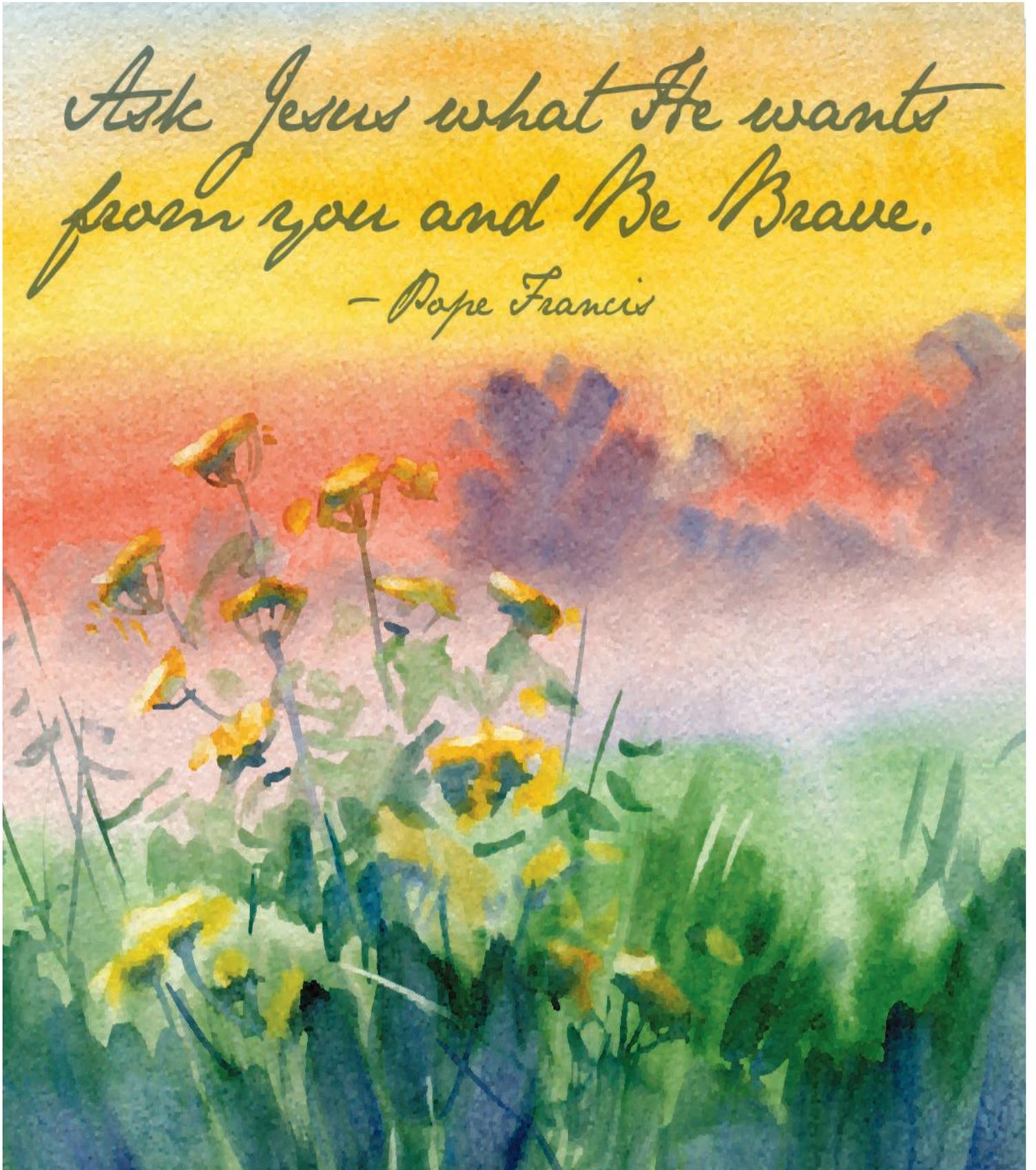


St. James Parish Newsletter
March & April, 2016

*Ask Jesus what He wants
from you and Be Brave.*
- Pope Francis



From The Servant's Quarters

It's all about Sunday Mass

Liturgy, evangelization link focus of Synod Initiative

Fewer Masses could 'maximize' participation

- One of the suggestions offered in "Evangelization and the Sunday Mass" is for parishes to "consider reducing the number of Sunday Masses offered to preserve the energy of the priests and ministers and to maximize participation from full pews."
- Acknowledging the emotions "attached with our faith, our parish, our Mass times and even the time we go to Mass, Fr. Phillip Bogacki, pastor of Christ King and St. Bernard, both in Wauwatosa, knows this is a sensitive topic.
- "Unfortunately any minor adjustment of Mass times for some people can be a source of pain, he said. "They are difficult moves to make, but they are moves that need to be made, if we're going to survive in a way that is healthy, in a way that is vibrant. When convenience is a factor in our decisions concerning these things, we're going to make poor decisions.
- Fr. Bogacki noted that reducing the number of Masses is not "something we're pushing in a strong way, but it's a question that should be raised." "We always need to look at quality over quantity. The reality in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and in most individual parishes, we have far more Masses than is necessary for the church," he explained. It stretches our priestly resources, our pastoral resources and that of many lay volunteers." 
- Fr. Bogacki sees it as quality over quantity. "We can spend a lot of energy getting ourselves tired to celebrate the number of liturgical celebrations that might not be high quality rather than focusing on a lower quantity but a higher quality," he said. "Whether we have enough priests or not, it's better (to have fewer Masses). It's also a reality that when a parish is fuller and there's a greater number of people celebrating the Mass, that it really creates a higher quality celebration."
- Susan McNeil, director of the archdiocese's Nazareth Project at the John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization, noted that as part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's 2020 Plan, approved by Archbishop Jerome ListECKi in 2012, many parishes - some with identical Mass times - will be clustered.
- That is where we need to work past parochialism and get to a sense of different parishes having different Mass times to help ease that and that we share people with one another so we don't own parishioners in a sense," she said. (Article by Brian Olszewski, reprinted with permission of Catholic Herald.)
- For several years, our St. James Prayer and Worship Committee, Staff, and Pastoral Council have grappled with the situation of lower attendance at Mass during the summer months.
- We are working on a plan for this coming summer to consider the Synod suggestion mentioned in the article above. Whatever determination is made will include a process that allows for parishioners to offer their input so that the parish leadership is mindful of all in their decision-making. Whatever changes may occur would be for this summer on a trial basis and then then evaluated.

Fr. Mike & Max

Sunday Mass Schedule for Summer?

In recent years, you may have noticed a general decline in Mass attendance. In looking at our numbers, we found a trend of June-August being the lowest season in attendance. As a result, an idea was proposed to have one single Sunday morning Mass during these months. Reasons for this idea include:

1. The possibility of a larger community gathering
2. The potential for increased participation
3. Better use of staff and volunteer resources

We began this parish discussion last year, and are looking for more input from you through this survey.

* Required

Would you be in favor of one single Sunday morning Mass from June through August? *

YES

NO

Whether or not you are in favor of a single Sunday Mass, please rate your level of support for EACH potential Mass time:

	Absolutely would attend	Not preferred, but would still attend	Would be hard to attend	Would not attend
8:30 a.m.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9:00 a.m.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9:30 a.m.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10:00 a.m.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please drop in the collection basket, mail or drop off in the parish office by April 1st. Thank you!

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDENS



If you've ever had to come up with a name, say for a pet or baby or an organization, you know that a lot of thought goes into that decision. Obviously that's because names are important. When the garden group began several years ago, we gave a lot of thought to our name, St. James Community Gardens. It's fairly short and certainly straightforward. We are sponsored by St. James Parish and we are gardens. Perhaps St. James Gardens would have been sufficient to identify us, but we felt it was important to include the word 'Community'. Not only do we grow our produce for the benefit of the community, but we depend upon the larger community to help us continue our work.

An example of how we are helped by the larger community occurred recently when we received an email from the SOS food pantry. Usually they are on the receiving end of our efforts, but this spring they are in a position to be giving. As you may know their offices, and nearby gardens, are going to be demolished because of road reconstruction at the intersection of Main Street and Silver Spring. Instead of letting good garden equipment go to waste, they have offered to donate it to St. James. We will be receiving donations of 3 cedar raised beds, tomato cages, metal posts, compost bins, several large planters, 50 ft. wire trellis, and boxes of plastic zip lock bags. It is a gracious gift and we gratefully accept and acknowledge their offer.

Over the years we have also benefited from a number of parishioners including Bill Spankowski who has helped construct the Holy Ground garden on the south side of the church. This year Bill is offering some help in spring to finish the front of the retaining wall, but he has lost his connection to the Brookfield dump where he gets compost and he is asking for help. He needs a Brookfield resident willing to accompany him to the Brookfield dump so he can get access to the dump for compost and wood chips. If you can help, or if you would like more information, please contact **Bill Spankowski at 262-783-5199** or email him at **wspankowski@wi.rr.com**

We have begun planning for our annual **Plant Sale which will be held on the church patio on the weekend of May 21/22**. Volunteers have already started the seeds for marigolds, tomatoes, kale and other plants. Think ahead to your own gardens and containers and consider stopping by to get some plants for yourself. All the donations from the sale will go to help defray the costs of maintaining the garden and to support the Sussex Food Pantry. It's a good time to get a fresh start on the gardening season as well as an opportunity to meet some of our gardeners and get a few gardening tips as well. Please plan on stopping by.

Thank you for all the ways you participate in our community. Questions? Comments? Suggestions? **Contact Paul Schneider at (414) 587-1201 or at pschneider@wi.rr.com**

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Anthony Tuesday, March 1st at 7 pm
N74 W13604 Appleton Avenue, Menomonee Falls

St. Agnes Saturday, March 5th at 9 am
12801 W. Fairmount Avenue, Butler



Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) **7:00 pm**
Good Friday (Celebration of the Lord's Passion) **1:00 pm**
Holy Saturday
 Blessing of the Food (Chapel) **11:00 am**
 Easter Vigil **8:00 pm**
Easter Sunday **8:15 & 10:30 am**

For Schedules for our cluster parishes please see the lavender flyers in the bulletin racks or give us a call at 251-3944.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Shepherd Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00 pm
 St. Agnes Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm
 St. Anthony Fridays during Lent at noon
 St. Mary Sundays during Lent at 2:00 pm



Faith Journeys presents: A 10 day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France

specifically designed for St. James Catholic Church, Fr. Mike Moran, Spiritual Director, **October 31, 2016 to November 9, 2016**. This exclusive pilgrimage tour will include the Marian Shrines, (Fatima and Lourdes) and the "Santiago de Compostela" – Way of St. James. Space is limited! Register TODAY. If you are interested in learning more about being a part of this spiritual formation through travel, please visit: www.myfaithjourneys.com/login and enter Group #16070 or call Terri in the parish office, 262-253-2259 if you have questions or would like a full Brochure.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and contributed to our Souper Bowl of Caring in February. It was truly "Souper"! Your generous donations totaled over \$1400 which will support the fight against hunger at the Sussex, Menomonee Falls and St. Martin DePorres Food Pantries.



St. James Human Concerns Committee

ST. JAMES CONGREGATION
SEMI ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JULY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

	YTD 2015-2016	BUDGET 2015-2016
REVENUE		
ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS	488,898	485,000
OFFERTORY COLLECTION	33,592	30,000
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS (Includes Mortgage)	56,412	60,000
DESIGNATED INCOME	32,646	37,250
OTHER CHURCH INCOME	68,977	47,800
OTHER INCOME: Fund Raisers, Christmas/Easter	36,764	44,000
TOTAL REVENUE	717,287	704,050

EXPENSES		
LITURGY	5,210	8,175
MUSIC DEPARTMENT	5,414	5,025
CHRISTIAN FORMATION **	151,887	156,720
ADULT/R.C.I.A. MINISTRY	2,447	5,338
HEALTH MINISTRY	384	1,575
HUMAN CONCERNS	10,919	11,350
ADMINISTRATIVE ***	317,031	297,922
PARISH COUNCIL	2,263	3,725
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS **	149,998	165,457
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,787	-
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	11,021	8,100
OTHER COLLECTIONS	10,499	8,050
TOTAL EXPENSES	673,850	671,437

NET INCOME **43,437** **32,613**

DECREASE (INCREASE) IN INVESTMENTS	
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN FIXED ASSETS	-
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,170
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	(31,448)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN RESTRICTED (Assessments)	6,212

NET CASH FLOW **25,373**

CASH BALANCE BEGINNING OF PERIOD **39,000**

TOTAL ENDING CASH BALANCE **64,373**

***Salaries & Benefits Included

Remaining Mortgage Balance	204,865
Assessments Due:**	173,245
**Total of Previous Years Archdiocesan Assessments Due	

SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY

The February Reverse collection that was held here at St. James brought in **2,711.8 pounds** of items for the Food Pantry. It's amazing! Thank you all so much for participating in this drive to help those less fortunate in our community.





**ST. JAMES “March Madness”
Stewardship Fair
March 6-7, 2016**

****Need Catholic Active Apostles**

Be an NCAA** champion for our St. James parish family by “filling out your bracket”, (***signing up to help with a committee/ministry***). If every parishioner gives of their time and talent, we all **WIN!** On the weekend of March 6-7, plan on spending time before or after any of the Masses to browse through the various tables for our parish committees, ministries, and events and sign up to help as you're able. **Every parishioner who completes a bracket will be entered in a prize raffle.**



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10

IN OUR BACKYARD & HUMAN TRAFFICKING DISCUSSIONS

Discussions of 'In Our Backyard' and Human Trafficking will be offered Fridays 9:30 to 10:30 during Lent, March 4, 11 and 18. You are welcome to attend all or any of these sessions in the Great Room. A few copies of the book are available there to borrow.



Mary, Mom’s & Muffins Rosary Group

Calling Moms of all ages! Join us on **March 19th & April 16th at 7am in the Reconciliation Room** at church, as we pray together the Holy Rosary. At the same time, you will meet other moms, who like you, are juggling the stresses of everyday life.

As we all come together in prayer, we are strengthened by the gift of friendship. Even if you’ve never prayed the rosary before, **DON’T WORRY . . .** A cheat sheet is provided and we all use it, so you’ll be in good company! Give yourself this one hour and then let God take care of the rest! Feel free to invite a friend...the more the Mary-er (pun intended)! Hope to see you there.



The CH_RCH isn’t the CHURCH without U!
from Pastoral Associate Gerry Wolf

In the short 8 months that I’ve been here at St. James, I’ve been very impressed with the variety of ministries, activities, and events that happen in and through our parish family. I’ve also discovered that, like many other parishes, many of those need reinforcements!

On March 5th and 6th, we hold our annual parish Stewardship Fair. If you do not have the time to visit some of the tables for various committees and ministries, there is still an opportunity for you to get involved. Your abilities, talents, skills, interests, and gifts can be put to good use in the service of either our parish or its outreach ministries.

Maybe you’re not sure where or how you would best fit in? Call me, and we can have a conversation to try and figure that out...

- *maybe you have a green thumb and like being outdoors; we have gardens to tend...*
- *your heart goes out to people who have lost a loved one; bereavement ministry has a place for you...*
- *you love the spirit of Christmas; our annual Holly Days is in jeopardy for next year unless we get more volunteers...*
- *you’re tech savvy; help our parish to make the best use of technology in all aspects of parish life...*
- *you enjoy singing; our choir can never have enough voices to make a joyful noise unto the Lord...*
- *you like to decorate and design environments; help create the seasonal prayer “climates” for our worship...*
- *you love helping kids and/or teens learn; Christian Formation classes and Vacation Bible School need your passion...*
- *you’ve always wanted to help the hungry, the poor, the homeless, but haven’t been sure how; our Human Concerns Committee, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Knights of Columbus have many*
- *service opportunities...*

...and on and on and on. There are many more ways to be involved and to help make our parish the best it can be, not just for ourselves, but for the Lord! After all, in his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us:

***“Now you are Christ’s body;
and individually parts of it.
If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.”***
(1 Corinthians 12: 27, 26)



**ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL EVERY TUESDAY
8:30 AM—5:00 PM
Please consider joining us for prayer.**



FIRSTFRUITS is a women's day of spiritual renewal. Come for all or just part of the day. Enjoy inspiring prayer and worship music, dynamic workshops and meaningful conversations. Or come for some quiet "you time" to reflect and refresh.

At FIRSTFRUITS, a feast of opportunities awaits to help you grow spiritually, deepen your personal relationship with God, and empower you to live a more Spirit led life. All that and a great cup of coffee too!

- Come and experience this gathering of women on March 7-8th at St. James in Menomonee Falls.
- **Time** Mon., Mar. 7 from 5:30-8:30pm and Tues., Mar. 8 from 8:45am-3:00pm .
- Scheduled sessions of presentations are: (Mon.) Evening 6:30-8:30 (with soup dinner starting at 5:30); (Tues.) Morning 9:15-11:15; (Tues.) Afternoon 1:00-2:30.
- **Cost:** \$10 per session or \$25/all 3 sessions. Meals are \$6/meal.
- Childcare available for morning sessions only. Cost is \$5 per family.

For the schedule and a detailed description of the presentations, see our website www.firstfruits.info or pick up a brochure in the vestibule or parish office.

Registration Options:

Register online at www.firstfruits.info

Contact Jen Zils at 203-293-5939 or email Registrations@firstfruits.info

Turn in paper registration form to St. James Christian Formation Office.

Questions? Contact Joan Carey at JoanCarey@Firstfruits.info or 262-271-7859

**Coming Soon
St James Annual Thrift Sale
June 2nd, 3rd and 4th**



Please remember to set aside your unused and unwanted items for this sale. We need and will accept almost everything. However, there are a few exceptions:

NO computer equipment, TVs (except flat screen), or large appliances. No magazines, encyclopedias, baby cribs, car seats or mattresses. No exercising equipment, or skis.

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 are also accepted.

Co-Chairmen
Kay Doro
Peggy Troestler

St. James Parish 2016
"Spring" CASH RAFFLE



\$2,500 Cash
Grand Prize Plus 9
Additional Cash Prizes!!!

Only 600 Tickets
Will Be Sold!!!

What makes this year's "Spring" Cash Raffle so special? **Only 600 tickets will be sold! If you purchase 1 ticket your odds of winning a prize are 1 in 60! If you purchase 2 tickets your odds of winning a prize are 1 in 30!** Those are some great odds!!!

The price for 1 ticket is \$25. You can win big with a grand prize of \$2,500 or one of 9 other cash prizes!

If you are interested in buying tickets, they are available at the church office or by calling the office at **262-251-3944**. Payment options: Cash, Check or **Credit Card: MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover.** (Credit card payments will be accepted in person or over the phone.) Remember, only 600 tickets will be available so **get them while they last!** Winners will be drawn on Friday, April 1, 2016 at St. James Church in the Parish Office at 9:00 AM.

Clip and return order form to:
St. James Catholic Church
W220 N6588 Town Line Road
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Tickets Ordered: _____ @ \$25.00 each

Check # _____ enclosed for \$ _____

(By completing this coupon with payment, you hereby authorize St. James to fill in your name and other information onto your ticket stub and place in the raffle bin.)

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Sussex Outreach Services

Case Manager Job Description

Background- Sussex Outreach Services is a small non-profit organization serving the Hamilton School District. We serve approximately 450 families per year. Our biggest outreach is our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open three times per week for clients to shop and they can shop twice per month. We also offer clothing and housewares to our clients at the pantry, at no cost. Volunteers work weekdays from 9am to 12pm sorting and storing donations. In addition to the Food Pantry, our Case Manager offers assistance to our families to help them face challenges and work towards improving their life situation.

Job Title – Case Manager – 20 to 24 hours a week. Hours must include working when the Food Pantry is open to clients, which is Monday 5:30-7pm, Wednesday 1-2:30pm, and Saturdays 10am-12pm. Other work hours will be established with Executive Director. Our Case Manager will work directly with our clients through face to face, electronic, and phone contact.

Reports to- Executive Director and works closely with Office Manager

Skills and Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related field. Equivalent work experience will be considered.
- Three years' experience working with people in crisis and other social work professionals
- Excellent written and communication skills and an ability to establish rapport
- Respect for confidentiality and privacy of our clients and an awareness of how our community size affects privacy concerns. Good documentation skills, including accurate client notes
- Qualities include being respectful, non-judgmental and having a clear sense of boundaries
- Ability to work independently with a strong sense of focus, excellent time management and complete objectives
- Expected to work in a variety of settings with culturally diverse families, maintaining cultural sensitivity.
- Knowledge of local, regional, and national resources
- Use email, databases, social media, office equipment, and Microsoft Office effectively Provide own transportation, along with proper license and insurance
- Knowledge of any additional languages a welcome bonus

Job Duties-

- Assess and review client's concerns and situations through informal discussion and formal interviews.
- Social work practiced in partnership with families and communities, incorporating a non-judgmental, trustworthy attitude promoting empowerment
- Offer information and support to clients and their families and follow up for success
- Resource management includes continuing education of resources, keep contact with and make referrals to other agencies, attend meetings, workshops or conferences to expand knowledge base
- Maintain accurate records and prepare reports as needed
- Make daily contact with pantry and clothing volunteers to disseminate information, boost morale, and encourage ongoing communication
- Conduct Nutrition Group the second Tuesday of the month, coordinating with UW Extension educator for recipes and samples highlighting food available at pantry
- Weekly office hours at Stonegate Apartments
- Visit homebound clients at least twice a year
- Screen, supervise and schedule community service volunteers
- Coordinate Blood pressure screening and Flu shots at pantry
- Speak to community groups to promote SOS and our mission
- Attend all SOS fundraisers and special events
- Contribute to team effort
- Adhere to formal and informal organization policy, procedures, and professional code of ethics
- Other duties as assigned. Working in a small non-profit means your job description can include any task

Salary offer depends on experience level and will be discussed upon interview. This is an hourly position. Please provide 3 professional references.

Email resume to Jennifer Waltz, Executive Director, at director@sussexareasos.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOUTH CORNER

Mini-Workcamp 2016: Taking Your Faith Out to the Community

One of the best ways to live your faith is to do good deeds for others. Mini-workcamp is a great opportunity to do this and have a lot of fun with some friends. On Saturday, April 23rd, we will be doing some spring cleanup for almost 100 local residents who can use the help. For \$15 and your working hands, you'll get three meals and a t-shirt. It's open to 7th graders through high schoolers. Adults are needed as well to make this huge spring cleaning happen. Friends and family are always welcome to join in the fun.



So if you want to make the most of your love for God and others and want to make a difference in our community, get your registration on the website or across from the Christian Formation office. Need more information? Contact Bryan at ramseyb@archmil.org or 262.253.2915.

We've Got A LOCAL Mission Trip Experience!

You're going into 6th grade next year, and you can't wait to go on mission trip. None of the weeks of mission trip work for you, but you still want to go out and serve. You have to work all summer long so you can't stay overnight all week on a mission trip.

Whatever your circumstances are for the summer, we still have an opportunity for you to serve others and have a mission trip experience that could change your life. The week of June 20-24, we will spread out into Milwaukee and Waukesha County to serve those who need a helping hand.

No evenings (except Wednesday.) No overnights. Just a solid week of service to others along with 50 or so other friends from St. James, Good Shepherd, St. Mary and other parishes. Friends are always welcome. The cost is \$75. Fund-raising is encouraged and available. So get your registration on the website or across from the Christian Formation office. Need more information? Contact Bryan at ramseyb@archmil.org or 262.253.2915.

Mission Trip Brat Fry:

**Saturday, March 12th &
Sunday, March 13th**



after the evening Masses

Mission Trip Mulchers

When you receive this newsletter, it is possible there is still snow on the ground and your tulips haven't even thought about waking up, but NOW is the time to reserve your spot to have our mission trip young adults and leaders take the back-breaking work out of spreading your mulch this spring.

This is one of our fund-raisers to fund the expense of our mission trip where we will go to serve the community of Taylorsville, South Carolina in July. 40 of us will work with the youth in the community to build/repair/paint and more importantly –build and strengthen relationships with each other and with God.

Here are the details

- Call to reserve a crew of youth/leaders to arrive at your home on one of the Saturday mornings in late April/ May- April 30, May 7, May 21 and May 28 by calling Chris Lodl at 414-587-9447 (cell) or 262-329-4505 (work).
- Purchase your mulch from wherever you choose and have it delivered to your home
- The mulchers will arrive with wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, gloves and a ton of energy and enthusiasm and that mulch will magically be transported without you lifting a finger! You write a generous check (free will offering) to support the mission trippers. This is an awesome opportunity to see first-hand the young adults of our community and see their positive attitudes, faith and allow us to serve you while supporting our trip. Call early- spots fill quickly and when they're gone, they're gone.



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 includes 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 and let her know you would like to receive the weekly email.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

March 2016

- 1 CF classes Gr. 1-11 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 2 Mercy in the City Book Study 9:30-10:30 am
All Committee 7:00 pm
- 4 Centering Prayer 8:45-9:30 am
- 6 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
BOW at 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
Mercy Bible Study 9:35-10:25 am
CF classes Gr. 9-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30 pm
No MS classes
WI Catholic Youth Rally for MS noon-6:30 pm
Mercy in the City Book Study 4:30 or 6:35 pm
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
- 7 First Fruits Women's Retreat 5:30-8:30 pm
- 8 First Fruits Women's Retreat 8:45 am -2:30 pm
CF classes Gr 1-5 and 9-11 6:30 pm
No MS classes
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 9 Mercy in the City Book Study 9:30 am
- 10 Community Banquet 5:30 pm
- 11 Centering Prayer 8:45-9:30 am
- 12 FtCS
Mission Brat Sale after 4:30 Mass
- 13 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
BOW at 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
Mercy Bible Study 9:35-10:25 am
GIFT 11:30 am - 1:45 pm
CF classes Gr. 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30 pm
Mercy in the City Book Study 4:30 or 6:35 pm
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
Mission Brat Sale after 5:30 Mass
- 15 CF classes Gr. 1-11 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 16 Mercy Bible Study 9:30 am
Senior Club noon-4:00 pm
St. Ben's
- 18 Centering Prayer 8:45-9:30 am
- 20 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
BOW at 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
CF classes Gr. 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30 pm
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
- 22 CF classes Gr. 1-11 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 25 Good Friday parish offices close at noon
- 27 EASTER SUNDAY
NO Mass at 5:30 pm
No CF classes—all grades
- 28 Parish Offices closed for Easter Holiday

April 2016

- 3 No CF classes all grades
Sunday Night Mass at 5:30 pm
- 5 No CF classes all grades
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 6 All Committee 7:00 pm
- 8 S.O.A.L. #1
Eucharist Retreat 5:30-8:30 pm
- 9 FtCS
Eucharist Retreat 9 am-noon
Mission Trip Stock Sale after Mass
- 10 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
Mission Trip Stock Sale after Masses
GIFT 11:30 am -1:45 pm
CF classes Gr. 6-10 4:30-5:30 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
- 12 CF classes Gr. 1-10 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 14 Community Banquet 5:30 pm
- 15 S.O.A.L. #2
- 16 Mission Trip Stock Sale after Mass
- 17 Last Sunday CF classes for the year
4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
Gr. 6-10 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30 pm
Last Sunday Night 5:30 Mass -
join us again when CF classes start in the fall!
Mission Trip Stock Sale after Masses
- 19 Last Tuesday CF classes Gr. 1-10 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 20 Senior Club noon - 4pm
St. Ben's
- 22 S.O.A.L. #3
Mission Trip Retreat (overnight)
- 23 Mini Work Camp
- 26 First Eucharist Rehearsal
4:30 Mass @ 5:30 pm
8:15 Mass @ 6:15 pm
10:30 Mass @ 7:00 pm
- 28 Community Banquet 5:30 pm
- 29 S.O.A.L. #4
- 30 Mission Trip Mulching 8 am-noon
First Eucharist celebrated at 4:30 Mass

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

If you find yourself, or a loved one, suddenly ill and unable to come to Mass, please let the Health Ministry team know. Part of our ministry is to provide Eucharistic Visitors to the sick and homebound. Even if you have a short term need, we are happy to help. We will spend some time visiting and praying, bringing the healing presence of Jesus to you or your loved one.

If you are currently taking the Eucharist to a friend or loved one who cannot attend Mass, please let the Health Ministry team know if you need assistance. If you are sick or cannot make it to your weekly visit for any reason, a Eucharistic Minister from our team would be able to assist during that time.

Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

Jeremiah 17:14.

The Health Ministry can be contacted by reaching the Parish Nurse, Brigitte Glinski, at 262.250.2663, or glinskib@archmil.org.

MEN...Are you looking to grow in your faith?

Are you looking for some Christian fellowship and brotherhood? Come and check out our men's group that meets on **Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 am**, in the Great Room (Fireplace Room) of church, to break open the upcoming Sunday readings, share prayer intentions, and engage in thoughtful conversation. On behalf of the others in the group—**Matt Mertens, Paul Schneider, Ray Gross, Bob Cowan, Tom Oskey, Pat Buehler, and Tom Zagorski**—I can say we would love to have you join us! Contact Pastoral Associate Gerry Wolf at 262-253-2213, or at wolfg@archmil.org for more details...or just drop in at our next meeting, Tuesday, December 29th, or any Tuesday morning!

Bible Study

Each week groups of adults get together to reflect on and study the readings for the upcoming Sunday Masses. No experience is necessary to participate! All are Welcome. For more information call Sue at 262-253-2904. All groups meet in the Great Room at the following dates and times:

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

More Bible reflection groups will meet during Lent. Check the Website in mid January for more information.



Engaged Couples at St. James – YOU ARE INVITED !!

On **Sunday, March 6, at the 10:30 am Mass**, St. James will have a **blessing** for all those to be married in 2016 and also couples getting married in 2017. Please bring anyone with you, parents, your bridal party, friends or relatives to share this celebration with you. There will be refreshments after Mass in the gathering space.

Please mark this date. There will be couples to greet you as you come into Church.

For more information and to RSVP, please call John or Louise Vos 262-439-8559 or email – loujon@email.com



40th ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT WEEKENDS

In 1975, Catholic Engaged Encounter week-ends were begun and were modeled after Marriage Encounter. The week-end is for engaged couples to spend time exploring many aspects of their future marriage in a spiritual atmosphere. The talks are given by a team of married couples and priests/deacons but the engaged couple really gives the week-end to each other through intense dialogue with each other. This program has expanded over the years and is now worldwide.

Catholic Engaged Encounter works in cooperation with and is supported by the Milwaukee Archdiocese and has been giving **CEE weekends at Schoenstatt retreat center** in Waukesha since 2012. Giving talks to engaged couples is a wonderful ministry to stay connected as a married couple. If you are looking for a lasting gift for someone in your family getting married, give them a week-end retreat for the engaged.



The dates for 2016 are April 29 – May 1 and September 23 – 25. If you are looking for a wonderful ministry as a married couple, check into being part of a team on Catholic Engaged Encounter, contact **John and Louise Vos, 262-439-8559** or email johnlouisevos@Yahoo.com for more information.

IN OUR BACKYARD & HUMAN TRAFFICKING DISCUSSIONS

Discussions of 'In Our Backyard' and Human Trafficking will be offered Fridays 9:30 to 10:30 during Lent, beginning Feb. 19 and 26, and March 4, 11 and 18. You are welcome to attend all or any of these sessions in the Great Room. A few copies of the book are available there to borrow.



**ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL EVERY TUESDAY
8:30 AM—5:00 PM
Please consider joining us for prayer.**

Laudato Si' On Care for Common Home The Earth Recycles and So Should We

The Saint James Creation Care team is up and running and one of the first things we are doing is looking at how we can all do a better job of recycling and disposing of waste. As Pope Francis has stated "Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." [Pope Francis, LS 21]



Every little bit of waste recycling and safe disposal makes a difference. One way to avoid unnecessary waste is to ask yourself when purchasing a product is this something I really need? Often frivolous items quickly end up in the landfill. We can also choose to buy products with less packaging and we can brush up on what can be recycled and where. The first place to learn about what can be recycled is your specific communities recycling flyer. It can be obtained from your municipality or from your municipalities website. Each municipality has different rules.

Some of the most asked about items are electronics, hazardous waste, CFL bulbs, pharmaceuticals, and batteries for electronics. A quick reference for these items is below; however, the best place to check for how to dispose of specific items is at www.waukeshacounty.gov/Product_Disp/

Electronics: State law bans electronics and appliances from landfills and incinerators due to the valuable materials that can be recycled and reused, including precious metals like gold and copper and hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and chemical flame retardants that need to be disposed of properly. Go to www.waukeshacounty.gov/Product_Disp/ to find a location. Best Buy and Goodwill take many products.

Pharmaceuticals: Low levels of pharmaceuticals including antibiotics, hormones [oral contraceptives], mood stabilizers, and other drugs are getting into our drinking water supplies. Don't flush unneeded meds down toilets. Pharmaceuticals can be disposed of properly at the Sussex Public Safety Building at N63W24335 Main St. *Place in the Lobby Drop Box Mon-Fri from 8 am to 5 pm and at Pewaukee City Hall at W240 N3065 Pewaukee Road, Pewaukee *Place in Lobby Drop Box Mon-Fri 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Hazardous Waste: Generally, waste is considered hazardous if it is ignitable (burns readily), corrosive, reactive (explosive), contains certain toxic chemicals and is labeled with key words such as caution, poison, warning, danger, flammable, combustible and corrosive. Latex paint is NOT hazardous waste [remove lid, allow paint to dry, place in trash]. Hazardous waste can be disposed of at Veolia Environmental Services, W124 N9451 Boundary Road (124th Street), Men Falls. Mon-Fri 11am - 6pm. Sat 8am - 2 pm t-262-255-6655.

Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs [CFLs]: Home Depot, Ace, True Value, Sears, Target, Lowes and Batteries + Bulbs accept CFL bulbs for recycling. Check at the customer service counter.

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness." [LS, 53] Let's do it for our future generations of children.

We actively invite you to join the Saint James Creation Care team. Contact Deb Schneider at djschneider@wi.rr.com or 414.55.2167 for info.

Please note there will be an opportunity for all those who participated in any of the Matthew 25 engagements to share their experience in a small group setting between Masses from 9:30 am to 10:15 on Sunday, April 3rd or Sunday April 10th. No registration needed.

Are you Called to be a Deacon?

As part of the discernment process for men interested in knowing more about becoming a Permanent Deacon, the Office for Diaconate Formation offers an "Inquiry for Discernment" Program. This is a series of six required sessions conducted for men between 32 and 60 years and, if married in the Church for more than 4 years, together with their spouses, who wish to explore a vocational calling to the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate.

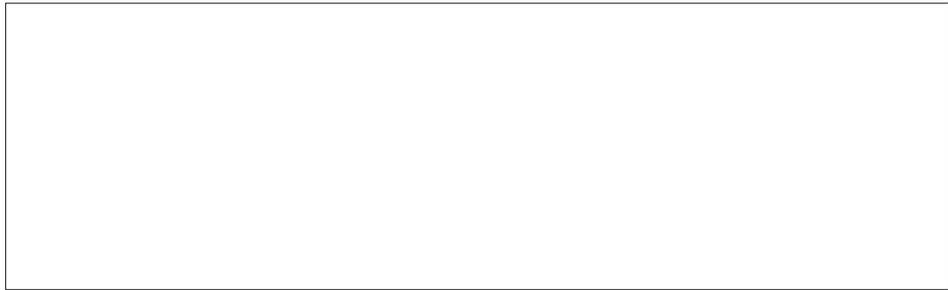
Please visit www.archmil.org/offices/Diaconate/Discernment.htm for the full schedule of classes, or call (414) 758-2202 for more information.



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Dates to Remember

MARCH 2016

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
1:	Cluster Reconciliation at St. Anthony, 7 pm
2:	All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
5:	Cluster Reconciliation at St. Agnes, 9 am
5/6:	STEWARDSHIP FAIR at all Masses/Fellowship
6:	Blessing for the Engaged Couples, 10:30 Mass
7:	First Fruits 5 pm - 9pm
8:	First Fruits 8 am - 4 pm
10:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
12:	Signed Liturgy/Blood Pressure Screen. 4:30 pm
13:	Pancake Breakfast, 8 am-12:00
15:	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3:30 pm
16:	St. James Senior Club, 12 pm
	St. Ben's (we leave promptly at 4 pm)
17:	Knights of Columbus General Mtg, 7:30 pm
19/20:	Palm Sunday Masses & Procession
24:	Holy Thursday, 7 pm
25:	Good Friday Service, 1 pm
26:	Blessing of the Food, 11 am
	Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm (no 4:30 Mass)
27:	Easter Sunday Masses, 8 am & 10:30 am

APRIL 2016

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
2:	Baptism Prep Classes, 9:30 am
2/3:	Fellowship Weekend after Masses
5:	Election Day Polling Place, 7 am– 8 pm
6:	All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
8:	SOAL Program begins, 9 am
9:	Signed Liturgy, 4:30 pm
13:	Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm
14:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
16:	Mom's Rosary Group, 7 am
17:	Pinewood Derby Set Up
18:	Pinewood Derby, 11 am
20:	St. James Senior Club, 12 pm
	St. Ben's (we leave promptly at 4 pm)
21:	Knights of Columbus General Membership Mtg
23:	Mini-Workcamp, 8 am—6 pm
	Lector Prep, 8 am
	Signed Liturgy, 4:30/Panera Breads Donations
28:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
30:	Mass/Signed Liturgy/First Eucharist Celebration

Please see page 9 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department