

St. James Parish Newsletter

September & October, 2016



Like Jesus we belong to the world
living not for ourselves but for others.

—St. Teresa of Kolkata

St. James Parish Annual Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, September 18th after 10:30 AM Mass

Monday, September 19th @ 6:30 PM

Community Center

Dear Friends,

As we move into the Autumn Season, it's time once again to gather for our annual Parish Town Hall Meeting. If there is any particular issue you would like us to prepare for discussion, please send me a note. Here's the beginning of an agenda.

Prayer

Evangelization Efforts

Christian Formation Highlights

Review of Parish Financial Health

Update on Past and Future Maintenance Issues

Update on Priest Placement Process for St. James

Discussion of July Sunday Morning Worship Experience

Raffle

That looks like a Christmas Tree! A word about the Raffle. We're very grateful to Jon Cline for the donation of two large, mounted pictures of our worship space. One is from last Christmas. The other is from last Easter. We will raffle one off at the end of each Town Hall Meeting. Tickets will be 6 for \$5. We'll put them on display in the gathering space a couple of weeks prior to the meeting. We're hoping for a good turn out for this most important parish event.

Thank you, Fr. Mike

NEW "Scan to pay or give."

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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.

Cycles of Growth

by Pastoral Associate Gerry Wolf

With the announcement of Fr. Mike's retirement, there is an understandable sense of uncertainty in the air. Just like the natural change of seasons, with summer waning and autumn approaching, we are entering a season of change for our parish.

I would like to borrow an image from nature to illustrate an aspect of our spiritual growth. When I was a child, my younger brother planted a seedling of a tree, with the hope that it would grow to full stature and provide shade and beauty to our yard. I was skeptical. The seedling was extremely small and fragile. I didn't think it would live more than a few weeks.

But my brother was persistent. He cared for the seedling, watering it every day, tending to it so that no animals or weather would harm it. He continued that care for several years, to the point where the seedling-become-sapling could now grow on its own, needing only some intermittent pruning and care. When my parents sold their home decades later, the sapling had grown into a stately maple tree that graced our backyard.

My brother taught me a lesson about growth. If you don't care and don't pay attention, growth can be taken for granted and seem irrelevant. But, if you tend to growth, and lovingly monitor and nurture it, you can witness the intricacies of growth as they are occurring.

This leads me to wonder...how do we tend to our spiritual growth, both as individuals and as a community? First of all, do we care? Are we paying attention? Do we respond to the needs that we recognize with the appropriate actions? Are we persistent and faithful?

One could argue that spiritual growth, by its nature, is more difficult to see and discern than natural growth. There may be some truth to that, however, haven't we all had the experience of intuitively sensing that something is "different" about someone we're close to? We can sense that something inside of them is changing, growing. Aren't we as capable of that type of spiritual "radar", maybe even more so, as we are of actually seeing a tree grow before our eyes?

Sometimes the changes are so gradual, so minute, that seeing them is nearly impossible. But all the while, growth is still occurring. When a tree is finally toppled over or cut down, we can see its inner rings, providing us with a measure of its maturity, and a picture of how many yearly, seasonal cycles of dying and rising which the tree endured. Perhaps we should think of our own personal spirituality and our parish seasons like those internal rings. As we grow, the Holy Spirit is patiently, lovingly nudging us outward from our inner core, in an ever-expanding, ever-extending spiral of awareness, inclusion, and love, through an ongoing cycle of loss and growth. Like the seedling that miraculously grows into a tree, we can be transformed into someone we never imagined we could be.

"What can we say the kingdom of God is like?...It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing, in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

As we face the changes in the weeks and months ahead, may our branches draw life from our taproot—Jesus Christ, our risen Lord! May they also reach far and may our shade shelter many. May we tend to one another's needs and nurture one another's innermost becoming, knowing all the while that we participate in the cycle of God's kingdom coming.

Pondering the Year of Mercy

Sue Devine-Simon

"Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads you to always seek the face of the person. And it is mercy which changes the heart and the life, which can regenerate a person and allow him or her to integrate into society in a new way. (Homily of Pope Francis 9/10/14)"

We continue to observe the "Year of Mercy" that Pope Francis called for last December. I am wondering how this focus has changed us and helped us to grow in our relationships with other people and with God. While I cannot speak for everyone else's experiences, I do have a few examples and questions that come to my mind, that may help us to continue to grow in Mercy.

Three people stand out in my mind that have helped me to understand a little more about Mercy.

A very common expression at St. James is "All are Welcome". While I believe we are a welcoming Community, there is always room to grow. One parishioner I know is looking for ways to be more inclusive. He wonders if we are missing people in our parish who have different (dis)abilities and therefore, without them, we are not as rich as we could be. Pope Francis often talks about this and encourages us to look for those who are kept from our churches due to disabilities, poverty, or sickness. Do we have physical barriers that keep people from participating in our community? Are there ways to be more supportive to people with different (dis)abilities? Perhaps we need to look at things a little differently in order to welcome people into the St. James family. It is easy to fall into complacency. Ask yourself: Who is missing from our community? How can we reach out to the missing people?

Mercy comes in unexpected ways. I find that little children have a lot to teach us about Mercy. There is the invitation extended to us by active, fidgety children, to be patient and merciful. This is a very good thing. But, little ones share mercy with us as well. They give us acceptance, forgiveness and joy without us ever asking for it. A little parishioner who is 4 years old, has an inability to sit for any extended period of time. Yet his smile, his joy, and his sweet spirit are such a gift to us. Through his exuberance and acceptance of us, we are given the gift of mercy. So the question is: How can we embrace and accept the mercy given to us? How can we give more mercy to others?

There is a woman who doesn't get around as well as she once did. She now uses a walker. One might say that her ability to walk is diminished. Yet she has other abilities that are amazing and needed in our parish family. She is a very merciful person. Her ability to listen, pray, and encourage is a gift to those who encounter her. The question that comes to mind is: How do we see, and appreciate the gifts of mercy that each person has and shares?

There are many stories of mercy all around us. The few I mentioned are only meant to serve as some starting points to look around us to see more mercifully. As we read in the quotation from Pope Francis above, "...it is mercy which changes the heart and the life..." Let's continue to reflect on the Year of Mercy and look around us to find the inspiration and the help to become more merciful.

And don't forget the 3 questions for us to ponder:

Who is missing?

How can we receive and give mercy?

How do we see and appreciate the gifts in others?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

School is just around the corner and so are Christian Formation classes...

School starts on September 1, and Christian Formation classes start on September 11 for families in the GIFT program, and September 18/20 for those in the traditional program. If you have a child(ren) in grades 4K-11 and you haven't already enrolled it's not too late. Just a reminder Confirmation typically occurs in 11th grade and prep begins in 10th grade so they need to be enrolled in both years. You may find the forms on the St. James website, simply click on the Christian Formation tab.
Questions?? Call the CF Office at 251-0897.



A Few Good Catechists Needed.... Lots of Good Aides Needed

Thank you to all those who have stepped forward as catechists or aides. We still are in need of Catechists to fill these times:

- Sunday Morning class time 9:30-10:30 am **Grade 5**
- Sunday Evening Class time 4:30-5:30 and mass is 5:30-6:30 **Grades 8 & 9 need catechists**
- Sunday Evening Class time 6:30-7:30 and mass is 5:30-6:30 **Grade 8 needs a catechist**
- Tuesday Evening class time 6:00-7:00 **Grades 7 & 8 need catechists**



In addition we have several classes in need of an aide.

According to the Archdiocesan policy every class should have 2 leaders. There's a board in the gathering space that lists our specific needs.

Please call the CF Office 251-0897, if you are able to help.

Parents of College Students...



We are looking for the addresses of students who have graduated High School and are attending college or tech/trade school this year. The Parish would like to send them a couple of care packages throughout the year to encourage them and let them know that we are thinking

about them. Please e-mail or call Nicky (lockhartn@archmil.org or 253-2916) at the Christian Formation office with the following information.

Name
Address
City/State/Zip Code
Cell Phone
e-mail

St. James Older Adult Learning (SOAL)

It is that time of year again when we begin another season of SOAL. This is a program for Older adults (55 years and up) who would like the opportunity to learn or explore some new things. We offer over 20 different classes in 3 different time slots. Participants choose which they would like to attend. We offer a wide range of options including card games, cooking, bible study, wood carving, crafts, quilting, travelogue, senior issues and much more. Lunch is provided as well. Registration will be available in early September with classes beginning on Friday September 30th and running for 6 consecutive Fridays. For more information call the Christian Formation office at 262-251-0897.

Forming the Catechetical Spirit (FtCS)

This program is designed to help catechists get some of the tools they might need to become more formed in our faith. It is also a great way for parents to learn more about what it means to be Catholic. It is a program for anyone who would like to learn more about their faith. This is a monthly program that will meet at St. Anthony on the Lake in Pewaukee beginning on September 10th at 8:00 a.m. with a day of reflection. Monthly meetings will continue on the first Saturday of the month, from 8:00 – noon. When you finish this program you will have earned Basic Certification. For more information please call or e-mail Sue (253-2904 or devinesimons@archmil.org).

LOOKING FOR NEW CATHOLICS...



Do you know someone who is on the verge of taking a deeper step into their faith?—or someone who has never had a significant opportunity to explore their beliefs about God, Jesus, faith, or church?—or someone who seems curious about or drawn to the Catholic church and just needs a friendly nudge? The Catholic church has a process called the **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** and it may be just what this person needs at this point in their life...

- This process is for adults who have not been baptized and want to explore learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic church; or for adults baptized in another Christian denomination, but who may now be interested in being accepted and confirmed into the Catholic church; or
- Adults who are baptized Catholics, but have not completed their full initiation into the Catholic church and still need to celebrate the sacraments of 1st Eucharist and Confirmation.
- If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact Gerry Wolf, Pastoral Associate, at 262-253-2213 or at wolfg@archmil.org; or Sue Devine-Simon, Director of Christian Formation, at 262-253-2904 or at devinesimons@archmil.org, for more details.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

September 2016

- 1 Scripture Study 9-10 am
- 2 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
- 5 All Parish Offices closed for Labor Day
- 6 Catechist Meeting Gr 4K-11 6:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 7 All Committee Night 7:00 pm
- 8 Scripture Study 9-10 am
Community Banquet (Community Center) 5:30 pm
- 9 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
- 11 **GIFT 9:30-11:30 am (NOTE SPECIAL TIME)**
Catechist Meeting Gr 4K-5 9:30-10:30 am
- 12 Senior Club noon-4 pm
- 13 Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 15 Scripture Study 9-10 am
- 16 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
- 18 **ALL Traditional CF Classes Start**
CF Classes 4K/K5 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
NEW Family Orientation Gr 4K-5 9:30-10:30 am
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF Classes Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
MS/HS Parent Meetings 4:30 & 6:30 pm
- 20 **ALL Tuesday CF Classes Start**
CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
NEW Family Orientation Gr 1-5 6:00 pm
MS/HS Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 21 St. Ben's
- 22 Scripture Study 9-10 am
Community Banquet (Community Center) 5:30 pm
- 23 Centering Prayer
MS YG Welcome Back Party@ St. Mary's 6:30 pm
- 25 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF classes Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 pm & 6:30-7:30 pm
- 27 CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 29 Scripture Study 9-10 am
- 30 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
SOAL #1

October 2016

- 2 CF Classes 4K/K5 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
Reconciliation Parent Meeting 9:30 am
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF Classes Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
- 4 CF classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 5 All Committee Night 7:00 pm
- 6 Scripture Study 9-10 am
- 7 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
SOAL #2
- 9 CF Classes 4K/K5 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
GIFT 11:30-1:45 pm
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF Classes Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
- 10 Senior Club noon-4 pm
- 11 CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 13 Scripture Study 9-10 am
Community Banquet (Community Center) 5:30 pm
- 14 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
SOAL #3
- 16 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
Safeguarding Gr 1-5 9:30 am
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF Classes Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 pm & 6:30-7:30 pm
- 18 CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
Safeguarding Gr 1-5 6:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 19 St. Ben's
- 20 Scripture Study 9-10 am
- 21 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
SOAL #4
- 23 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
Conf. Candidate/Sponsor Day of Reflection @ GS 11am-2pm
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF Classes Gr 6-10 4:30-5:30 pm & 6:30-7:30 pm
- 25 CF Classes Gr 1-10 6:00-7:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
- 27 Scripture Study 9-10 am
Community Banquet (Community Center) 5:30 pm
- 28 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
SOAL #5
MS/HS All Saints Bonfire @ Good Shepherd 6-10 pm
- 30 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
CF Classes Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 pm & 6:30-7:30 pm

HUMAN CONCERNS



CHRISTIANS PRAY AND CARE FOR CREATION, TOGETHER

September 1 was proclaimed as the World Day of Prayer for Creation by the Orthodox Church in 1989, and many other Christian churches have joined since then, with Pope Francis most recently in 2015, and now extended to be a month-long Season of Creation, ending on October 4 - the Feast of St. Francis.

So what can we do during the Season of Creation?

Prayer – Include a prayer for creation and change in your daily prayer.

Video – View Pope Francis's video on the Season of Creation on the Saint James website [StJames-parish.net/Committees/Human Concerns/Laudato Si']

Action – Reduce your carbon foot print during the Season of Creation then see if you can continue to make it a habit!

What are those 5 gallon buckets for?

You may have noticed brown buckets near each of our coffee machines. These buckets are used for composting used coffee grounds and filters. Garden volunteers empty them into our compost bin to help create great compost for our gardens. So when emptying used coffee machine grounds and filters, dump them into the brown bucket instead of the waste cans.

Thank you!



Prayer

God and Creator of all, help us to grow with the wisdom and strength needed to nurture a culture of life, to protect all people and all of God's creation.

We pray especially for the young and unborn who will dwell on your earth long after we have gone, for the elderly, the poor, the hospitalized, the prisoner, the hungry, the thirsty, the lonely, the lost. With your grace may we build a world that loves and nurtures all life and all of God's creation.

Lord help me to see change in my life, not as sacrifice, but as a means of increasing my love for you and others. That I may place the love of You and the needs of all people and all creation before my own fleeting desires.

Amen

Take Action—Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Driving style. Speeding and jack rabbit starts reduce mileage by up to 33% and waste gas. Properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage by up to 3%. Avoid traffic, combine errands and turn off your engine while waiting for that really long train at the crossing.

Home: Turn off lights you're not using when you leave the room. Replace incandescent light bulbs with LED ones. Install a programmable thermostat to turn off the heat/air conditioning when you're not home.

Food: Eat locally-produced and organic food, which can reduce fuel based transport and fertilizer use by 13%. Cut back on beef, which require more resources to raise. When eating beef try to choose local, pasture raised beef.

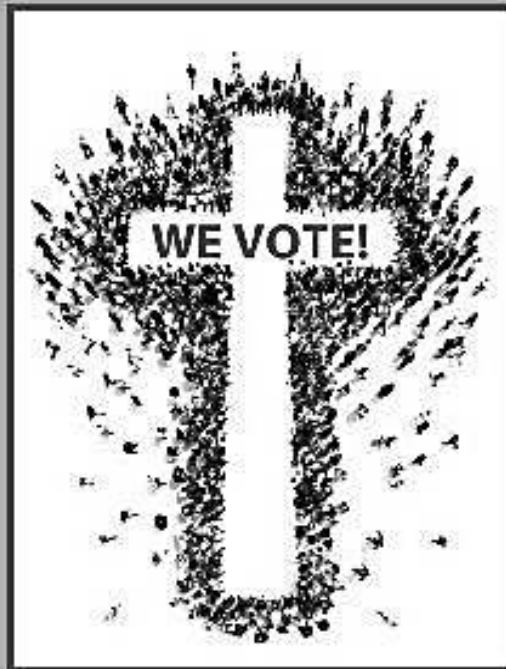
Reuse and Recycle: 29% of U.S. emissions come from extraction of resources, manufacturing, transport, and final disposal of "goods". Buying used products and reselling or recycling items no longer used, dramatically reduces your carbon footprint.

Water: Conserve on water use. Be conscious about combining loads for the dishwasher and clothes washer. Reduce time in the shower. Use a refillable water bottle and stop buying water bottles that each use 2 bottles of water and 1/3 of a bottle of oil to produce.

**Did you know St. James has been replacing florescent bulbs with LEDs to save money, energy and our carbon footprint?
Have you noticed the difference?**

Bring CHRIST To Election 2016!

Not happy or confused about the Presidential election. There is hope. Your faith can provide insight that leads to making moral choices.



Night One: How can we interface spirituality and politics, form our conscience & engage in civil dialogue - Fr. Chuck Schramm ,ThM, MSW

Night Two: Join a facilitated small group to share your views, and listen to other members of our faith community in a safe environment.

Being faithful means you take action.

Come. Get Informed.

Join the discussion.

All Programs Start at 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
Thurs, Sept 8 & 15
3722 S 58th Street
Milwaukee
In Halls A & B

St James
Wed, Sept 21 & 28
W220N6588 Town Line Rd.
Menomonee Falls
In Community Center

St John the Evangelist
Thurs, Oct 6 & 13
812 N. Jackson Street
Milwaukee
In Atrium

Register at www.voteyourfaithmke.org

HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING MINISTRY—UPDATE

What is human trafficking?

It is criminal activity by the use of selling and using human beings by force or coercion to commit sex acts against their will. Sometimes described as modern day slavery, this happens in our own backyard as well as all our 72 counties within Wisconsin.

St. James has been working in collaboration with our neighboring Parish, Good Shepherd and many other resources including “Exploit No More”, which is an organization based in Milwaukee, helping young women and children escape from the hands of criminals and re-enter society.

Our Mission is as follows:

Eliminate the practice of human sex trafficking in our local communities through:

- *Church and community education,
- *Action,
- *Partnerships
- *Supporting those who have been trafficked through the efforts of organizations who work on the front line of rescuing and restoring victims back to the community.

What Our Committee has been called to do:

- * Presenting to area churches and organizations on the importance of Human Trafficking, educating them on what to be aware of in individuals and in the school system as a whole as human trafficking has been known to begin as early as age 12.
- * Building relationships with area churches and organizations working towards mutual goals to create resistance from and STOP these horrendous crimes. Some organizations we’ve reached out to are Rotary, Optimists, Sussex Chamber, Kiwanis, Lions, Knights of Columbus.
- * Be pro-active and find ways to help during large sporting events such as the U.S. Open (which **will** attract Human Trafficking) and takes place at Erin Hills Golf Course in the Hartford area next summer.
- * Worked with companies to help support the mission. Recent contribution of over \$1,300.00 was presented to Exploit No More by Shorewest Realtors.
- * Soap sales 4 times a year, money raised helps support our mission! These are great gift ideas!

Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

9/7/2016 - St. James Human Trafficking Meeting

9/14/2016 - Exploit No More movie will be shown at
6:30 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

1st or 2nd weekend in October, watch bulletin - Soap Sales at St. James after masses

10/15-10/16 - Deacon Steve will be speaking at Good Shepherd in Menomonee Falls. If you haven’t heard him already present to us at St. James, I recommend putting this on your calendar. It is “eye” opening!

12/10 & 12/11 - Soap Sales at St. James after masses.

There is so much going on in this ministry and so many places to go. Please consider serving here if God is directing you this way. There are many ways to help! For more information about the Human Trafficking Ministry or if you need us to help in some way, please contact Robert Schuelke at bschuelke23@gmail.com or 414-807-1675.



A Prayer Opportunity

Each Friday a group gathers to do Centering prayer. We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the main church at 8:45 a.m. and are finished by 9:15. This practice of prayer is a way to deepen one’s relationship with God and to make some time to listen to God. You are welcome to join us when you can. If you have questions please call Sue at 253-2904.

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

Bible Study Opportunities

Men’s Bible Study	Tuesdays, 6:30 am
Bible Study	Tuesdays, 9:00 am
Senior Bible Study	Thursdays, 9:00 am

All Bible Studies take place in the Great Room. No need to call ahead, just stop in and join us. Questions? Call 251-3944.



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 Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse

As the weather cools off this fall, we may find it harder to get out and exercise. We all know that curling up with a good book can be a lot more appealing than our daily walk or run. It's important to try to stay motivated and keep exercising.

To stay motivated, try to set performance goals, make your exercise enjoyable, and vary your routine. If you start with simple goals, such as "I will take my walk every day", the behavior will become a habit. By asking a friend or neighbor to join you on your walk or run, you will find it much more enjoyable, and will have some accountability to keep you moving. If you are invigorated by groups, try joining a health club. If you get bored by the same route, plan ahead and have several routes ready. Make sure you tell someone which route you are taking, just to be safe.

If you do start to skip your daily exercise, don't give up. Remind yourself how good you feel when you do get in that daily exercise. Don't be too hard on yourself, negative self-talk can get in the way of starting your program again. If you have planned too much, re-evaluate your goals, cut down your running or walking time, but make sure to get it in! Any physical activity is better than none. If you are going on a trip or working overtime, try to incorporate shorter periods of exercise into your day.

Sticking with any exercise program takes commitment, by continuing your summer activities through the fall; you will be more motivated to find ways to continue during the long Wisconsin winter!



Be Strong Stay Strong

Bone and muscle loss begin early, **Be Strong Stay Strong** strength training can reverse the process. The benefits of strength training are a reduced risk for chronic diseases: diabetes, high blood pressure, some cancers, osteoporosis, arthritis, and heart disease. By participating in strength training you will notice increased bone density, muscle mass, strength, as well as an increased ability to do activities of daily living.



Class Details:

Days: Mondays and Thursdays

Time: 9:15 am to 10:30 am

Start Date: September 26, 2016

End Date: December 5, 2016

Location: St. James, in the cafeteria

Cost: \$30 (reduced fee based on need)

A free informational meeting will be held in the cafeteria on August 29 at 9:15 am.

For more information or to register for classes, please contact Jen Whitty, Family Living Educator, at 262-548-7789 or jwhitty@waukeshacounty.gov

PRAYER NETWORK

If you have a prayer request, please send an email to Terri Grimmer at: tmg1123@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:



- September 17 & 18, 2016
- October 15 & 16, 2016
- November 19 & 20, 2016

(Usually, baptisms are not celebrated at St. James during Advent and Lent.)

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, 9:30 am, in the Great Room.
4. So that baptisms may be as personal as possible only four baptisms are scheduled for any Mass. Register early!

Call Pastoral Associate Gerry Wolf at 262-253-2213 to register for a class and to schedule a baptism.

Catholics Returning Home ~ Our area Catholic Churches will offer a six-week series entitled “**Catholics Returning Home**” beginning Thursday, September 15th at 7 pm, hosted at St. James in the Great Room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. *If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us.* They can call Diana at St. James at 262-253-2235

Amazon Donates to St. James

St. James Parish is part of AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. James every time you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to St. James Parish. Just log on to www.Smile.Amazon.com and choose St. James Catholic Church Menomonee Falls, WI as your charitable organization. Thank you for supporting St. James!



Sussex Food Pantry Needs:

Canned chicken, peas, pineapple, mandarin oranges, refried beans, pork and beans and sloppy joe sauce
Jello
Ramen Noodles
Boxed mashed potatoes
Cake mixes and frosting



AND AN FYI . . .

Operation Backpack helped 130 children with much needed school supplies this year! 86 children received new shoes with our Back to School with New Shoes program!

We will be moving into our new Civic Campus location in October 2016. Stay tuned for details about an open house. Our new address will be N64 W23760 Main St.

Thank you!!

Jennifer Waltz, Executive Director
Sussex Outreach Services
jenniferwaltz16@gmail.com

ATTENTION!! - Engaged Couples at St. James - SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 1, 2016

On Saturday October 1, 2016, at the 4:30 pm 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



Attention men of St. James - 18 and older!

Pancake breakfasts, brat fries, tootsie roll drives, and Sussex Lion's Daze. These are just some of the ways we raise money and use it to support worthwhile charitable causes.

From helping on a national basis with things like the Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity, to locally supporting our seminarians, Sussex food pantry, the St. Vincent De Paul society, Coats for Kids, among others, and cooking food for Mass on the grass here at St. James, these are just some of the ways that St. James Knights of Columbus live out our goal of strengthening faith and family!

We are all extremely busy these days, but with as little as 8 to 10 hours per year, and a one hour meeting per month with a social afterward, you too can enjoy the satisfaction of helping others, and enjoying the camaraderie of other Catholic men trying our best to live out our faith. All family members of our council are encouraged to help as much as they would like, as well, as we truly are a family oriented group. We would love to have you join us!



Please contact Al Nienas at 262-820-0619. We look forward to hearing from you!

A 10 day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France



Faith Journeys presents this trip specifically designed for **St. James Catholic Church** along with 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 have any other questions, please visit: www.myfaithjourneys.com/login and enter Group #16070 or feel free to give me, Terri Weber a call or email: work phone (direct) 262-253-2259; cell phone 414-550-0954 or email: webert@archmil.org.

ST. JAMES CONGREGATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

	CURRENT YEAR 2015-2016	BUDGET 2015-2016	PRIOR YEAR 2014-2015
REVENUE			
ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS	952,496	970,000	899,259
OFFERTORY COLLECTION	63,975	60,000	58,881
MORTGAGE CONTRIBUTION (UNRESTRICTED)	101,577	120,000	117,248
DESIGNATED INCOME	101,077	74,500	91,043
OTHER CHURCH INCOME	181,627	183,600	178,348
TOTAL REVENUE	1,400,752	1,408,100	1,344,779

EXPENSES			
LITURGY	11,467	16,350	12,752
MUSIC DEPARTMENT	7,798	10,050	6,243
CHRISTIAN FORMATION ***	316,136	314,441	296,991
ADULT/R.C.I.A. MINISTRY	8,208	10,675	8,098
HEALTH MINISTRY	1,152	3,150	4,845
HUMAN CONCERNS	21,880	22,700	22,235
ADMINISTRATIVE ***	633,018	588,844	613,605
PASTORAL MINISTRIES	1,134	7,000	496
PARISH COUNCIL	2,816	7,450	2,652
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ***	315,091	306,914	276,018
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	9,461	-	33,468
RECTORY	25,586	24,000	27,618
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	16,721	16,200	18,507
OTHER COLLECTIONS	18,224	16,100	12,155
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,388,692	1,343,874	1,335,683
		64,226	
(Mortgage Principal Paid)		(54,360)	
NET INCOME	12,060	9,866	9,096

	CURRENT YEAR	BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
NET INCOME	12,060	9,866	9,096
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN INVESTMENTS	241		
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN FIXED ASSETS			76
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,047		(80,993)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	(54,360)		(52,232)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN RESTRICTED (ASSMT)	10,724		73,927
NET CASH FLOW	(28,288)		(50,126)
CASH BALANCE BEGINNING OF PERIOD	39,000		89,126
TOTAL ENDING CASH BALANCE	10,712		39,000
(Savings: 8,872 Checking 1,840)			

***Salaries & Benefits Included

Remaining Mortgage Balance	181,951
Assessments Due:**	168,733
**Total of Previous Years Archdiocesan Assessments Due	



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Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER 2016

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
5:	Parish Offices Closed for Labor Day
7:	All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
8:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
10:	Signed Liturgy at 4:30 Mass
10/11:	Fellowship after Masses
12:	Bereavement Breakfast, 9:30 am
	St. James Senior Club, noon
14:	Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, 7 pm
15:	Catholics Returning Home, 7 pm
16:	Bereavement Fish Fry, 5:30 pm
18:	Parish Town Hall Meeting, 11:30 am
19:	Parish Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 pm
21:	St. Ben's (leave St. James at 4 pm)
	Faithful Citizenship Dialogue (6 pm)
22:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
24:	Signed Liturgy at 4:30 Mass
25:	Knights' Pancake Breakfast, 8 am-noon
28:	Faithful Citizenship Dialogue, 6:00 pm.
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, <i>Cafeteria</i> , 7 pm

OCTOBER 2016

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
1:	Blessing of the Engaged, 4:30 Mass
1/2:	Fellowship after Masses
5:	All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
8:	Meno-Harmonie, Comm Cntr, 11 am
	Signed Liturgy at 4:30 Mass
10:	Bereavement Breakfast, 9:30 am
	St. James Senior Club, noon
12:	Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm
13:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
19:	St. Ben's (leaving St. James at 4 pm)
	Stewardship Assessment Mtg, 7 pm
22:	Signed Liturgy at 4:30 Mass
26:	Common Threads Quilting Guild, 9 am
	St. Vincent de Paul, 7 pm
27:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm

Please see page 5 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department