

# St. James Parish Newsletter

## May & June, 2015



*goodbye*  
**WINTER**

*hello*  
**SPRING**

## Many Thanks and Blessings to Daryl Olszewski, Pastoral Associate

In the late 1970's I took a break from seminary studies for the priesthood. During that time I served St. Mary Parish in Hales Corners as their first full-time youth minister. I recall hearing the name of a director of religious education in a neighboring parish, Daryl Olszewski! Though at the time, I never met him personally, I heard many fine reports about his ministry.

These past four years I made up for lost time! I've enjoyed a good "dose" of Daryl! When I arrived at St. James, I told Daryl that he may not retire before me. Daryl has decided to ignore my order! June 9th will be Daryl's last official day on the job.

One of the things I've learned about Daryl is that his family and grandchildren are extremely important to him. Daryl delights in spending time with the grandkids when their parents are busy or they are on vacation from school. With retirement, Daryl plans to greatly increase that quality family time. While I'm saddened to lose his ministry and presence in the parish, I certainly understand and respect his decision to retire at this time.

When I arrived here, Fr. Art said having Daryl on the staff was like having another priest in the parish, minus the ability to preside at the sacraments. I felt very blessed to have that well-rounded ministerial presence on our pastoral staff. While I was away last year at the St. John Center, I felt very secure that the parish was in good hands and being well-served.

Daryl began his ministerial career after his formal education, as an educator himself. I heard a comment from one of his first students that Daryl was a very creative, interesting, and engaging teacher. Through the years Daryl has allowed these talents to shine forth in many dimensions of church ministry.

Some years ago the ministry of Parish Director emerged to serve the pastoral needs of a parish without a resident priest. Daryl spent a number of years serving the church in that new model of ministry.

During his eight years here at St. James, Daryl has shown wisdom and insight as he helped to animate our pastoral staff and parish council. Close to Daryl's heart are the various forms of outreach to those in need. In addition to working with our Human Concerns committee, Daryl has been an active presence with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Combined Churches of Sussex (CCOS).

Daryl has consistently been a part of the GIFT program of faith formation and also helped couples prepare for the baptism of their children. Daryl has taken a leadership role in organizing our marriage preparation for engaged couples. And he has been a regular participant with the Bereavement Committee and their outreach to families experiencing the funeral of a loved one.

It seems the more I write, the more that comes to mind regarding Daryl's presence and ministry to the people of St. James and the broader community. Please join me in expressing gratitude to Daryl for sharing so much of himself with all of us.

Daryl has been extremely emphatic that he wants no farewell celebration, and certainly no gifts! What would warm his heart is any offering made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, or the Sussex Food Pantry. I know he will appreciate our prayers for his family and for good health for a long retirement to enjoy the many blessings he and Betty have with their family.



Thank you, Daryl. Peace and goodness to you!

Fr. Mike Moran

## MOVING BEYOND THE LAST PEW

I remember the first time I stepped into St. James church. I was not yet on the parish staff so no one knew me. I came incognito. What impressed me was that I was warmly greeted by five people by the time I made it to my pew. No one knew my name and no one asked but the greetings were warm, friendly, and welcoming. It was my first impression of the parish where I was to eventually serve for eight years as the pastoral associate.

After I was hired but before I officially began my duties at St. James I started coming regularly for Sunday Mass. Fr. Art had asked Jim and Marie Loden to revive the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. James and I remember Jim delivering a witness talk after Communion one weekend to recruit new members. He did an excellent job and the conference was reborn. Fr. Art appointed me as the spiritual advisor to the group. Today there are thirty-three St. James Vincentians who, with your generous support, have conducted over 900 home visits during these past eight years. I have been blessed to be part of this organization.

I soon learned that the other major local organization which responds to those in need was the Sussex Food Pantry operated by the six interfaith congregations incorporated as the Cooperating Churches of Sussex. At the first pastors' meeting I attended it was announced that CCOS had purchased an old dental clinic which would house the Sussex Outreach Center. Interestingly, plans are now in the works for the possibility of the Outreach Center to move into new, spacious quarters in the Sussex Civic Center. My involvement with St. Vincent de Paul, CCOS and SOS, along with my role as staff liaison to the Human Concerns Committee have been important influences in my spiritual formation and personal life.

Occasionally over the past eight years I've written a bulletin column entitled "Pew View." The title was intentionally selected to indicate what I hoped was my perspective – to write from, in, and amongst those in the pews. I've seen and heard a lot in the pews at St. James. I've seen how hard people work, how generous they are, and how much they volunteer their time and talent to help others. I have been inspired, watched in awe, learned so much, and often felt

guilty that I was not doing enough! Now it's time for me to leave "the pew" as I will retire from employed ministry after forty-two years of service.

Throughout my "career" I have done just about everything a lay person can do in parish ministry – teaching full time in a Catholic school, youth ministry, directing Christian formation at all levels, teaching adults, administering parishes in the absence of a priest, and serving as a pastoral associate. I've served in seven parishes and I have always been associated with and surrounded by highly dedicated parishioners, staff members, and priests. God always seemed to put me in the right spot at the right time. I have been blessed.

When I retire I'll be moving beyond the last pew at St. James. My wife, Betty, and I live in New Berlin and I know I'll probably become involved in a nearby parish. I'm sure I'll find opportunities to utilize what I have learned from so many of you – to serve without wanting anything in return.

As I came, so I would like to leave. I have asked Fr. Mike, my fellow staff members, and the parish council to honor my request for me to leave quietly and unnoticed, without fanfare or celebration. Also, I have asked that if anyone is so inclined, that any expressions of appreciation or gratitude be made to support St. Vincent de Paul or the Sussex Food Pantry as that would be testimony to our mission and our work together here at St. James. I wish to simply slide out of my pew with fond memories and deep gratitude, saying "Thanks be to God" for the experience of having been here with you.



*With Love and Gratitude,*

*Daryl Olszewski*

*Pastoral Associate Emeritus*

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

**St James Catholic Church  
HUGE Annual Thrift Sale  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

We are ready to accept your items for the thrift sale starting...

**May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>**



We 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 large exercising equipment, or skis**

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

To accommodate everyone's schedules the drop-off times are:  
Monday through Friday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm  
**SATURDAY: 8:30 am–12:00 pm and WEDNESDAY EVE 5:00-7:00 pm.**  
**CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**  
Please drop off **ONLY** during these designated times.

Tax donation forms available upon request.

**SALE DAYS**

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| <b>Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup></b>                                       | <b>8:00 am to 7:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>\$1.00 Cover Charge</b>   | <b>8:00 am to 12:00 pm</b> |
| <b>Evening Hours</b>   | <b>5:00 pm to 7:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:00 am to 3:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup></b>                                       | <b>8:00 am to 1:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>1/2 price and \$5.00 bag sale (Select items excluded from bag sale)</b> |                            |



**Volunteers needed!** Sign-up sheets available in gathering area.  
donations too!  
also

**Need a lot of bakery for the Bake Sale**  
**Pies, Cakes, Cookies, are good sellers, along with breads, coffee cakes, etc.**

Tell your friends and neighbors that we will accept their donations too!

**THRIFT SALE HELP WANTED:**

Willing hands are needed for various jobs. Helpers are needed beginning May 18th through June 8th. Flexible schedule.  
ALSO—

**LOOKING TO BORROW LONG TABLES**

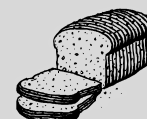
If anyone has long tables that could be borrowed by the Thrift Sale from May 18th until June 9th it would be appreciated.

*Call either Kay at 252-3349 or Peggy at 246-9921.*

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

**Please help out the Thrift Sale by donating BAKED GOODS OF ALL SORTS!**

**Cookies, pies, breads, cupcakes or any of your favorite pastries. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE MARKED as to whether or not they have nuts in them.**  
**Bring them on June 4th, 5th & 6th.**



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### YOUTH CORNER

#### Mission Trip Mulching

It's that time of year!

Let the mission trip youth and adults save your back and spread your mulch- it's as easy as 1,2,3.

1. Call to schedule a Saturday to have a group of youth and adults come to your home to spread your mulch
2. Order your mulch from whomever you choose, have it delivered to your driveway
3. Let us do the work of spreading it for you for a donation to the mission trip!

Contact Chris Lodl at 414-587-9447 or email at [chris.lodl@aurora.org](mailto:chris.lodl@aurora.org).

We will be mulching the Saturdays in May. May 2, 9, 16, 23 and perhaps the 30<sup>th</sup>.



#### SAVE THE DATE

Our last 21! Group for this CF year!

Join us for our Pentecost Party on May 18th!  
More details to come.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There will be a Noah's Ark event on June 12th for the high schoolers.

**Watch the bulletin for more details.**

#### VBS Volunteers are needed . . .

Please consider volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School August 3rd—7th. Adults and youth in 6th grade and up are needed for a variety of tasks throughout the week. If you can help with VBS please contact Kristin at [kebisk@archmil.org](mailto:kebisk@archmil.org) or by calling 253-2908.

### THANK YOU C.C.O.S. MINI-WORKCAMPERS!

April 18, 2015

*Great weather, great spirit, Great day!*



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## May 2015

- 1 SOAL
- 2 First Eucharist Celebration 4:30 Mass
- 3 First Eucharist Celebration 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
- 5 Fruits of the Spirit Women's Retreat at St. James  
Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 8 SOAL
- 12 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 14 Centering Prayer 1-1:30 pm  
Community Banquet 5:30 pm
- 15 SOAL
- 16 Confirmation Rehearsal 10 am-noon
- 17 Confirmation Celebration 2:00 pm
- 18 21 Youth Group 6-8 pm @ St. James
- 19 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 20 St. Ben's
- 22 SOAL Potluck
- 25 Memorial Day Parish Offices Closed
- 26 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 28 Centering Prayer 1-1:30 pm  
Community Banquet 5:30 pm

## June 2015

- 2 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 4-6 Thrift sale
- 9 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 15-19 VBS at Good Shepherd
- 16 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 22-26 Matthew 25 Work Camp at Good Shepherd
- 23 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm
- 30 Scripture Reflection 6:30 pm

### **Everest Vacation Bible School will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Embark on an icy expedition and overcome obstacles with God's awesome power! Be the first to reach the summit! Children entering 4K -5<sup>th</sup> grade in 2015-16 are invited to participate. Adults and youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up are welcome to help. Mark your 2015 calendar now... registration info can be found on our website at [www.stjames-parish.net](http://www.stjames-parish.net).



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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



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

### **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](mailto:wyszkowskid@archmil.org) and let her know you would like to receive the weekly email.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**August 3rd-7th, 2015**  
**at St. James Catholic Church**  
**For children entering grades 4K–5th**  
**9:00 – noon daily**



Parents' Full Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

\* where you can be reached during the program

Children's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2015/16) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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 24th.*

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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**

A Note from the Parish Nurse, Pam Dennis:

June is cataract awareness month. Cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 40 and is the principal cause of blindness in the world. According to Prevent Blindness America (PBA), there are more cases of cataracts worldwide than there are of glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Today, cataracts affect more than 22 million Americans age 40 and older. And as the U.S. population ages, more than 30 million Americans are expected to have cataracts by the year 2020, PBA says. What exactly is a cataract you may ask? A cataract is a clouding of the lens inside the eye which leads to a decrease in vision. Signs and symptoms of cataracts are: clouded, blurred or dim vision, increasing difficulty with vision at night, sensitivity to light and glare, seeing "halos" around lights, frequent changes in eyeglass or contact lens prescription, fading or yellowing of colors and double vision in a single eye. At first, the cloudiness in your vision caused by a cataract may affect only a small part of the eye's lens and you may be unaware of any vision loss. As the cataract grows larger, it clouds more of your lens and distorts the light passing through the lens. This may lead to signs and symptoms you're more likely to notice.

Some of the causes of cataracts are; drinking excessive amounts of alcohol, excessive exposure to sunlight, exposure to radiation used in X-rays and cancer radiation therapy, family history of cataracts, high blood pressure, obesity, previous eye injury or inflammation, previous eye surgery, prolonged use of corticosteroid medications such as prednisone and smoking. There are things you can do to help deal with symptoms of cataracts until you decide to have surgery. Some of these measures are: make sure your eyeglasses or contact lenses are the most accurate prescription possible, use a magnifying glass to read, improve the lighting in your home with brighter lamps, when you go outside during the day wear sunglasses or a broad brimmed hat to reduce glare and limit your night driving. Important to note, these self care measures may help for awhile, but as the cataract progresses, your vision may deteriorate further.

When vision loss starts to interfere with your everyday activities, consider cataract surgery. Most physicians will say when the cataracts begin to affect your quality of life or interfere with your ability to perform normal daily activities, such as reading or driving at night, it is time to have surgery. Cataract surgery involves removing the clouded lens and replacing it with a clear artificial lens. The artificial lens, called an intraocular lens, is positioned in the same place as your natural lens, and it remains a permanent part of your eye. For some people, other eye problems prevent the use of an artificial lens. In these situations, once the cataract is removed, vision may be corrected with eyeglasses or contact lenses. Now that you have a bit of information on cataracts, please make sure to talk with your doctor when and if you begin to have signs and symptoms of a cataract. It is up to each of us to practice preventable healthcare measures for ourselves and our loved ones.

**Parish Nurse Visits**

If any parishioners would like a visit from the parish nurse, Pam Dennis, or know of someone who would benefit from a visit please call Pam's office at (262) 250-2663 or e-mail at [denisp@archmil.org](mailto:denisp@archmil.org). Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA, we are no longer allowed to gather general information of St. James parishioners who may like a visit and Communion brought to them by just calling the local hospitals. HIPAA protects everyone's health information, but unfortunately can hinder our awareness of those in need.

**Elizabeth Ministry Rosebud Program**

The Rosebud Program is a visual reminder of the precious blessing of each new life. Each color rose represents a sacred life: pink is to honor pregnancy and the unborn child, red celebrates a birth or adoption, white remembers a lost child through miscarriage, abortion, still birth or infant or child death, yellow for wanting a child; trying to conceive, suffering infertility or seeking to adopt, purple is for grandparents with concerns for a grandchild and blue for parents dealing with a child's illness or facing any other troubles.

We welcome all of our parishioners to feel free to utilize this meaningful program. The rosebud vase with the roses and directions is set up on a table by the statue of the Blessed Mother, Mary, in the alcove to the left of the altar as you are looking at it. We located it there so you could feel free to spend some quiet time in prayer with our Blessed Mother after choosing a rose and placing it in the vase.

The roses have a tag to write your intention on and there are prayer cards for you to take for each color rose. Your prayers will be placed in the prayers of intention book that is located by the main doors to our church so that we may continue to keep you and your concerns in our prayers as a community of faith here at St. James.



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

To all who make phone calls, pick up orders, work at the funerals  
and especially all who make the delicious food

For the grieving families

Without you our Funeral Committee would not exist.

A heartfelt thank you to all.

*St. James Funeral Committee*



## 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:

Baptisms are generally not celebrated during Lent so the next ones will be:

May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>  
July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<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. So that baptisms may be as personal as possible only four baptisms are scheduled for any Mass. Register early!



Call the parish office at 251-3944 to register for a class and to schedule a baptism.

## 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 September 18-20, 2015 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: [johnlouisevos@yahoo.com](mailto:johnlouisevos@yahoo.com)

## INTERFAITH NEEDS DRIVERS!

Become a driver and help a senior in our community who needs . . .

- To go to a **medical appointment** (*during the day on weekdays*)
- To go **grocery shopping**. (*day, evenings and weekend opportunities*)
- someone to **shop FOR** them. (*with a shopping list and payment.*)
- **Food delivered** from food pantries. (*can include several homes on a route*)

**Drivers must be 18 or older and volunteer drivers use their own car to provide these services.**

### SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Call 262-522-2404 or email [HeatherS@InterfaithWaukesha.org](mailto:HeatherS@InterfaithWaukesha.org) for more information.

## THE SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:

1. Pork and Beans in 1 pound cans
2. Fruit (not mixed)
3. Tomato products like diced, stewed, paste (not sauce)
4. Toilet paper
5. Hair care products

All donations are appreciated. These are just the greatest need at this time. Please continue to help our Sussex Food Pantry.

Trish Anderson  
Sussex Outreach Case Manager  
N63 W23669 Silver Spring Dr.  
Sussex, WI 53089



## INTERFAITH SENIOR PROGRAMS

### Faith In Action



You could help a neighbor in Waukesha County by mowing their lawn this summer. Adopt a home nearby, or sign up as a sub to fill in for another volunteer while they are away. We'll match you with a senior or adult with a disability in your neighborhood. You can coordinate the time and date around your schedule.

Sign up to volunteer today!

For more information or to volunteer, visit [InterfaithWaukesha.org](http://InterfaithWaukesha.org) or contact Hanna Loppnow at 262-522-2405 or [HannahL@InterfaithWaukesha.org](mailto:HannahL@InterfaithWaukesha.org)

# HUMAN CONCERNS

## Thank You for Tithing

St. James Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$450 to Sojourner Family Peace Center through your Tithing Program on behalf of St. James Congregation.

In 2015 we are highlighting our efforts to create *Safe & Healthy Families* in Milwaukee. We will continue to provide critical services to families and individuals impacted by violence. Your gift ensures that we can accomplish this goal.

We remain grateful for your partnership and support. Thank you for helping us to make a difference in our community.

With gratitude,

**Carmen Pitre**  
Executive Director

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of all the folks who will benefit from your marvelous gift, I say thank you! I am aware there are many options for your charitable giving of \$450 to All Saints is especially prized.

As part of our commitment to you—the donor—we will use your gift wisely and include you and your loved ones in the daily prayers of this congregation including a special mention at the masses I offer.

Please continue to pray for us and, if you can, join us some Sunday at 10:30 am for our principal mass of the day. We would love to have you here.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Carl Diederichs,  
Parish Priest, All Saints  
Catholic Church

Dear Members of St. James,

Thank you for your donation of \$352.88 given to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry from the Souper Bowl Collection. This money will be used to purchase food for families in our community who need help.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
**Kathy Wodushek**,  
Director

Dear Friends at St. James,

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our mission here at Sussex Outreach Services with your donation of \$182.29 which was raised through your Panera Bread donations.

... SOS will continue to serve those that need us the most here in the Sussex area as long as we have partners like you to help us. ...

Thank you for your kindness,  
Jennifer Waltz  
Executive Director  
Sussex, Outreach Services

Dear Members of St. James Congregation:

We are thrilled and most gratified by your \$450 generous tithing contribution to the Dominican Center for Women. Your support of the Dominican Center and its programs helps to make a difference in the lives of our disadvantaged neighbors in the Amani Neighborhood community.

Thank you for your confidence and help to raise the visibility of our work.

Gratefully,  
**Kathleen Callan Brady**  
Director of Development

Dear St. James Congregation,

On behalf of Friedens Community Ministries, I want to express our deep appreciation for your recent donation of \$450-. As people who have continued to put their trust into the mission of Friedens Community Ministries, we have been able to strengthen our existing efforts and expand our reach.

Your generosity has allowed us to serve over 35,000 individuals in 2014 throughout Milwaukee! The foundation was also laid so that we could start overseeing a new pantry at the beginning of the year (Hope House) and will be building out a new pantry (Zion Rock) early spring. In addition we have seen our work spread I a StreetLife outreach which brings resources such as boots, winter gloves, hats, a friendly hand shake and a cup of coffee to our homeless who have few resources.

*Friedens Community Ministries, Inc. is a network of food pantries building ladders of peace throughout Milwaukee. We believe that a dependable supply of food is a means of bringing hope and dignity to our community.*

Together We Are Building Ladders of Peace!

**Catherine Draeger**, Exec. Director

Dear Friends at St. James,

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our mission here at Sussex Outreach Services with your donation of \$1,000. Every gift is important and every dollar is utilized. With one dollar we are able to provide a meal for an entire family. That one dollar is multiplied five times with service from our case manager, Trish. She offers counseling services, emergency energy or housing assistance, assistance in accessing many other vital resources, educational opportunities and much more to our clients.

SOS will continue to serve those that need us the most here in the Sussex area as long as we have partners like you to helps us. Information on our needs and programs is available on our Facebook page, Sussex Outreach Services, or online at [sussexarea-sos.org](http://sussexarea-sos.org).

Thank you for your kindness,  
Jennifer Waltz  
Executive Director  
Sussex Outreach Services

## **MESSAGE FROM ADULT MINISTRY**

Sr. Lucille Flores

### **YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

One of Pope Francis' intentions for this **YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** is that we pray and encourage the women and men God is calling to this vocation. The following is the prayer he composed:

Lord of the harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

### **FROM VITA CONSECRATA**

"Consecrated Life: A Gift to the Church. Its universal presence and the evangelical nature of its witness are clear evidence...that the consecrated life is not something isolated and marginal, but a reality which affects the whole church...In effect the consecrated life is at the very heart of the church as a decisive element for her mission, since it "manifests the inner nature of the Christian Calling" and the striving of the whole church as bride toward union with her one Spouse... Consecrated life has not only proved a help and support for the church in the past, but is also a precious and necessary gift for the present and future of the people of God, since it is an intimate part of her life, her holiness and her mission..."

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

We just celebrated the new members of our faith. I am sure there are many more of your family members, your friends that may be "thinking about" becoming catholic, or returning to their faith. Many are hoping for a little interest, a little push, an invitation. Look around, take courage. How can you show interest, reach out, invite?

### **FROM POPE FRANCIS AT EASTER**

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome Him as a friend, with trust: He is life!

If up until now you have kept Him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms.

If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed.

If following Him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust Him, be confident that He is close to you, He is with you and He will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as He would have you do.

**FIRSTFRUITS** is coming to  
St. James on May 5.



**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 soul spa day on Tuesday, May 5th at St. James Catholic Church.
- **Time:** Drop in anytime between 9:00am and 9:00pm
- Scheduled sessions of offerings are: Morning 9:15-11:15; Afternoon 12:30-2:30; Evening 6:30-8:30
- **Cost:** \$10 per session or \$25/day
- Childcare available for morning and afternoon sessions only. Cost is \$5 per child.

**For the schedule of offerings and a detailed description of the offerings, see our website [www.firstfruits.info](http://www.firstfruits.info) or pick up a brochure in the vestibule or parish office.**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **ST. JAMES ANNUAL GOLF OUTING July 18, 2015**

Songbird Hills Golf Course  
Includes 18 holes of golf, prizes and dinner.  
Details and more information to follow.



## **Mark your calendar**

**2015 Annual**

### ***MASS ON THE GRASS***

Sunday, July 26TH, the liturgy will be at 10:30 am,  
followed by the family picnic.  
Our gathering will also include the

***ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE DRAWING!***



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# Dates to Remember

## MAY 2015

| <u>DATE:</u> | <u>EVENT:</u>                                    |
|--------------|--|
| 2:           | Baptismal Prep Class, 9:30 am                    |
| 2/3:         | Fellowship Weekend                               |
| 5:           | First Fruits Spiritual Day Spa                   |
| 6:           | All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm                |
| 7:           | Sussex Lioness Fashion Show, 7 pm                |
| 12:          | Knights of Columbus Board Mtg, 7:30 pm           |
| 13:          | Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm                     |
|              | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm                |
| 14:          | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm                       |
|              | Community Gardeners Meeting, 6:30 pm             |
| 15:          | St. James Senior Club, 12:00 pm                  |
| 17:          | Confirmation Celebration                         |
| 18:          | Begin drop off of items for Thrift Sale, 7:30 am |
| 20:          | St. Ben's (leaving St. James 4 pm)               |
| 21:          | Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30 pm     |
| 23/24:       | Community Garden Plant Sale (after Masses)       |
| 24:          | KC's Pancake Breakfast, 8 am-12:00pm             |
| 25:          | Parish Offices Closed Today for Memorial Day     |

## JUNE 2015

| <u>DATE:</u> | <u>EVENT:</u>                              |
|--------------|--|
| 3:           | All Committee Meeting Night 7:00 PM        |
| 4:           | Thrift Sale, 8 am—7 pm                     |
| 5:           | Thrift Sale, 8 am—3 pm                     |
| 6:           | Thrift Sale, 8 am—1 pm                     |
|              | Baptismal Prep, 9:30 am                    |
| 6/7:         | Reverse Collection & Fellowship at Mass    |
| 9:           | Knights of Columbus Board Mtg., 7:30 pm    |
| 10:          | Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm               |
|              | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting                |
| 11:          | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm                 |
| 13/14:       | Drop off Reverse Collection/Blood Pressure |
| 17:          | St. Ben's (leaving St. James 4 pm)         |
| 18:          | Knights of Columbus General Mtg., 7:30 pm  |
| 24:          | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm          |
| 25:          | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm                 |
| 27:          | Lector Prep, 8 am                          |
| 28:          | Panera Breads available for donation       |

Please see page 6 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department