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St. James Parish
January | February 2010 Newsletter



From Your Prayer & Worship Committee

... The First Effect of Communion is Not Personal.
It Is To Draw Us Closer To Each Other.
... Become One Body In Christ

Jesus speaks of the Eucharist from a personal perspective. We are familiar with that, so let's look at the Mass from a group perspective too.

In every culture throughout history, individual members sometimes come together. And before the first word is spoken, this gathering already tells us some very important things about these people. Their coming together in the first place means they recognize that they need each other to do what they are unable to accomplish by themselves.

After the community assembles, greets and mingles, it typically has some ritual to demonstrate that this is more than a social event. They wash their hands or paint their faces; they engage in some action to transport them from the secular to the sacred realm.

Once on holy ground, the group establishes itself in the world and in history. They read the Torah or Gita or Testament. In illiterate cultures, storytellers recount the communal legends of how the world was made, how evil came into the world, how a divine person saved them, how they got to be who they are and came to be where they are right now.

Having established themselves as this special people, they are in a position to do what they gathered to do: join earth to heaven, communicate with the spirits, engage the eternal God in their temporal pursuit. They may dance or march or mime. Whatever they do, it is precisely what the original savior did. And they do it exactly the way it was handed down to them from their ancestors. This sacred ritual carries divine authority.

In most of these religious celebrations, there is some kind of common meal or sharing of the same earthly element. Some eat various parts of a sacrificial animal, some pass the peace pipe, some share a sacred drink. This symbolizes their solidarity with each other and with their God. After this, the individuals go back to their ordinary lives enriched by their communion celebration. They reluctantly realize that this temporary experience was merely a symbol of the ultimate community in the future.

When we gather for Mass, we add our faith to the human level of activity. And it becomes a different world, a different experience. We come from all parts of the city first as members of the human race, then as members of the body of Christ. Before a word is spoken, our gathering itself is the most important sign of God's presence. The penance rite situates us as creatures before our Creator. Then sacred scripture recalls our humanity in Adam, our rootedness in God's chosen people, our baptismal incorporation into Christ and our continuity with the first generation of Christians.

Then we do what Jesus did, and bread and wine become his body and blood. This is such an amazing miracle that many people think holy Communion is first of all God inside them. That may be true on the psychological level, but on the human level, they already have God in them when they wash dishes or mow the lawn. The first effect of Communion is not personal — it is to draw us closer to each other. Those who eat the same body become one body in Christ.

Then we return to our individual lives and long for that day when we will be able to remain together with God in the heavenly Mass.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM



Baptism preparation classes are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room of the church. Parents are encouraged to participate in the preparation before the birth of their baby.

Baptisms are generally celebrated during the weekend Masses on the weekend of the third Sunday except during Advent and Lent. Baptisms in February 2010 will be celebrated on the second Sunday because it is the last Sunday before Lent begins. For class registration and more information call Daryl Olszewski, the pastoral associate, at 251-3944.

2009 Holly Days a Huge Success

Thank you to the volunteers, basket donors, the vendors, Knights of Columbus, the Fifth Grade Carolers and The Red Note Combo for providing live entertainment, and to the helpful maintenance department for their support. We also want to thank you, the parishioners, for supporting this event.

The Activities Committee

Save the Date

Ladies Night Out

Thursday April 29, 2010
St James' Community Center

St. James Community Garden

St. James is starting a community garden. We need your help to make this a success and to help feed the needy. The three main goals of the community garden are:



- To provide more nutritious food to Sussex's (i.e. CCOS) food pantry (possibly free organic fruits and vegetables)
- To help bring the St. James community closer together (working and sharing gardening tips)
- To have minimal to NO drain on parish resources of money or staff time (volunteers provide and do all the work)

Through a number of meetings and listening sessions of how to help the Cooperating Churches of Sussex (i.e. CCOS) food pantry (above and beyond what we are currently doing) the idea of a community garden was suggested and accepted. The location of the plot and the fall preparation of the soil have already begun on our parish property by our maintenance staff. There will be another meeting on Thursday, January 7th in the Classroom 8 starting at 7:00 p.m. to continue the planning for the Spring planting. Several parish members have already expressed interest and one has offered to donate fruit trees for the project. We will need volunteers to not only plant and cultivate the soil, but to weed, water and care for the plants, along with harvesting the fruits of our labors to help feed those in need with more nutritious food. If you love to garden, or want to learn more about gardening, please sign up to help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Information Kitchenette located in the gathering space, or you can call Paul Schneider at (414) 587-1202 or email him at pschneider@wi.rr.com. Winter won't look so gloomy if you are thinking of Spring planning.

THANK YOU CHRISTMAS DECORATORS

I would like to thank my Christmas committee and everyone who helped decorate our church for the Christmas season. The Confirmation students did a great job! Because of the budget cuts we had to rethink how to decorate the church with limited funds. Frank & Joanne Wanner came forward and donated the beautiful Christmas tree that adorns our altar. Karl, from Shady Lane Nursery in Menomonee Falls also gratuitously donated extra poinsettias. Without their generosity, St. James would not look as beautiful as it does.

Thank you again and please thank the people who worked so hard.

Cookie Helman

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP THE MORNING EDITION...

At the beginning of Lent nearly two years ago about a dozen men began gathering for prayer and Bible study at 6:30 on Tuesday mornings. This was initially a "Lenten" program. However, the men have continued to meet weekly without interruption until this day and the group has grown, sometimes having eighteen participants. The men pray and use the upcoming Sunday's readings for study and reflection. The meeting concludes promptly at 7:30 a.m. Any and all men of the parish are welcome to



...AND NOW...THE MEN'S PRAYER GROUP – EVENING EDITION!

A few men have inquired about the possibility of holding an evening edition of the Men's Pray Group described above. We could try it "for Lent." This group would meet on Thursday evenings so as not to compete with the existing Tuesday Night Scripture Study program. I would propose meeting from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Great Room and that we use the same format as we do with the Tuesday morning group, that is, prayer, faith-sharing, and study of the upcoming Sunday readings. There is no cost for the program. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Bibles but Bibles are available in the Great Room.

Is there enough interest to run this group? Let me know by e-mailing me at olszewskid@archmil.org or by calling me at 251-3944. (Wives can call but only if they make sure their husbands attend!) A minimum of seven men are needed to run this Thursday night group. Deadline to register is Monday, February 15th. Call today!

Giving Tree Update



The St. James Parish continues to be a giving and caring community. Through your generosity, a total of \$4,700.00 in gift cards; over 500 gifts, including games, toys and clothing; and 80 gift bags to the homebound were donated this year. All of these gifts are sincerely appreciated by our sponsored organizations and they will certainly touch many individuals and families. Thank you for sharing the light of Christ this Christmas season. May you have a Happy and Joyous New Year!

St. James Human Concerns Committee

Christian Formation Information

MINI-WORKCAMP

**Planning starts Monday, January 11
from 6:30-7:30/8:00 PM
at Christ Our Savior.**

Christ Our Savior is located on Silver Spring Drive next door to Templeton Middle School. Any adults or youth 7th grade and up that would like to help us plan are welcome to join us on the 11th. The date this year for Mini-Workcamp is April 24th. Mini-Workcamp is a joint service project for the Cooperating Churches in Sussex where adults & teens from the CCOS parishes do spring clean up for area senior citizens. We usually meet once a month to plan and make sure all of the details are covered. If you have any questions about Mini-Workcamp feel free to call Diana at 251-0897 ext. 200. If you want to help with the planning simply show up on January 11th. Watch the next newsletter for information on how to participate in Mini-Workcamp.

Adult Confirmation



If you are a Baptized Catholic who celebrated your First communion BUT not the sacrament of Confirmation, please come to classes from January 10/13 to March 21/24. We offer these classes on Sunday and on Wednesday. You choose which day is best for you. Then if you must miss one you can attend the other day. The sacrament will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on April 3.

This series is also **for any Catholic who wishes to update themselves in the Catholic Church.** The topics include Sacraments, Scripture, Personal Morality, Prayer & the Saints, and Discipleship. **Please contact S. Carol Ann at 251-0897 or scajaeger@archmil.org for more information and to register.**

LENTEN SERIES

"Reflect on God's forgiving love"

The Archdiocese has recommended that the theme for Lent this year should be "A Season of Mercy". Our cluster Mission will follow this theme "Unleashing the forgiving power of Jesus". Please see the flyer in this Newsletter for more details.

S. Carol Ann will again offer a Lenten series on Wednesday mornings. This year to follow the suggested theme, she will use The Shack by Wm Paul Young, which has a strong forgiveness emphasis. There will be corresponding Scripture references and reflection questions for each day of Lent with discussion in small groups each session. This time, please purchase and read the book before the series begins. If you need a book, please call S. Carol Ann at 251-0897 or email her at scajaeger@archmil.org as soon as possible.

Dates: Feb. 16, 24, Mar.,3 (Mar. 10 - attend Cluster Mission instead) and Mar. 17

Time: 9- 10:15 AM

Place: St. James Great Room

Cost: \$8 - only if you need to buy a book; make checks payable to St. James Parish

Please register and return the form below **by Feb. 1.**

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email (optional) _____

Need child care _____

No. of children _____

Ages _____

Return to :
S. Carol Ann Jaeger
W220 N6588 Townline Rd.
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Retreat opportunities:

Come to spend some quiet time with the Lord after the Christmas rush.

At Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc

Phone: 262-567-6900 or

www.redemptoristretreat.org

- January 29-31, 2010 Irish spirituality Retreat
- January 29-Feb. 2, Retreat: Centering through Pottery
- February 5-7 Weekend Silent Preached retreat for Men
- Feb. 12-14 Weekend Preached retreat for Married Couples
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer
- Feb. 19-21 Weekend Silent Preached retreat for men
- Feb. 26-28 Weekend Silent Preached retreat for Men

At Siena Retreat Center, Racine

Phone: 262-639-4100, ext. 1230 or

rlui@racinedominicans.org

Saturday, March 6

- The Paradox of power: moving from control to compassion in a violent world.. ~ **Time:** 9:30 AM - 3:45 PM, followed by Eucharist at 4 PM. **Presenter:** Michael Crosby, OFM Cap ~ **Cost:** \$45, includes n/r \$10 deposit ~ **Registration deadline:** February. 28

You are invited to a special Mass and social. Come pray and hang out with fellow Catholic young adults in the area. Mass begins at **7pm** at the **St. James Historic Chapel** followed by a trek over to Pistol Pete's. Here are the dates for the next few months (all of these are on Thursdays):

- ◆ January 14
- ◆ February 18
- ◆ March 18
- ◆ April 15
- ◆ May 20

The music is lively, the homilies are geared towards young adults, and the atmosphere is inviting. We're just missing you.

So if you are or know someone who is in their 20s and 30s, married or single, I (Isaac) **hope** to see you there.

Contact me if you have questions or for more information:

// Isaac Garcia // igarcia1@nd.edu // 262-251-0897

TEENS NIGHT OUT

This year the church will be hosting its first youth night. Join us on **January 22 at 6:30 pm** for a dinner of pizza and soda in the cafeteria. For the rest of the night we will have activities planned such as a dance in the community center provided by Blaine Rakowski, a movie playing in the church, and board games up in the cafeteria. The event will run until 10:30 pm. In addition to all the fun, we are asking every participant to bring a yard and half of fleece, and after dinner we will be making fleece blankets to donate to local hospitals. The price for this event is \$5 for the pizza and soda. Lastly, we are in need of a few adults during the event and a few families to donate desserts for us for the duration of the night. If you are interested please fill out the bottom part and send to Tracy in the CF office.

Thank you,
Amy Walsh

Name _____

Grade _____

Dessert __ yes __ no

Chaperone __yes __ no

***please send \$5**

Hamilton High School Drama is pleased to present ...

the musical "**Thoroughly Modern Millie**"! Come join the fun on February 11th, 12th and 13th at 7 pm and February 14 at 2 pm in the Hamilton Fine Arts Center.

Ticket prices are \$8 adults and \$5 students/senior citizens. Special *senior citizen promotion* for the Sunday matinee is "buy one/get one free". For more information, please call 246-6471, ext. 1552.



World Youth Day 2011 – Young Adult Pilgrimage (August 10-21, 2011; Madrid, Spain)

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be having regional meetings for Young Adults (ages 18 to 39) interested in attending the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain in August of 2011. Please attend one of these meetings to find out more about this once in a lifetime experience. For dates, locations, and times of the information meetings please visit www.johnpaul2center.org for more information.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR**

JANUARY, 2010

- 3, Sun** **NO** K4-G5 Classes
Epiphany Party for Jesus 9:30-10:30
in Community Center
- 4, Mon** **NO** G6-11 Classes
RCIA, 7:00 in the Great Room
- 5, Tue** **NO** G6-11 Classes
NO G1-5 Classes
Scripture Study, 6:30 Great Room
- 6, Wed** All Committee Meeting. Nite
- 9, Sat** Beyond Date Your Mate
- 10, Sun** GIFT Session, 11:30-1:30 in Community Center
K4/K5 Classes, 8:15
G1-5 Classes, 9:30
No G6-11 Classes
- 11, Mon** **RCIA, 7:00** in the Great Room
No G6-11 Classes
Mini-Workcamp Planning Meeting. 6:30 pm at
Christ Our Savior
- 12, Tue** GIFT Session, 5:30-7:30 in Community Center
G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Scripture Study, 6:30 in Great Room
- 14, Thu** **Young Adult Mass** in Historic Chapel, 7 PM
- 15, Fri** Parish Council/Staff Retreat
- 16, Sat** Parish Council/Staff Retreat
- 17, Sun** K4/K5 Classes, 8:15
G1-5 Classes, 9:30
Mini-GIFT, 11:30-12:30
G6-11 Classes, *1 hour session*
4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30
Adult Confirmation, 11:30 in rectory
- 18, Mon** **RCIA, 7:00** in the Great Room
G6-11 Classes, 6:30-7:30 (*1 hr session*)
- 19, Tue** **Mini-GIFT, 6:30-7:30**
G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Scripture Study, 6:30 in Great Room
- 22, Fri** **Confirmation Retreat—#1, 5:30-6:30** in the
cafeteria, leave for Tyme Out at 6:30 PM
- 23, Sat** **Confirmation Retreat -#1 @ Tyme Out**, return
by 10 PM
- 24, Sun** **NO** K4 thru G5 Classes
Confirmation students attend 10:15 Mass
G6– 10 classes, 4:30 & 6:30
Adult Confirmation, 11:30 in rectory
- 25, Mon** **G6-10 classes, 6:30**
RCIA, 7:00 in the Great Room
- 26, Tue** **NO G1-5 Classes**
Catechist (K4-G5) In-Service,
6:30-7:30 in the Community Center
Scripture Study, 6:30 in Great Room
- 29, Fri** **Cluster RCIA Retreat the St. Joseph's Center**
Confirmation Retreat #2, 5:30-6:30 in the
Cafeteria, leave for Tyme Out @ 6:30
- 30, Sat** **Confirmation Retreat #2 at Tyme Out.** Return
by 10:00 PM
- 31, Sun** K4/K5 Classes, 8:15

group!

- G1-5 Classes, 9:30
Eucharist Parent Meeting @ 9:30 in the
Community Center
Gr. 6-10 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30
Gr. 6-11 attend the 10:15 Mass as a large
Adult Confirmation at 11:30 in rectory

FEBRUARY, 2010

- 1, Mon** G6-10 Classes, 6:30
- 2, Tue** G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Eucharist Parent Meeting @ 5:00 & 6:30 in the
Community Center
Scripture Study, 6:30 Great Room
- 3, Wed** All Committee Mtg Nite
- 5, Fri** **SOAL Board Meeting** in Cafeteria., 9 AM
- 5, Fri –7, Sun** *Aluminum Can Drive -*
- 7, Sun** K4/K5 Classes, 8:15
G1-5 Classes, 9:30
NO G6-11 CLASSES!
Adult Confirmation, 11:30 in rectory
- 8, Mon** RCIA at 7 PM in the Great Room
NO G6-11 CLASSES!
- 9, Tue** G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Scripture Study, 6:30 in Great Room
- 13, Sat** Beyond Date Your Mate
- 14, Sun** **GIFT, 11:30-1:30** in the Community. Center.
K4/K5 Classes, 8:15
G1-5 Classes, 9:30
G6-11 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30
- 15, Mon** RCIA at 7 PM in the Great Room
G6-11 Classes, 6:30
- 16, Tue** **GIFT, 5:30-7:30** in the Community. Center.
G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Scripture Study, 6:30 in Great Room
- 17, Wed** **ASH WEDNESDAY ~ Soup Supper before &
after Mass**
Lenten Series begins, 9:00-10:15 in Great Rm.
- 18, Thu** **Young Adult Mass, 7:00 pm**, Historic Chapel
- 21, Sun** **Break Open the Word** at the 8:15 Mass
K4/K5 Classes, 8:15
G1-5 Classes, 9:30
Mini-GIFT Session, 11:30-12:30
G6-11 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30
G9 Retreat at the Museum following the
10:15 Mass (10:00-5:00)
Adult Confirmation @ 11:30 in rectory
- 22, Mon** **G6-11 Classes, 6:30-8:00**
RCIA, 7:00 in the Great Room
- 23, Tue** **Mini-GIFT Session, 6:30-7:30**
G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Scripture Study, 6:30 in the Great Room
- 24, Wed** Lenten Series, 9:00-10:15 in Great Room
- 28, Sun** **Break Open the Word** at the 8:15 Mass
K4/K5 Classes, 8:15
G1-5 Classes, 9:30
G6-11 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30



Trivia Night

New to St. James

Sat. January 30th, 2010

Doors open 6:30pm, Trivia 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Come and enjoy an evening of fun spirited competition at our first Trivia Night in our Community Center. Come as you are or better yet, create a "themed" team/table of eight friends. This could be a battle of subdivisions, neighbors or pew mates! Can't make a table of 8- that's ok we will also sell individual tickets! You will be taking part in 10 question challenges in 10 different categories. Players are encouraged to bring their own spreads, beer or wine only. Light snacks, water and soda will be provided. Prizes to game winners, most creatively decorated table, most fun team name, most amazing team attire, and congeniality table. See which table has the most amount of useful/useless knowledge!

Tickets are \$10.00 with reserved tables of eight for \$80.00. Individual tickets will be sold after mass from January 2nd to January 17th. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Mulligans will also be sold at the door.

You can reserve your table of 8 now by downloading the form off www.stjames-parish.com under upcoming events. Tables of 8 should be registered no later than Thurs. Jan. 21st, 2010 to guarantee you spots. Forms can also be picked up at the Parish Office or church hospitality kitchen. Contact Ruth Ann Stevens at 262-439-9090 or stevensnest@wi.rr.com for more information.

Also, recruiting volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up for this new event.

2010 Fellowship Weekend Schedule

Fellowship Weekend is a wonderful opportunity to visit, after Mass, with old and new friends while enjoying some delicious bakery and treats.

We will be having Fellowship Weekend every month this year except January (Christmas Cookie Weekend) and December (Holly Days). To ensure that we have enough bakery the parish has been divided into groups based on your last name. We are asking each family to contribute (bake or buy) two times this year for Fellowship Weekend. If you prefer to bring cheese, sausage and crackers; etc. Saturday evening, that would be wonderful. Those of you who love to bake and would like to bring something every month, bless you and please do. If you are going to be out of town when it's your turn, please feel free to bring something either the month before or after.

We can never have too much bakerv.

2010 Fellowship Weekends

2010 Fellowship Weekends	You are the baker if your last name begins with these letters.
January 2nd & 3rd	Christmas Cookies Everyone
February 6th & 7th	<u>A thru D</u>
March 6th & 7th	<u>E thru J</u>
April 3rd & 4th	<u>K thru M</u>
May 1st & 2nd	<u>N thru Sc</u>
June 5th & 6th	<u>Se thru Z</u>
July 3rd & 4th	<u>A thru D</u>
August 7th & 8th	<u>E thru J</u>
September 4th & 5th	<u>K thru M</u>
October 2nd & 3rd	<u>N thru Sc</u>
November 6th & 7	<u>Se thru Z</u>
December 4 th & 5 th	Holly Days



HUMAN CONCERNS INFORMATION ...

Immigration Reform....

In 2010 immigration legislation will again be moving to the center of public debate.

The history of the Church in the US compels us to care in a unique way for the welfare of today's immigrants. Our immigrant ancestors helped build the Church here and helped establish a thriving American political system. The first American citizen to become a saint – Frances Xavier Cabrini – was a naturalized immigrant from Italy and is now the universal patroness of immigrants. Catholic immigrants of every generation have experienced discrimination and intolerance at the hands of those who arrived before them. In the 1600s and 1700s some Catholics were denied the right to vote, hold office and celebrate mass in a church. “No Irish Need Apply” was a staple of employment ads in the 19th and 20th centuries. Descendants of enslaved Africans continue to suffer the after effects of slavery and segregation. Today, like their immigrant predecessors, Latinos, Asians, and others are the objects of suspicion, intolerance and discrimination.

The role of the Catholic Church in the current immigration debate in the United States has surprised and perhaps upset many people, including even some Catholics. But the Church's position on migration has remained consistent for decades.

Drawing on some classic principles of Catholic social thought, the bishops of the Church have expressed opposition to the breaking of laws and unlawful entry into the country. The Church has long acknowledged the right of a nation-state to control its territorial borders and to regulate entry. The State has a very serious responsibility to protect its citizens and this may entail strong immigration controls. At the same time however, the Church says that human beings have a right to migrate—particularly in search of work in order to improve their human condition and to provide for the needs of their families. The bishops have called for just immigration laws that will allow generous channels of entry, good working conditions, families being able to stay together and the protection of the migrant's dignity and human rights.

Concern for family unity and the dignity of all God's children should underlie our moral thinking as Catholic Christians. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus blesses the poor and those who hunger and thirst for justice [Matt 5]. He makes clear through the story of the Good Samaritan that God's kingdom is one of love and community for all people including the stranger and the alien in our midst [Luke 10]. In the eyes of God, we are one human family whose salvation is found in care and concern for the least among us. [Matt 25:40] “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me” [Mt. 25:35]

Our current immigration system is broke and needs comprehensive reform. Throughout January and the weeks of Lent opportunities to learn more about the human reality of our current system will be offered beginning with a presentation on

Sunday, January 24 following the 10:15 mass.

Sister Josephe Flynn, who has worked with local immigrants and their families and a local Immigration Attorney [tba] will educate us on current immigration law, why comprehensive reform is necessary and how our laws affect family unity and the dignity of our neighbors. Mark your calendars and join us for this important event.

Peace,
Debra Schneider
St. James Human Concerns Committee

The Nazareth Project for Marriage and Family Formation

Archdiocese of Milwaukee / 414-758-2214 / www.johnpaul2center.org

Holy Hour For Life – January 21, 2010 *An Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist* On January 21st, the vigil of the National Day of Penance and Prayer, *Holy Hours for Life* will be held simultaneously in over 100 parishes in the Archdiocese from 7-8pm. Advertisement of the locations will be placed in next week's parish bulletin and are available on both the Archdiocesan website (www.archmil.org) and the John Paul II Center website (www.johnpaul2center.org) Please consider coming to spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament praying for a consistent life ethic for all stages of life—womb to tomb.

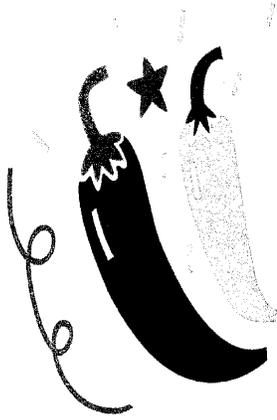
St. James Music Ministry
Annual Chili Fundraiser



chili
chili dogs
hot dogs
dessert
milk
coffee

CHILI THING

Saturday, January 23, 2010
4:00–7:30 p.m.
St. James Community Center



Advance Tickets:
\$6.00 Adults
\$4.00 Children

Tickets at the door
\$7.00 adults
\$5.00 Children

Canned beverages can be purchased

All proceeds:
for special needs of St. James
Contact: Rita Calmes at 262-246-6420

This January's 5th Sunday of the month will focus on the Hebron House of Hospitality in Waukesha. Anita Fabos will be speaking at all our Masses the weekend of January 30th/31st. Here's a little preview of the Hebron House.

Hebron House of Hospitality

Mission Statement:

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

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

Hebron House & Siena House are shelters for families and single women. Jeremy House Safe Haven is for single adults with mental health issues. In 2007, Hebron House served 1,605 individuals; 42% were children. The shelters provided 20,567 nights of shelter and 50,849 meals. Hebron House also assisted 471 households with case management, no-interest loans, and expediting supplemental security income.

How Can You Help?

- ◆ **Ask** what is needed in donated goods and services to benefit guests in the shelters.
- ◆ **Engage** in advocacy support plans that create affordable housing. Share your concerns with public officials, neighbors, family and friends.
- ◆ **Educate** yourself, your family and friends on the issues of homelessness.
- ◆ **Donate** your time, your money and your skills to help those in need.

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

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

For more information:

you can contact Anita Fabos from Hebron House @ 262-549-8720, afabos@hebronhouse.org or visit their website <http://www.hebronhouse.org/> or contact

Tom & Toni Bohmann from St James @ 262-628-8323.

Human Concerns 5th Sunday Priority Relationships – Hebron House of Hospitality

By now you know the St James Priority Relationship Organizations serve the poor, homeless, handicapped and elderly. We focus on these relationships to help these local organizations and to create awareness within St James for volunteer opportunities.

The St James Priority Relationships include:

- ◆ Local: St Vincent de Paul— Sussex Area Outreach Services
- ◆ County: Interfaith Senior Programs — Hebron House of Hospitality
- ◆ Milwaukee: St Bens Meal Program — Repairers of the Breach

Health Ministry News

*“There is an appropriate time for everything...
A time to be born and a time to die...
A time to weep and a time to laugh...
A time to be silent and a time to speak...”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4-,7

In January, we think of new beginnings and things that we promise to change and improve in the coming year. May this “New” year and “New” decade be a healthy, happy and blessing filled year for reach of you!

When we contemplate this message, it helps us reflect on some of the issues we deal with throughout our lives. The consoling point is that God has a plan for each of us. In light of this, the Health Ministry Committee will be offering information regarding End-of-Life issues during **Compassion Weekend, February 13th & 14th** at St. James.

Father Art and the Health Ministry Committee feel it is important to set aside a weekend to address some of the important details regarding *Advanced Directive*: Power of Attorney for health care and living wills, etc.

It is our hope to raise awareness of end-of-life issues, explain how we can provide spiritual support as a faith community and help people be better prepared for dealing with the difficult challenges of long-term illness and impending death.

Planning ahead and having Advance Directives in place can make such a huge difference for the dying person and his/her family. It can greatly decrease the anxiety level of the dying person and lead to a much more peaceful death. The time to make out these documents and make your wishes about medical treatment known is **before** you are ill. During this weekend, we will have a table in the gathering area with packets of information regarding Advanced Directives. Please stop and pick up some information. If you have any questions about what you read, please contact me and I will be happy to assist you in filling out the forms. As a faith community, in keeping with our St. James Health Ministry Mission statement ... *“we strive to be aware of the needs of others and nourish their spirits, minds and bodies.”* We have volunteers who visit the sick and homebound, bring the Eucharist to hospitalized parishioners, donate meals to families in need and minister to families who are grieving.

Father Art is always willing to talk with you and celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick in your home or at your health care facility.

As the parish nurse, I serve parish members in many ways. I am very willing to talk with you and pray with you in your home, in the hospital or in the nursing home and discuss how we as a faith community can help you in your time of need. During the month of February, I especially ask you to ponder your dying; to pray, ask questions and seek information to prepare yourself and your family. Let us keep in our prayers all those in our faith community who are suffering and dying. Also please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any of this information or ask any questions.

I would also like to share with you that in February we will focus on cardiac health. On February 24th, we will be offering a special program called **Heart of A Woman**. From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the community center. It focuses on women and healthy hearts — physically, spiritually and emotionally. Please join S. Carol Ann, myself and the Planning Committee for a very up lifting way to focus your health and your Lenten journey.

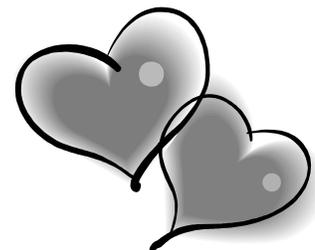
More information will be in upcoming bulletins. For March, focus on a healthy Spring and strong, vital body.

Many continued blessings to each of you in the coming year!

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Three websites of interest:

1. www.uslivingwillregistry.com
2. www.agingwithdignity.org
3. www.lastacts.org
4. americanheart.org or 1-800-242-8721
5. strokeassociation.org



VOCATIONS CORNER ...

The Journey

When I was asked to write an article for the newsletter about why and how I became a deacon, I thought it would be easy. All I would have to do is just give a few facts and dates, but upon reflection and prayer, it turns out that the "call" is much more than that, so here goes....

All of our spiritual journeys, including mine, begin with baptism. Unfortunately, at that most important time in our lives, someone else speaks for us and accepts the "call". But through the grace of the sacrament, the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and the guidance of our parents and God parents, we are on our way into the "life in Christ".

The foundations of our spiritual life as children and young adults, along with the sacraments, often lead us to journey into "uncharted territory", often in directions we may feel that we are not spiritually equipped to go. Not having gone to Catholic grade school or high school, and being a Pre-Vatican II Catholic, my early faith foundation was the good sisters who taught religious education at our home parish and my mother who, as I said during her funeral liturgy, took me "kicking and screaming" to Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, First Fridays, Benediction and the Old Latin Mass. As with other children of the time, religion and faith was something you "did" and not something you really fully appreciated. Never in my life did I ever think that God was calling me to Holy Orders or some other higher calling, as some of my friends did.

Even as I grew older, I guess you would have called me the typical "pray, pay and obey Catholic". Religion and faith just didn't strike me as the most important thing in my life. Not until after Vatican II, the marriage to my "soul mate", Betty, and the birth of our 2 children, did I really come to realize how God was touching me and my life, because that is the time we became involved in parish life, liturgy, retreats and prayer.

In 1983, I remember sitting at a prayer service and after proclaiming one of the readings, the choir began the song, "Here I Am Lord". For those of you who are not familiar with the song, it begins,

*Here I am Lord. ~~ Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, ~~ If you lead me....*

There were probably two hundred people in attendance; each heard the song, but the words seemed to be directed to me. I remember the sudden feeling of being called by God to do more with my life. At that time, we were fortunate to have three Deacons in our parish, and I was familiar with their ministry and service. After discussion with them, the pastor and most of all Betty and the children, it was decided that I look into the deaconate formation program.

So, in early 1984, I applied for admission to the deaconate program at St. Francis Seminary and waited for the decision as to whether or not I would be accepted. It was Good Friday of that year when I received the letter, and upon opening and reading it, found out that I was not going to be accepted because the parish already had three ordained deacons. I remember thinking what a day to be denied acceptance, on Good Friday, when the Lord sacrificed all for our salvation.

We celebrated the resurrection on Holy Saturday Evening, with somewhat heavy hearts, figuring that God must have something else in mind for me. On the following Monday, after Easter, I received a call from the seminary asking if I was still interested in the formation program, and no other explanation as to why things had now changed. I responded with a resounding yes, and began 4 years of study and formation in August of 1984, still not knowing if this was truly what God wanted me to do. That thought came home to me again that first day of class. At the noon lunch break, with a pounding head-ache from all the stress of the morning, I remember sitting under one of the beautiful old trees at the seminary with Betty and saying, "What the heck am I doing here?"

The formation years went by in a hurry as Betty and I bonded with the other 11 candidates and their wives and formed a small Christian Community, and on April 23, 1988, I was ordained by Archbishop Rembert Weakland.

I still have the vivid memory of kneeling before the Archbishop and being handed the book of the Gospels with the words,

*"Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you now are.
Believe what you read, teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach."*

Powerful words and a still more powerful challenge!

After ordination, I was assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish where I ministered for the first 19 years. During those years, there were times that I was given tasks that I would rather not have been doing; where I felt that my talents didn't fit. But, as Bishop Sklba said on our recent retreat, "*Sometimes we are called at a time not of our choosing; to a task we would rather not do; in a place we would rather not be, but still we must find God in that moment*".

In 2007, I was reassigned to St. James, and the journey continues as I try my best, with the help of God, to serve all of you in your needs and your own personnel journeys.

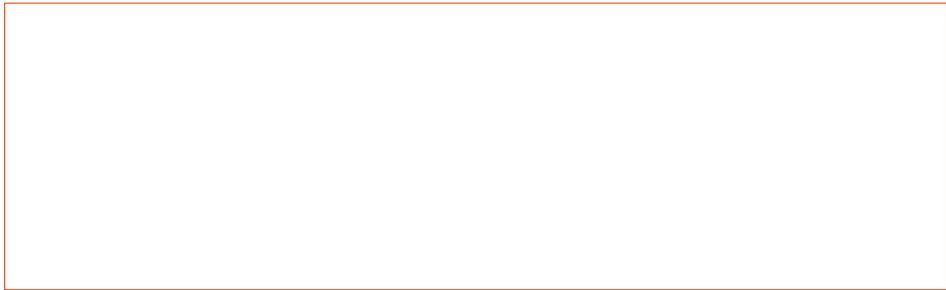
My journey began with small steps and the call through the words of a song. Each of us is called, because of our Baptisms, in different ways. Please, please, listen to your own call, no matter how it may come or how loud or soft it may be, because God calls each person in different ways.

***Peace and Blessings,
Deacon Mike***



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Dates to Remember

January

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
2&3:	Fellowship Weekend after all Masses
6:	All Committee Meeting Night. 7 pm
9:	Baptismal Prep Session 9:30 am great room
9&10:	Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses
12:	KC Board Meeting. 7:30 pm
13:	Parish Council Meeting. 7 pm great room
14:	Community banquet. 5:30 pm
15:	St. James Senior Club meeting. 12:30 pm
15&16:	Parish Council / Staff Retreat
16&17:	Baptisms at 5 pm & 10:15 am Masses
17:	KC Pancake Breakfast 8 am to 12 pm
20:	Leave for St. Ben's Meal Program 4 pm
21:	KC General Membership Meeting. 7:30 pm
28:	Community Banquet. 5:30 pm
30:	Lector Prep Session. 8 am

February

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3:	All Committee Meeting Night. 7 pm
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10:	Parish Council Meeting. 7 pm great room
11:	Community Banquet. 5:30 pm
13:	Baptismal Prep Session. 9:30 am great room
13&14:	Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses
17:	ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES. 8 am & 6:00 pm in church
	Leave for St. Ben's Meal Program 4 pm
18:	KC General Membership Meeting. 7:30 pm
19:	St. James Senior Club Meeting. 12:30 pm
25:	Community Banquet. 5:30 pm
27:	Lector Prep Session. 8:00 am
28:	Immigration Forum. 11:30 am

Please check page 6 for Calendar information from the CF Department