

St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

A Member of the Menomonee Falls Cluster Parishes
(St. James, St. Mary's & Good Shepherd)

December 25, 2013

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

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O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ The Lord!

Grace, Light, And Peace be with all of you who have come from far and near to celebrate the Living Word of God, wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our humanity!

❖ I'm awestruck when I think about all that has happened since last Christmas! We have been given a new leader of our Catholic Church who not only took the name "Francis" after the little poor man from Assisi. Pope Francis also embodies the spirit of this peacemaker from the Middle Ages who has impacted every age since. WHY?

❖ Francis of Assisi so identified with Jesus Christ that he actually shared in the five wounds of Christ - the Stigmata! Why call this to mind when we power punch of Christmas is the reality that He actually became one of us. In ied and transformed. That's what we

❖ As we prepare the bread and wine at pray, "By the mingling of this water and of Christ, who humbled himself to share of this as the "divinization

❖ Our pastoral staff has had almost a In our attempts to bond together and asking the question, "Why does St.



gather to celebrate Christmas? Because the that our God so identified with all of **US** Jesus our woundedness is embraced, embod-mean when we say, "Jesus Saves!"

Mass, we pour water into the wine and we wine, may WE come to share in the divinity in our humanity." The Eastern Church speaks of the human race."

50% turnover rate in the past three years. plan, we have been praying, discussing, and James Parish exist? Why are we here?"

Our current response is:

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

❖ To that end, we have embraced the challenge to *Become Dynamic Christians.*

❖ To that end we are giving every parish household a Christmas Gift, a book by author Matthew Kelly entitled, "The Four Signs Of A Dynamic Catholic."

<This book is also available as an e-book <and through the web site: www.DynamicCatholic.com>

❖ Our hope and prayer is that this book will help you to encounter the Living God, wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our human condition.

❖ Our hope and prayer is that this book will be a springboard for a transforming experience this coming Lent.

❖ Our dream is that our sharing and discussing of this book in the spring of 2014 will give us a Lent like no other.

❖ May our unwrapping of this Christmas gift assist us all in:

BECOMING DYNAMIC CHRISTIANS!

Fr. Mike Moran and the Pastoral Staff of St. James



Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are happy that you have come to share in this celebration of the Eucharist with us at St. James Parish!

If you have come as a stranger, we hope that you will leave as a friend. Come back often and know that you are always welcome here.

If you would like to find out more information about St. James Parish please call the **parish office at 262-251-3944** or check our website stjames-parish@bizwi.rr.com

PRAYER & WORSHIP

The Community of Believers were of one heart and one mind. None of them ever claimed anything as his own; rather everything was held in common. Acts 4:32

Prayer & Worship are the heart of parish life at St. James. It is here, as a gathered community that our lives become a gift to God and to one another. There are over 500 ministers who serve in the various liturgical ministries, and about 1,400 people who gather as the assembly of believers. These ministries strengthen the bond which unites the Body of Christ because we become more dependent upon one another in order to fully celebrate the mystery of faith we call the Eucharist.

Each person brings their own personal faith to enhance the Sunday worship experience. When we gather for worship we acknowledge the presence of a God who is **“active”** in our daily lives and through this **“conversion”** experience we are challenged to **“transform”** the world.

By our loving deeds, our understanding words, our listening ears, our helpful hands, our willingness to love, serve and forgive others, we continue Christ’s work on earth.

All are welcome! Come to the Feast.

A Note from the Parish Nurse, Pam Dennis:

“What is a Parish Nurse?” Good question and one I get often as I am out and about doing my job for our church. Contemporary parish nursing began in 1984 but it has historical roots. Phoebe, a deaconess in the early Church, is often considered the first parish nurse. After becoming a follower of Jesus Christ, she opened her home to care for the sick (Romans 16:1-2).

Nursing schools have always taught that nurses should minister to the spiritual as well as the physical needs of their patients. Parish nursing, or “faith community nursing”, as it is called by the American Nurses Association, is a specialty practice area. The goal of the parish nurse is to minister holistically to individuals and families, in and through the faith community, using their health education and spiritual maturity to promote wellness of body, mind and spirit. It is estimated that there are 6000 parish nurses in the United States today.

Some of my jobs include acting as health educator, health counselor, organizer of volunteers and referral specialist. In health care today, we are sensitive to how our patients are affected on a holistic level. For example, parish nurses understand that a diagnosis of cancer not only affects the person on a physical level, but it significantly affects their spirit, mind and relationships with family and friends. In meeting the holistic needs of our parishioners in the spiritual realm, I listen, pray, give Communion, read devotions, and help people through pain and suffering. Many times through my home and hospital visits I am able to act as the parishioner’s health advocate to help prevent their health care concerns from falling through the cracks or to access early intervention to the health care system.

Many ministries are included in our St. James Health Ministry. We have our card ministry for parishioners who just need to know their church family is thinking of them with occasional mail. The prayer shawl ministry offers beautiful gifts of handmade prayer shawls so that individuals feel wrapped in Jesus’ loving arms. We offer home-made meals for those in need when ill or during their time of bereavement. Blood Pressure screenings are conducted for preventative healthcare. And our Eucharistic Minister visits to the homebound or ill parishioners in the hospital allow them to truly feel the love of our Savior as they heal.

Two additional ministries have begun recently. The Bereavement Companion ministry sends out a series of four bereavement books and offers the bereaved parishioner someone to call and visit them for the year after they have lost a loved one. This ministry also conducts a bimonthly Friday Fish Fry social for the bereaved. We also have an ongoing, Companions on the Journey breakfast the second Monday of every month for those who have had a loss. The other new ministry is the Elizabeth Ministry which is responsible for the “busy bags” for the 4 year olds and under to use in Mass. Soon it will be starting new Mom/baby visits.

If you would like to share in the joys of this ministry or if you or someone you know could benefit from the services of the health ministry please feel free to call me. My contact information is always in the weekly bulletin, phone number: (262) 250-2663 or e-mail: dennisp@archmil.org. I’d like to take a moment to thank all the current Health Ministry volunteers who make it possible for our ministry to be such a big success! Many Christmas blessings to you and your family and I pray for good health for you all in the New Year.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Historic Chapel located to the north of our main entrance and adjacent to the parish cemetery, was built in 1847 and is still used today for weekday Masses and occasional weddings and funerals? Eucharistic adoration is held in the chapel on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Historic Chapel is believed to be the oldest Catholic church still being used today in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

21! Youth Group

It's been a great first half of the year for our 21! Youth Group. That's sixth + seventh + eighth graders who meet every other Wednesday between the parishes of St. James, Good Shepherd and St. Mary. Bryan Ramsey (St. James/Good Shepherd) and Sara Andrew (St. Mary) lead a group of about 30 middle school students. We have had fun with games, balloons, puzzles, pizza, pumpkin cookies, wanta's, hafta's, choose-to's, Christmas projects and lots of snacks.

We are looking forward to the new year and a whole bunch of Wednesdays **starting January 8th from 6:21-7:49 p.m.** It'll be a time for fun, for faith and for friends. Come join us on Jan. 8th or **every other Wednesday** from then on, meet some new friends, share a little faith and have a lot of fun with your 21! Youth Group.

God calling....

Have you heard God call you lately? God does call...like in reflecting about "What am I going to BE when I grow up?" Could God be calling you to a vocation of full-time service in the Church? Do you sometimes wonder about life as a religious sister? A religious brother? A priest? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you question and reflect on "What am I going to BE (not do) when I grow up?"

WHAT IS THE "CCOS?"

St. James is one of the six Cooperating Churches of Sussex that also includes: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Lisbon Presbyterian, Redeemer United Church of Christ, St. Alban Episcopal, and Sussex United Methodist. As part of its mission outreach the six congregations operate the Sussex-area Outreach Center (SOS) and Food Pantry through part time paid personnel and hundreds of volunteers. The pantry is located across the street from the Resource Center, N63 W23626 Silver Spring Dr. and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Telephone 246-9860.

Adult Confirmation

Have you been confirmed? Do you know someone you could encourage or invite? We invite you to take advantage of the preparation our cluster parishes are offering.

The sessions will be offered on Sundays, 11:30-1:00 at St. Anthony's on Appleton Avenue, beginning Sunday February 2nd.

If you, a family member, or a friend are interested, contact Sister Lucille at 262-253-2915.

Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School

will be July 28-August 1st, 2014.



Caravan with Moses and the Israelites as they escape from Egypt! Watch God guide & provide for his people. Children going into 4K – 5th grade in 2014-15 are invited to participate. Youth going into 6th grade and up, and adults are welcome to help. Registration coming this spring . . .

WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS...

...and this year the St. Vincent de Paul Society made over 130 home visits in our parish area responding to emergency requests to prevent utility cut-offs and to keep people from being homeless as they faced evictions or foreclosures. Your generous financial donations helped many needy families. Please continue your generous support by contributing to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society by using the special envelopes available near the entrances or by forwarding donations directly to the parish office. Thank you!

SOAL

St. James Older Adult Learning (SOAL) offers classes in the Spring and the Fall, which provide adults age 50 and over a great opportunity to socialize and learn new skills. Participants enjoy sessions on spirituality, arts and crafts, health, contemporary issues and more. Volunteer instructors set the tone for fun and interesting classes. Classes run for 6 weeks and SOAL ends with a potluck lunch and display of projects.

The Spring 2014 session will begin on Friday, February 28th and run for six consecutive Fridays. The closing potluck luncheon and display of projects will be held on April 11th.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteer instructors. Please consider sharing six hours of your time and your talent with older adults by offering to teach a class this spring.

If you are not on the SOAL mailing list and would like to receive a Spring brochure or would like additional information about the SOAL program, please contact Mara Scherer at schererm@archmil.org or call 262-253-2916.

High School Youth Group

Life is pretty busy for a high school student - school, extra-curriculars, sports, clubs, preparing for college, work and on and on and on. St. James offers a chance for you to slow down a little.

"Snacks-n-Service" provides an opportunity for you to fulfill some service hours while slowing down, meeting new people and getting to know them. We get together every month or two to help out those less fortunate. Whether it's making toys for animals with the humane society, decorating cookies for the guests of the St. Ben's meal program, making rosaries for the elderly of Volunteers of America, or putting together Sunday school survival kits for the kids of St. James. We serve many different people and live out what it means to be Catholic. Check the bulletin of the St. James Facebook site for the next "Snacks-n-Service" event.



**THE MEN
OF TUESDAY
MORNING'S PRAYER
AND BIBLE STUDY WISH
YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

All men are invited to join us when our gatherings resume after the holidays—Tuesday, January 7th, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in the Great Room. Come, discover and experience the spiritual support of other men of faith!



1000 YEARS!

The cumulative ages of all of the participants in the weekly Thursday morning Senior Bible study is over 1,000 years! Any and all seniors are welcome to join this group which is filled with age and wisdom. The group meets on Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Great Room. It's a wonderful time to socialize, to pray, and to study the up-coming Sunday's Scripture readings. Come anytime! There are no fees or membership expectations.

Mission Trip

We have broken new ground in what we offer for a summer mission trip opportunity for our high schoolers. This year "2 Saints & A Good Shepherd" combined to offer THREE WEEKS of mission trip opportunities between St. Mary, Good Shepherd and St. James.

On November 18th we rolled out the new system and St. James teenagers took advantage of the many options. As a result St. James will be well represented and travel to places such as St. Louis, MO, Leech Lake, MN and Moore, OK.

Registration is still open and waiting for you to take your place at the table of service to the Lord and others while having the time of your life. The Moore OK trip has a few spots open for the week of June 29-July 5, 2014. The month of July 2014 is going to be full of mission trippers crossing this great country, serving people in need, applying their faith and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ. If you're interested, hurry into the CF Office or email us to punch your ticket for this great experience.

Catholics Returning Home

We thank God for the wonderful, and large group, we had this past year. It is not too early to begin thinking about returning to your roots, returning home. If not you, how about extending an invitation to a family member, a friend, a neighbor. We hear how our "returnees" come because someone INVITED them. I INVITE you to INVITE. For more information contact Sister Lucille at 262-253-2915.

Directory

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm (Individual Reconciliation 4:00-4:15)
Sunday 8:15 am & 10:30 am
Weekday Masses:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

PARISH STAFF:

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Mondays 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 pm

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St. Vincent de Paul: 251-3944

MISSION STATEMENT

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