCAMP  
2014!**



## **FR. JERRY TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS AS A PRIEST**



Father's Day at St. James this year will have added meaning as we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Father" Jerry Hudziak's ordination to the priesthood. The celebration will be at the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are invited to this Mass. There will be a fellowship-type reception in the Gathering Area after the Mass. (Those who plan on coming to the 10:30 a.m. Mass may want to come earlier in order to join the fellowship celebration and greet Fr. Jerry.)

With a rapidly diminishing number of priests in the Milwaukee Archdiocese we are fortunate to have Fr. Jerry as our assisting priest. Fr. Jerry is a "senior priest" meaning that he is "retired." In fact, he has "retired" twice: once from his pastoral duties in which he last served as the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Wauwatosa and a second time when he retired, just this past year, from the faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners. In fact, only six days before the Jubilee celebration Fr. Jerry will celebrate his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday! (No, that's not a typo! He looks much younger than that but it is true.)

As with so many people in retirement, Fr. Jerry's life is filled with activities. In addition to his assisting us on weekends and for occasional funerals, weddings, and penance services, he also helps out as available in other parishes and presides at Mass occasionally for the School Sisters of St. Francis. He is also the chaplain to the Bishop Brust Council of the Knights of Columbus. In addition to his priestly and spiritual activities Fr. Jerry is an accomplished artist and avid outdoorsman who enjoys camping, hiking, golfing, and snow-shoeing in winter.

As a senior priest Fr. Jerry is able to pick and choose where he wants to serve as a priest. We are grateful that for the past eight years Fr. Jerry has chosen to be with us here at St. James! He travels all the way from Franklin, passing by a dozen or more other Catholic parishes which might be more conveniently located for him to serve. Yet, he has chosen us and we have been so richly blessed by his priestly ministry, his deep spirituality, gentleness, kindness, wisdom, and counsel.

Celebrating fifty years of priesthood is monumental and worthy of a grand celebration! Let us mark our calendars for Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and come and give thanks to God and celebrate Fr. Jerry's fifty years of ordained service. This will truly be a special "Father's" Day.

### **STAY INFORMED!**

Each week, St. James sends out a weekly email entitled **THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**. The purpose of this email is to remind members of events, activities, and special needs of the upcoming weekend. For example, during Lent, the email included a reminder of the Mathew 25 Project and the Corporal Works of Mercy for that weekend. Sometimes, immediate needs of the parish are highlighted, as are needs of the Sussex Food Pantry. If you are not receiving this weekly email, PLEASE send your email address to Diana in the office at [wyszkowskid@archmil.org](mailto:wyszkowskid@archmil.org) and let her know you would like to receive the weekly email.

**St. James is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

St. James is a vibrant, welcoming Catholic Community Journeying towards the fullness of the Kingdom of God through worship, formation and service.

## THE 2014 ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD AN HISTORIC EVENT!

A historic event will occur in the Milwaukee Archdiocese on Pentecost weekend, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The 2014 Archdiocesan Synod will be held at the Cousins Center in St. Francis. The step-by-step process leading up to this culminating gathering has been occurring for over the past year. Parishioners from St. James joined over 15,000 others from the Archdiocese in the staff, parish, and district level gatherings which began in the spring of 2013. The results of those discussions have been synthesized to prepare for this major Archdiocesan event.

Synods do not occur often. The last one was in 1987. The Archdiocesan website offers this definition of a Synod. *A Synod, simply put, is an assembly where the faithful deliberate on the pastoral needs of the diocese. A diocesan synod is called by the bishop, where he gathers together ordained and lay leaders from throughout the diocese.*

*The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Synod will bring together people from the entire Catholic community including priests, parish directors, deacons, parish staff members, lay parish leaders, parishioners and representatives of religious communities and lay groups to discuss archdiocesan and parish pastoral priorities for the Church of southeastern Wisconsin.*

*The Synod and the sessions leading up to it should be a wonderful and exciting spirit-led process that will give the archdiocese a clearer direction of priorities for the next 10 years.*

Who will attend the Synod June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th? There will be just over 400 delegates, 30 youth representatives, 12 ecumenical/interfaith observers, and 50 small group facilitators participating in the Synod. Priests will be represented by the Archdiocesan College of Consultors, Deans, Archdiocesan Council of Priests, and one additional elected district representative.

The Deacon Senate will represent all deacons throughout the archdiocese. Lay people will be included as delegates from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Synod Parish lay Delegates, and professional groups for liturgists and musicians, business administrators, principals, directors of religious education, youth ministers, and pastoral associates.

Other organizations that will have delegates at the Synod include the Archdiocesan Finance Council; Synod Preparatory Commission; Religious Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life; Missionary Community of St. Paul; LaSagrada Familia Parish in the Dominican republic; Catholic high schools, colleges, and universities; Catholic hospitals and healthcare institutions; Catholic Charities; and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

You may be wondering who some of these groups and organizations are and what they do. Know that the Catholic Church is highly structured and organized. A visit to the Archdiocesan website [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) would offer a glimpse of some of what goes on “behind the scenes” in the Catholic Church of the Milwaukee Archdiocese! Take a look!

Our delegate from St. James Parish is Debra Schneider. We are grateful to Debra for offering to serve as our representative. Debra participated in the parish sessions last fall as well as in the district session this past February. Be assured that we will be well represented. Please pray for Debra and all the participants in this important historic event.

*Daryl Olszewski*

### SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

A group of “seniors” (with really no minimum age) meet every THURSDAY MORNINGS at 9 a.m. in the Great Room for a one hour Bible Study focused on the upcoming Sunday readings. Any and all seniors are welcome to attend. No expertise is needed. Bring a bible if you have one. Come and enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the readings proclaimed each Sunday and meet new friends. There is no cost and no pre-registration is needed. For more information call Daryl at 253-2213.

### MEN'S PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

About 14 men meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Great Room ON TUESDAYS to pray, share faith, and reflect on the up-coming Sunday's Scripture readings. The session concludes at 7:30 a.m. All men of the parish are invited to come for prayer and fellowship. The spirit is welcoming and the coffee is hot! Here is another opportunity for men to grow in faith. For more information call Daryl at 253-2213.

### TWO MORE BIBLE STUDY/REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Tuesday Mornings from 8:45—10:00 am in the Great Room

Tuesday Evening from 6:30—7:30 pm in the Great Room

All Bible Study/Reflection Groups open invitations for you to JOIN AT ANY TIME. NO NEED TO CALL AHEAD, JUST COME!



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### YOUTH CORNER

#### MATTHEW 25 WORK CAMP

A LOCAL mission trip experience for 6th-12th Grade! Serving our neighbors RIGHT HERE in our area by caring for their needs and being the face of Jesus.

June 23rd-27th

(And you get to go home and sleep in your own bed every night!)

Cost: \$75

Registrations DUE May 18th

Questions or Need a Registration?

Stop by the CF Office, [ramseyb@archmil.org](mailto:ramseyb@archmil.org) or  
262.253.2238

**6<sup>th</sup>+7<sup>th</sup>+8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**21! Youth Group**

21! Youth Group Will Be Here ALL SUMMER!

Sure, Christian Formation classes may have ended, but the middle school youth group will continue! We have done a whole lot this year with projects, parties and prayers. It has been a great time of getting to know each other. We have some cool things planned for this summer as well, so mark off these Wednesdays on your schedule:

April 30th, May 14th, May 28th, June 11th, July 9th, July 23rd, August 6th & August 20th from 6:21-7:49pm. We'll get outside a little and have some summer fun and spirituality that will interest you and keep you close to God all the way through to Fall. Stay tuned to the bulletin and emails from the CF Office on where we will be and how you can have a great summer with your 21! Youth Group friends!

*The Resurrection is not a thing of the past; the Resurrection has reached us and seized us. We grasp hold of it, we grasp hold of the risen Lord, and we know that he holds us firmly even when our hands grow weak. We grasp hold of his hand, and thus we also hold on to one another's hands, and we become one single subject, not just one thing.*

*I, but no longer I: this is the formulas of Christian life rooted in Baptism, the formula of the resurrection within time. I, but no longer I: if we live in this way, we transform the world. Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Easter Vigil, 2006.*



Ready for some summer adventure?

Join us for Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School – Where God Guides & Provides. We'll have a great time playing games, doing crafts & science activities, singing songs, and hearing bible stories from our special guest Moses! VBS will be July 28th – August 1st from 9 a.m. – noon daily. You can find the registration form on page 5..

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION CALENDAR

#### May 2014

- 1 First Eucharist Rehearsal:  
at 6:15 those celebrating on Sat 5/3  
**RCIA @ St. Agnes**
- 3 Confirmation Rehearsal 10-noon  
First Eucharist Celebration at 4:30 Mass
- 4 Confirmation Celebration at 2:00
- 6 Scripture Reflection 6:30
- 7 All Committee Night 7:00 PM
- 8 First Eucharist Rehearsals at the following times:  
5:30 for those celebrating at 4:30 mass on 5/10  
6:15 for those celebrating at 8:15 mass on 5/11  
6:45 for those celebrating at 10:30 mass on 5/11  
Community Banquet
- 10 First Eucharist Celebration 4:30 Mass
- 11 First Eucharist Celebration 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
- 13 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 14 21 Youth Group 6:21-7:49 @ Good Shepherd
- 15 RCIA @ St. Agnes
- 20 Scripture Reflection 6:30
- 21 St. Ben's
- 22 Community Banquet
- 26 Memorial Day Offices Closed
- 27 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 28 21! Youth Group 6:21-7:49 @ St. James

#### June 2014

- 11 **21! Youth Group 6:21-7:49 @ St. Mary's**
- 12 Community Banquet
- 18 St. Ben's
- 25 21! Youth Group 6:21-7:49 @ Good Shepherd
- 26 Community Banquet

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 28th—August 1st**  
**at St. James Catholic Church**  
**For children entering grades 4K–5th,**  
**9:00 – noon daily**



Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2014/15) \_\_\_\_\_

\* where you can be reached during the program

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Who will pick your child(ren) up? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any allergies, medical conditions or other special considerations we should know about?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Cost: \$30 per child - Please make checks payable to St. James***

*\*All are welcome regardless of the ability to pay. Please contact Michelle Beimborn at 262-253-2902 to discuss.*

**We will take the first 150 children on a first come, first serve basis.**

*Registration deadline is July 18th.*

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**V.B.S. Volunteers (Adults & Youth 6th –12th grade)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult or Youth - Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult or Youth - Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**What would you like to help with: (Please Circle any AREAS you are interested In)**

Small Group leader / Small Group helper / Games / Snack / Music / Child Care / Set up / Take down /

Prepare things at home ahead of time / Crafts / Science / Thursday night ice cream social

Which days are you available to help?      M      TU      W      TH      F      or      ALL  
(Circle those which apply)

\*\* Child Care for children under age 4 will be provided for adult volunteers.

# 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**

## **June is National High Blood Pressure Education Month.**

One thing that can lead to increasing your blood pressure is salt. We crave it. We love it. It's not surprising why: salt makes food taste good. It helps keep food fresh and safe from spoilage. We also need salt. Salt (a.k.a. sodium chloride) is our chief supply of this mineral, which helps our muscles contract, sends nerve impulses throughout our bodies and regulates fluid balance so we don't become dehydrated.

So why you may ask, is salt bad for us? That is because salt is roughly 40 percent sodium and too much of it can elevate your blood pressure. In your body, sodium acts like a magnet for water, pulling fluid into your bloodstream. That excess liquid increases the pressure in your blood vessels and over time can damage their linings, potentially causing blood clots to form. Once those blood clots develop, they can eventually cause blockages that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

So how much salt is the daily recommended amount you may ask? The American Heart Association recommends an upper daily limit of 1,500 mg per day. To get an idea of how much is 1,500 mg of salt, you, fill a teaspoon with salt, that is the equivalent. Unfortunately, most Americans eat about 3,400 mg of sodium a day. Checking food labels and menus can help you calculate how much sodium you are consuming. Processed foods are particularly high in sodium and make up about 75% of our sodium intake. Among these, lunch meat and canned soups are some of the highest levels.

When choosing vegetables for your family fresh is always the best. If you are not buying fresh then choose frozen over canned. Canned vegetables have about 75% more sodium in them per serving than frozen. One false idea many people have is that the human body craves a fixed amount of salt every day. It is possible to eliminate the taste for salt by decreasing the amount you eat over 6 -8 weeks. Chemically, table salt, sea salt and kosher salt are the same, don't let the different names fool you.

Now that you have a little bit more knowledge about salt, next time you are grocery shopping remember to look at the labels more closely. You now are armed with the knowledge about the relationship between salt and high blood pressure and can take charge of you and your family's intake. Preventative health care is what is important for all of us to stay healthy.

### **Common Ground of Grief**

Monthly Presentations by Patrick Dean, Grief Counselor

*Life After Tragedy: Surviving the Complex Challenges of Suicide, Homicide and Early, Sudden or Accidental Death*

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., repeated 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

San Camillo, 10200 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee

**Free and open to the public**

Patrick Dean, Director of Grief Education Services with Catholic Cemeteries and a professional photographer, will be presenting this grief program. The session will consist of photographic images and grief education content followed by a period of questions and answers. This program is for anyone who has been affected by the death of a loved one. Common Ground of Grief is sponsored by the John Paul II Center and Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. For more information, please visit

[www.cemeteries.org](http://www.cemeteries.org) or contact 414-438-4420 x 302, or patrick-dean@griefwork.com.

### **Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care** *Honoring Life—Offering Hope*

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is seeking compassionate people to volunteer with terminally ill patients and their family members, to volunteer at one of our facilities, or offer support in homes in our Southeastern territories.

A comprehensive volunteer training is provided, as well as ongoing support and educational opportunities. Volunteering is flexible, based on your availability, and close to home. We extend our services over a 9 county area, which means that volunteers can serve close to home or work.

Hope is the change we see when we extend our hearts and our hands to ease the burden of another. Change in America begins at home. Won't you join us in service to those who need us most? Our needs are great, call for more details today!

**For more details,** please email or call Linda Sheridan, Volunteer Coordinator, at [lsheridan@seasons.org](mailto:lsheridan@seasons.org); 414-203-8310. For more information on Seasons Hospice or Volunteer Services please visit our website at [www.seasons.org](http://www.seasons.org).



**ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL  
EVERY TUESDAY  
8:30 AM—6:00 PM**  
**Please consider joining us for prayer.**

## St. Vincent de Paul Operating Report

Below is a summary of the activities of the St. James conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for last year and the most recent 6 months. Our conference continues to provide financial and other assistance to the poor and needy in the Sussex area.

	<b>10/1/12 thru</b>	<b>10/1/13 thru</b>	
	<b>9/30/2013</b>	<b>3/31/2014</b>	
	<b>(annual)</b>	<b>(6 months)</b>	
Cash Contributions received	\$ 24,100	13,035	

### Disbursements:

To the needy to assist with:

Rent	\$ 9,200	5,306	
Utilities	6,800	1,509 (1)	
Auto - repairs, fuel	\$1,850	1,560	
Groceries	750	315	
Other (prescriptions, furnace repairs, other)	1,800	706	
	<u>20,400</u>	<u>9,396</u>	

Operating expenses	<u>400</u>	<u>18</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 20,800	9,414	
Non-Cash Contributions - gift cards, food, other	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,250</u>	
Home visits performed	<u>122</u>	<u>52</u>	
Number of people helped	<u>306</u>	<u>154</u>	

(1) - Utility payments are historically low during winter months due to WE Energies moratorium on disconnects. The moratorium ends 4/15/14, at which time requests for utility payment and assistance are expected to increase.

Our conference members thank all those who help support our work. We feel fortunate to be part of such a generous, caring parish. Please feel free to contact either Zoltan Eszes or Tom Carek if you have any questions about this report or our conference activities. You may also contact Daryl Olszewski at the parish office (262-253-2213).

## PREYING UPON THE PRAYING

Occasionally a panhandler may approach parishioners asking for money. This may be especially uncomfortable for parishioners if this occurs on a weekend before or after Masses. St. James parishioners are known for their generosity and often wish to respond with a cash donation. However, this is not recommended for one's personal safety or for the overall welfare of the one asking for assistance.

The Sussex Food Pantry and the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society are supported by the donations of parishioners and are the designated ways to respond to people requesting assistance. If approached by a panhandler one may respond by saying something like, "I have donated to St. Vincent de Paul or to the Food Pantry so that they are equipped to help you. Please contact them." Do not engage in a debate or attempt to analyze the request. You may give the requestor a bulletin with the telephone numbers (St. Vincent de Paul is contacted through the parish number.) Giving this information is the best response as both of these groups are equipped to deal not only with the immediate need but with any underlying or larger issues by making the appropriate referrals. If you ever feel threatened by anyone begging for money please immediately contact someone nearby such as an usher.

The Gospel demands that we respond to the needs of the poor and we are able to do that through our donations to Sussex Outreach (Food Pantry) and St. Vincent de Paul. Thus, a referral to these groups is not a refusal to help but in essence is an act of charity as those requesting assistance may obtain the proper response and have access to a range of services through the generosity of this community. Thank you for your generous donations to St. Vincent de Paul and the Sussex Food Pantry.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Daryl Olszewski, the pastoral associate, at [olszewskid@archmil.org](mailto:olszewskid@archmil.org) or 253-2213.

## Catholic Health Care commits to the Fight!

The fight against Human Trafficking. *Health Progress* shares some findings: "Reporting (re human trafficking) is uneven and we can't say for sure how many victims of trafficking there are identified each year. Last year 40,000 victims were identified. Social scientist estimate 27 million men, women and children are victims of trafficking at any given time. Annual revenues are estimated to be in excess of \$32 billion. At least 136 nationalities were trafficked from 118 countries. 27% victims are children. 58% for sexual exploitation and 26% for forced labor exploitation."

In his talk, December 12, 2013, Pope Francis said "we must not allow these women, men and children to be treated as objects, to be deceived, raped, often sold and resold for various purposes, and in the end either killed or left devastated in mind and body, only to be finally thrown away or abandoned. It is shameful."

We have a responsibility to address this issue by learning more about it and finding ways to help.



## **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 first weekend is **April 4-6, 2014 and September 5-7, 2014** at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. Please register online through the John Paul II Center website:

[www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org)

Questions? Call Jenni Oliva (414) 758-2213 or email: [olivaj@archmil.org](mailto:olivaj@archmil.org) Or John & Louise Vos – local coordinators for CEE (262-439-8559) or email: [johnlouise-vos@yahoo.com](mailto:johnlouise-vos@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. Baptisms may be scheduled for the following weekends:

May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.  
September 20th and 21  
October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.



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

1. Parents should be registered members of St. James.
2. 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.
3. Pre-baptism classes are usually held once-a-month on the first Saturday.
4. So that baptisms may be as personal as possible only four baptisms are scheduled for any Mass. Register early!

Call Daryl Olszewski at 262-253-2213 to schedule a baptism and to register for class.

## **Myth Busters (Wouldn't you like to Know?)**

Parish Council members and staff are frequently asked questions about the history of St. James, the parish financial situation, our catholic faith, and the archdiocese. When one person asks, usually a number of others have the same question.

From time to time we will begin including answers to these questions in the weekly bulletin and / or posted on the website. Even if your question is published, under no circumstances will your name be used. Your confidentiality is very important to us and will be maintained at all times.

You may give Parish Council members or staff your question, or you may put it in the suggestion box presently located near the welcoming center.

Some of your questions may be personal, in those cases we ask that you include a name and how to reach you so a staff or parish council member may respond to your question. As stated above, if your question is published, under no circumstances will your name be used. Your confidentiality is very important and will be maintained at all times.

We will be kicking off this program in the next week or two. Please provide feedback on whether you find this attempt to improve 2-way communication useful, and any other suggestions you might have for improving communication here at St. James.

*Thank You. The St. James Parish Council*

## **MASS TIMES AT OUR CLUSTER PARISHES**

### **Good Shepherd—N88W17658 Christman Road, Menomonee Falls**

**Weekday Schedule:** Tuesday & Friday at 9:00 am

**Weekend Schedule:** Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

### **St. James**

**Weekday Schedule:** Tuesday thru Friday 8:00 am (Chapel)

**Weekend Schedule:** Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:15 am & 10:30 am

### **St. Mary's— N89W16297 Cleveland Avenue, Menomonee Falls**

**Weekday Schedule:** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:00 am  
Wednesday (All School Mass) at 8:15 am

**Weekend Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am

## **REDEEMER UCC SWISS STEAK DINNER**

### **W220 N4915 Town Line Rd (South of Hwy K)**

The annual Redeemer United Church of Christ Swiss Steak Dinner is fast approaching. This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, **May 17, 2014 from 4-7pm** at Redeemer UCC.

*Dinner includes: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Homemade Desserts, Coffee, Milk, and water*

Adults \$15	Seniors (62+) \$13
Children \$ 5	3 yrs. And under Free

For tickets contact Redeemer's Office at (262) 246-6710

# Annual Thrift Sale St James Catholic Church

Over 2000 Families

W220 N6588 Town Line Rd, Menomonee Falls.

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 8AM – 5PM

Evening hours 5PM – 7PM

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 8AM – 3PM

Friday Shoppers Only – free drawing!

Several - \$25.00 Visa – Gift Cards

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 8AM – 1PM

Specials: 1/2 Price Sale - (Bakery excluded)

Bag Sale (Select items excluded from bag sale)

Bake Sale

Food and Beverages

Over 26,000 square feet under one roof!

(About the size of 2 football fields.)



Furniture, Lamps, Pictures, Bedding, Linens, Electronics, Houseware, Jewelry, Clothing, Children's Clothes and Toys, Sporting Goods, Tools, Garden & Lawn Items, Crafts, Antiques, Books, CD's & DVD's, Holiday Decorations and much more!

All clean, well organized and nicely displayed.

## Coming Soon St James Annual Thrift Sale June 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>

### Please remember to set aside your unwanted items for the thrift sale.

We need and will accept almost everything.

However, there are a few exceptions:

NO computer equipment, large TVs over 25 inches, or large appliances.

NO magazines, encyclopedias, baby cribs, car seats or mattresses.

No exercising equipment, or skis.

#### Items Needed

We welcome all clean, useable items including furniture – big and small, indoor and outdoor, (we can arrange for pickup of large items only), lamps, pictures, sporting goods, house-wares, bedding, linens, toys and tools. Clean, gently used clothing, jewelry, antiques, craft items, records, CDs, DVDs, etc. and books.

Donations accepted May 19 through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## SAVE THE DATE

### ST. JAMES ANNUAL GOLF OUTING August 16, 2014

Songbird Hills Golf Course  
Includes 18 holes of golf, prizes and dinner.

Details and more information to follow.



## Mark your calendar

### 2014 Annual **MASS ON THE GRASS**

Sunday, July 27TH, the liturgy will be at 10:30 am, followed by the family picnic. Our gathering will also include the

### **ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE DRAWING!**

## Mission Trip Mulchers- We're Back!

Even though the snow has barely melted, and the temperature has barely climbed above freezing- it's time to think about your mulch needs for the spring.

Our mission trip youth and adults would LOVE to come to your house and spread your mulch in exchange for a donation towards our mission trip to Leech Lake, MN to offset costs. We will provide

- Rakes
- Wheelbarrows
- Gloves

A group of enthusiastic youth and adults which will spread the mulch to your specifications with a smile on our faces!

You provide: Mulch

We will be scheduling slots on a first come, first serve basis for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00-noon.

Other various spring jobs will be considered upon request.

To get more information and to schedule a group to come to your house- please contact Chris Lodi at 414-587-9447 or email @ Chris.Lodi@aurora.org

## Recycling update

As part of our St. James mission trip fundraising, we are now accepting used, empty, inkjet cartridges.



There is a box in the gathering space by the food pantry cupboard and outside of the CF office on the table marked inkjet cartridges.

Please continue to save new unused inkjet cartridges as well as cell phones, I-pods/pads

that you are no longer using. Be sure to ask family and friends to donate theirs as well. Thank you for your generosity!

## Our Knights of Columbus Are selling tickets for their Annual Charity Raffle!

1st Prize is \$50,000

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Please consider supporting our Knights and the good work they do!

If you have any questions please contact

Al Blau at 414-405-4159.



## COUNCIL & COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Parish Committee Synopsis

*In order to improve transparency and keep all of our community up to date on the workings of our committees in the parish, this synopsis is provided. Specific questions or concerns regarding these should be directed to parish office or a parish council representative. We hope you find these informative.*

#### *Parish Council*

### Health Ministry

Suicide Prevention Update –Postponed until September. Curriculum is being worked out with Sue Devine-Simon, Bryan Ramsey and Pam Dennis.  
Elizabeth Ministry – New Mom/Baby visits started this past month. Pam made two visits bringing lullaby CD, knit hat and children's Bible story book for siblings. One family she organized meals for three weeks due to 5 other siblings. Pam put together a special Communion service for new parents. Pam and Kristin, the child minister, are compiling information for a possible nursery for one of the three Masses for 4 and under children. Looking at the youth room and possibly the 8:15am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick – Will be held 31 May and 1 June at all three Masses. Pam will need volunteers to carry the oil, assist the Priests and distribute name tags.

Katy's Closet in Waukesha will loan out medical equipment. Betty and Pam will go out to check out what they have for our parishioners. Cancer center at CMH also loans out to their patients, good resource for our parishioners as well. Care.com. A good resource for caregivers. It charges a fee for use but does background checks on all personnel. You name your price willing to pay and then get 4-5 names. There is a charge and Pam looked into membership as a business so St. James Health Ministry could assist parishioners with caregivers. Pam is looking into sharing the use and cost with other parishes. She gets many calls from families needing assistance and unable to pay the high costs of some of the local agencies. Currently these families are encouraged to place an ad in our St. James Exchange area of the bulletin.

Aging and Disability Resource Guides – available in the Gathering area for all to take. Pam was told that the ADRC will not have the 2014 guides out for a while so that is why she got more of the 2013 for distribution.

### Buildings and Grounds

Door Lock System Installed-This will replace all the keys that have been handed out over the years.

Camera Installation- The cameras in the church have been completed, the hub and a UPS installed in the west mechanical room and lines working.

Roof Repair- the Northeast Section of the flat roof on the church has been leaking- a contractor has been contacted to get an estimate. If we repair the roof now, in sections to spread out the cost we should be able to get 5 more years out of the roof.

Future Issues- Steeple repair- still needs to be done at some point. Historical society has to approve any plans since the chapel is a historical site.

### Christian Formation

#### Dynamic Catholic Book Study Groups

Middle School/High School Component – Short movie (3-5 minutes) followed by a few discussion questions. This happened for 4 weeks at the first 15 minutes of class.

Mission Trip update We have had some movement in our participants. We have gone through almost the entire waiting list.

#### Sacramental Celebrations are coming up

May 3rd – 4:30 Mass – First Eucharist, May 4th – 2:00 p.m. – Confirmation,

May 10th – 4:30 Mass – First Eucharist, May 11th – 8:15 Mass & 10:30 Mass – First Eucharist

Retreats Many of our youth participated in retreats. These are always growth filled, fun times. Retreats took place for 2nd graders & Parents, Middle School , 9th Grade & 10th Grade Retreats and Confirmation.

SOAL Is winding down with another successful season under our belts! The Last gathering will be on April 11th with pot luck.

Future Plans April 29th the CF Staff will plan and calendar for the summer months and next year. We are wondering if we might add another time for CF classes.... Will continue GIFT on Sundays. VBS-Planning is underway with registration going out in the next week.

### St. James Human Concerns Meeting

Deb and Daryl updated us on the District Synod Meeting. Deb is the rep from our parish for Catholic Social Teaching. A list of "to do's" was compiled and will be given to the Synod in June.

Wal-Mart pick up for food: The Wal-Mart on 124th St. in Wauwatosa is donating food items each Monday. We need volunteers to pick up the food around 9 am. Please contact Jennifer Waltz (food pantry director) if you are able to help.

May 3rd and 4th: next soap sale! Julie will contact Deacon Steve to coordinate this.

Matthew 25: Matthew 25 is going well. Donations have been good and service cards are being taken by parishioners. One card was returned with a service reflection. Matthew 25 Cross will be taken down prior to Palm Sunday.

Respect Life/Consistent Life: Tom Oskey handed out a document he put together detailing all areas of Consistent Life issues and Catholic social teaching as it pertains to these issues. He is asking all of us to read the document and come up with suggestions for Consistent Life education/advocacy in our parish.

Bishop Hying Presentation: Bishop Hying will give a Catholic Social Teaching presentation at St. James on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8-noon. It will begin with Mass.

### Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting

Confirmation Mass on May 4 @ 2:00 – Barb S. will contact each ministry coordinator with names of those that will serve from Good Shepherd. We have approximately 100 candidates.

Palm Sunday – will process from the Historic Chapel if weather is permitting if not on Saturday will do so from the Gathering Space and on Sunday from the Community Center. There will be an announcement in the bulletin regarding this.

## Stewardship

We discussed the past weeks Stewardship Fair, and decided that we will keep the fair in the spring. This was echoed in the few responses we received from the other committees. Steve brought up the idea of having some people from committees doing an announcement the week prior to the fair from the pulpit. This would help the folks in the pew see that it might be the person who sits next to them at mass each week being involved, and may inspire others to help, too.

It is also time for us to get the names of some parishioners to do a little write up about themselves to once again see that there are average people around them that do extraordinary things. This will go into our annual Pentecost testimonial with 4 individuals, couples, or families. We will try to include a variety of age and family situations into these testimonials. We will finalize these choices at the next meeting.

## Parish Council

We reconfirmed and updated the Parish Council Liaison Committees assignments:

**Youth Representative – Sam Gusho**  
**Human Concerns – Mary Klade**  
**Christian Formation – Pam Welter**  
**Activities – Barb Jackamonis**  
**Building & Ground – Tom Zagorski**

**Stewardship – Steve Choate**  
**Prayer & Worship – Ellen Allen**  
**Finance/Trustee – John Swanson & Mike Wendelberger**  
**Health Ministries – Chris Lodi**

Council Positions – Mary Klade officially joined the Council. Welcome aboard!

Website – Pam is working with Stephan to move the website reconstruction forward. She will ask Stephan to come to the next All-Committee Night to gather input for the new website. Additionally, she will ask him to attend our next Parish Council Meeting to work on the website. All Council members should review our current website and come prepared to provide feedback and suggestions for the new site. The overall consensus is that the new website should be user friendly and easy to navigate.

Mythbuster Board – we discussed how we can quickly and effectively communicate Q&A's to the parish. We will use easel boards and fashion them after the show Mythbusters. Paul will create the first round of boards. Each member should come to the next meeting with questions and answers for future boards.

Parish council visibility-After each mass, a member of the Parish Council should "man" the Welcome Center to greet and answer any parishioner questions. Each member is asked to stop by the Welcome Center after the weekly mass that they attend.

Fellowship Weekends – Kim Boho updated the group on her attempt to recruit bakers for our monthly Fellowship weekends. To date, it has not gained a lot of traction. She will continue drumming up helpers.

Recruiting for the 2014 Parish Council – if anyone has a potential candidate for the new Parish Council, please pass that name to Gary. He will contact that person. Gary will investigate if we can use election/nomination ballots in the pews. He will also try to speak at each mass during the Weekend of April 26th & 27th.

## Human Concerns 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Priority Relationships – Hebron House of Hospitality

**Hebron House of Hospitality** - (Coming to St James the weekend of Jun 28/29)

Mission Statement: To Provide emergency housing and related services to people in transition with the basic needs of shelter, food and personal support.

The Hebron House of Hospitality started serving Waukesha County in 1983 and continues to play a major role in fighting homelessness. There are 3 shelters in Waukesha that provide emergency shelter, food and support services free of charge to the homeless. While staying in the shelters, guests work on obtaining permanent housing, employment and goals to help stabilize their lives.

Hebron House & Siena House are shelters for families and single women. Jeremy House Safe Haven is for single adults with mental health issues. In 2013, Hebron House served 562 families. The shelters provided 19,702 nights of shelter and 57,000 meals. Hebron House also assisted over 500 households with case management, no-interest loans, and expediting supplemental security income.

### How Can You Help?

**Ask** what is needed in donated goods and services to benefit guests in the shelters.

**Engage** in advocacy support plans that create affordable housing. Share your concerns with public officials, neighbors, family and friends.

**Educate** yourself, your family and friends on the issues of homelessness.

**Donate** your time, your money and your skills to help those in need.

Some specifics: Most anything you need for your house, Hebron House can use in their house. Paper products, Personal Hygiene, Baby needs, Clothing/Linens, Plastic/Aluminum wraps, Household cleaners/household items, Furniture/Kitchen items, gift cards and food.

In addition to physical products, the most fundamental support is to volunteer. Hebron House is committed to placing individuals into a volunteer setting that best matches your interests and talents with the needs of their organization. Some volunteer opportunities: Adult support, Errands, Household tasks, Light maintenance, Youth activities, Clerical tasks & the Preparation of Food for either drop off or actual preparation in the shelter.

For more information, you can contact Irene Perez, Director of Development @ 262-522-1403 or [iperez@hebronhouse.org](mailto:iperez@hebronhouse.org) or contact Tom & Toni Bohmann from St James @ 920-918-9932.



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# Dates to Remember

## MAY 2014

**DATE:**      **EVENT:**

- 1: Sussex Lioness Fashion Show
- 3: First Communion at 4:30 Mass
- 4: Confirmation at 2pm
- 7: All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
- 8: Community Banquet, 5:30 pm (*Signed Liturgy*)
- 10/11: First Communion at 4:30, 8:15 & 10:30 Mass
- 13: KC's Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15: KC's General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 16: St. James Senior Club Meeting
- 17/18: Community Garden Plant Sale after Masses
- 18: KC's Pancake Breakfast, 8 am-noon
- 19: Thrift Sale Item Drop Off begins today
- 20: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3:30 pm
- 22: Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
- 24: Signed Liturgy, 4:30 pm
- 29: Holy Day: The Ascension, 8 am & 6 pm
- 31: Last day to drop off Thrift Sale Items  
Anointing of the Sick during 4:30 Mass

## JUNE 2014

**DATE:**      **EVENT:**

- 1: Anointing of the Sick at 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
- 5: Thrift Sale, 8 am—7 pm
- 6: Thrift Sale, 8 am—3 pm
- 7: Thrift Sale, 8 am—1 pm
- 7/8: Fellowship after Masses this weekend
- 8: KC's Corporate Communion, 8:15 Mass
- 10: KC's Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 11: Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm
- 12: Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
- 13: St. Vincent de Paul Training, 7:30 am-3:30 pm  
Mass (*Signed Liturgy*)
- 14/15: Blood Pressure Screening after Masses
- 19: KC's General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 20: St. James Senior Club Meeting
- 22: Panera Bread Sales after Masses
- 25: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm
- 26: Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
- 28: Lector prep, 8:00 am  
Signed liturgy at 4:30 Mass