Celebrate Christmas at St James

December 24:  3:30 Mass
              5:30 Mass
              9:00 Concert
              9:30 Mass

December 25:  9:00 Mass

This Year

Come & experience a

Candlelight Christmas

9:00 PM Concert

Featuring our wonderful
St. James Music Ministry

9:30 Mass
Weathering Storms Together

“Some weather we’re having, isn’t it?” How many times do our conversations use the weather as a starting point? It’s perfectly logical to do so, since the weather is a naturally shared experience, something we automatically have in common, and which directly affects each of our lives.

The changes of weather from day to day are set in motion by powerful currents. In turn, these currents are triggered by changes in temperature, air pressure, gravitational pull, and who knows what other cosmic forces that we might not give much attention to in the course of our daily activity (unless you’re a meteorologist!)

The wind and the sea, and even the land masses of our planet, are constantly shifting and changing, sometimes imperceptibly and sometimes dramatically. Just so, our religious and spiritual “weather” is moved by forces, sometimes subtle and sometimes obvious, which are oftentimes beyond the scope of our personal activity.

There is no doubt that the priest shortage which we’ve been hearing about for years is influenced by currents which flow at the deepest levels of our personal and collective experiences of being church. Those currents include a broad range of interrelated issues: authority and leadership within the church; the relationship between the laity and the clergy; ministry and vocations; the nature of parish life. We’ve seen it coming, yet we struggle to truly understand all the factors that have combined to bring us to this point. We struggle even harder to foresee how it will affect our experience as church moving forward.

In a recent bulletin column, I wrote:

“The challenge for us to trust in God is especially true for our parish in this time of transition. When I shared at one of the parish town hall meetings that the Archdiocese had asked me to consider serving as temporary parish director for the next nine months, several parishioners had questions. Would my role indeed remain temporary or would that change in the interim? If we would be assigned a new pastor next June, as the archdiocese indicated, might we have to share him with another parish, given the priest shortage? Over the past 15-20 years, the plan for parishes to collaborate and cluster has been in constant flux. Remember the Four Saints and a Good Shepherd cluster?...This particular period of history in the archdiocese of Milwaukee has many uncertainties for our parish and many others.”

Sometimes the weather unexpectedly imposes itself upon us, leaving us no choice but to change our daily patterns, change our schedules, change our plans, maybe even change our life’s direction, or our home! Those types of changes are difficult, challenging, and painful.

In the midst of it all, we must remember that the most powerful force of movement and change in all of Life, in the life of the Church, and in each of our personal lives is the Spirit of God. As Jesus explains to Nicodemus in the gospel of John:

“I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God:
what is born of the flesh is flesh;
what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Do not be surprised when I say: You must be born from above.
The wind blows wherever it pleases;
you hear its sound,
but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.
That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit.”

Gerry Wolf, Temporary Parish Director
COME ONE, COME ALL!
ST. JAMES PARISH
FALL CLEAN UP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
8:00 AM—NOON

Weather Permitting we will be raking and cleaning up our Church grounds. This is a service opportunity for youth, adults & families as well as individuals where everyone can pitch in. We have lots of area to cover so the more the merrier! All you need to bring is a rake. We’ll meet at 8 am in the Cafeteria for donuts, juice and coffee. After a little direction we’ll get started and plan to finish by noon. Any time you can offer to help is appreciated.

JACOB’S LADDER
In November we honor & remember, in a special way, family & friends that have died.

Bring pictures of your loved ones, and place them on the Jacob’s Ladder, that will be situated in the alcove next to the Baptismal Font. The ladder will be set up starting the 1st of November.

The pictures will remain there throughout the month of November. Please put your name & phone # on the back of the frame.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
Thursday, November 24th at 9 am in Church

The Parish Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24th And Friday, November 25th.

NEW POLICY:
Please note that our new policy is that on Sunday mornings our ushers have been asked to unlock the Church doors no more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the 8:15 Mass for security reasons. This means doors are opened at 7:45 a.m.
We want you to be aware so you can plan accordingly.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION
AVAILABLE FROM 3:45—4:15
SATURDAYS PRIOR TO THE 4:30 PM MASS IN THE RECONCILIATION ROOM.

Important Census and Survey Mailing
Two very important forms were mailed out to all registered St. James families this week, a 2016-2017 Census form and a Survey from the Evangelization team. In order for the parish to have the most up-to-date information we ask you to please verify the information on the Census form, make any necessary changes and return the Census forms and Survey to the parish no later than November 21, 2016. Please use the “yellow” Census/Survey envelope found in the mailing to return your forms by mail or place in the baskets marked “Census/Survey” located at one of the three church exits.

NEW “Scan to pay or give.”
What is this QR code and why use it? When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone’s QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our web page to conveniently schedule your monthly Stewardship donation(s). To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access our web page without having to type out a long web address and locate your link.

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 Monee, IL as your charitable organization. Thank you for supporting St. James!
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Holy Day
Thursday, December 8th
8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at St. James
in Church
(all parish offices are closed)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Here at St. James
Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
3:30 pm
5:30 pm
9:00 pm Christmas Concert
9:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
9:00 am Christmas Mass
(Parish offices will be closed December 23 & 26; December 30—half day; and January 2nd.)

CLUSTER ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES
Saturday, December 10 9:00 am  St. Anthony’s
Tuesday, December 13 7:00 pm  Good Shepherd

ST. JAMES GIVING TREE
The St. James Giving Tree will be going up in the Gathering Area beginning the weekend of November 12/13. Through this outreach ministry, our parish is able to assist homebound seniors, disabled adults as well as children and families in need during the Christmas Season. Tags with gift requests will be hung on the tree for local charitable organizations such as Interfaith Senior Programs, St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. James, Sussex Outreach Services, Milwaukee Center for Independence and Hebron House. Please keep this opportunity in mind as you make your holiday shopping lists and help brighten the Christmas Season for others in need. Thank you!

HOW DOES IT GET DONE????
Quite often we hear people mention how beautiful the church looks at Christmas time. The trees, the lights, & the wreaths hopefully put the assembly in a Prayerful as well as a Celebratory mood. But how do all these decorations get prepared and set up in the church???
All of this is done by people like you – people that want St James to look wonderful for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Please come & join the fun of preparing the church for the Christmas season.

We will meet on Mon. Nov. 7th at 7:00PM in the Great Room at St. James. Please come and share any decorating ideas you may have.

Set up is on Sunday, December 18th after the 10:30 Mass. We need lots of hands to make it all happen! Lunch will be available for those that help.

For more information contact:
Gabe Horrigan 262-424-3390 gmhorrigan@hotmail.com
Tom Horrigan 262-424-3990 d8adr@hotmail.com

Christmas Program
The children in 4K – 5th grades will be preparing for the celebration of Christmas with a simple program in Church. Any parishioners who would like to join us are more than welcome. There will be 2 different programs offered at the following times:

Sunday, December 18th at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 20th at 6 p.m.

PRAYER NETWORK
If you have a prayer request, please send an email to Terri Grimmer
at: tmg1123@yahoo.com

St. James is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life.
Holly Days’ Bake Sale, Secret Santa Workshop, Christmas Boutique, Used Books, Saturday Night Supper, Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, and the ever popular Theme Baskets!

Watch upcoming bulletins and Facebook for more details.

HOLLY DAYS DONATION BOXES WILL BE OUT IN NOVEMBER. HERE’S WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Secret Santa Workshop: New items for men, women & children. We also need holiday wrapping paper, tissue and ribbon. Santa’s Workshop gives children the joy of choosing their own special gifts for parents and family members.

Used Books: Books, CDs, DVDs and videos. Please no encyclopedias or magazines.

Theme Basket Donations: Here are some theme basket ideas: Wine/Liquor — Games — Coffee/Tea — Golf/Sports — Movie Night — Kid’s Crafts — Cleaning Supplies — Spa — Candy/Chocolate — Home Improvement — Reading/Bookworm — Tailgating — Baking — Princess — Superhero — Date Night — Fitness — Italian — Mexican — Rainy Day Fun — Baby’s 1st Christmas — Dog/Cat lovers. **If you are donating a complete basket, please deliver to the Parish Office.

Volunteers for Holly Days: It takes a Parish! We need a lot of volunteers to help with set-up, clean up, decorating, baking, booths and much more. Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Area soon!

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 weekend:

- November 19 & 20, 2016
- January 21 & 22, 2017
- February 18 & 19, 2017

(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 Kristin Kebis at 262-253-2908 to register for a class and to schedule a baptism.

Attention men of St. James - 18 and older!

Pancake breakfasts, brat fries, tootsie roll drives, and Sussex Lion’s Daze 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!
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Mission Trip Open Registration

July 9 - July 15 St. Louis, Missouri
Spots will be reserved on a first come first serve basis
Registration and $100 deposit will reserve your spot
Questions? Contact Bryan: ramseyb@archmil.org or 262.253.2915

High School Senior Nights
Get back together with your fellow Confirmed seniors to keep the Spirit alive and your faith growing in your life.
Join your fellow young Catholics on the second Sunday evening of the month (Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th) at 6:30 (following the 5:30 Mass) in the St. James community center. You’ll be able to catch up with each other, meet some new Christian friends and take advantage of the opportunity to develop your faith with the support of other young adults just like you.
We look forward to seeing you Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th at 6:30pm in the St. James community center and help you in your Christian walk.

ADULTS ONLY!

Sundays @ 6:30pm (or following the 5:30 Mass) in the Community Center

Nov. 13
Turning Suffering into Joy!
with Cindie & Tony Re
Cindie and Tony Re will share their story about what God has shown them about parenting teens through the joys and struggles of life. Much of their learning and wisdom comes from parenting kids who have chronic illnesses. Come and see how to have “Chronic Joy”.

Dec. 18
Lighten Up...It’s Christmas!
with Krista Morrissey
Krista’s got some fun stuff planned to help relieve the stress of the holidays: Christmas trivia, good conversation and other holiday frivolity for a little break in the midst of this busy season.
CHRISTIAN FORMATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2016

1  All Saints Day—All Parish Offices Closed
   CF Classes Gr 1-11 Attend 6:00 pm Mass
2  All Committee 7:00 pm
3  Scripture Study 9:00 am
   Scripture Study 6:30 pm
4  Centering Prayer 8:45 am
   S.O.A.L #6 & Potluck 9 am-1:45pm
   Reconciliation Retreat 5:30-8:30 pm
5  Reconciliation Retreat 9:00 am-noon
   St. James Fall Outdoor Clean-up 8:00 am-noon
6  CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15-9:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
   Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
   Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30
7  CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
8  Scripture Study 9:00 am
   Community Banquet 5:30 pm
   Scripture Study 6:30 pm
9  Centering Prayer 8:45 am
10 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15-9:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
    Gift 11:30 am -1:45 pm
    Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
    Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30
    Adults Only - Turning Suffering Into Joy 6:30 pm
11 St. James Senior Club noon-4:00 pm
12 CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
13 St. Ben’s
   MS Christmas Cookie Party @ St. Mary, 6:30-8:30 pm
14 Scripture Study 9:00 am
   Scripture Study 6:30 pm
15 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
16 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15-9:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
   Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
   Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30
22 No CF Classes
23 HS Admirals Hockey Game
24 Thanksgiving
   All Parish Offices Closed
25 All Parish Offices Closed
   MS Movie Night @ St. James 6:30-8:30 pm
27 Break the Word (BOW) 8:15 & 10:30 masses
   Advent Workshop 4:00-5:30 pm
   Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
   St. Ben’s House of Peace Packing Party 6:30 pm
29 CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
30 Reconciliation Celebration 6:00 pm

December 2016

1  Scripture Study 9:00 am
   Reconciliation Celebration 6:00 pm
   Scripture Study 6:30 pm
2  Centering Prayer 8:45 am
3  Grade 10 Retreat @ Good Shepherd noon-5:30 pm
4  Break the Word (BOW) 8:15 & 10:30 masses
   CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15-9:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
   Grade 10 Retreat @ Good Shepherd 1:00-6:30 pm
   Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
   Gr 6-9 & 11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30
   Grade 10 No class—Weekend retreat replaced class
6  CF Classes Gr 1-9 & 11 6:00-7:00 pm
   Grade 10 No class—Weekend retreat replaced class
7  All Committee 7:00 pm
8  Immaculate Conception—All Parish Offices Closed
   Community Banquet 5:30 pm
9  Centering Prayer 8:45 am
11 Break the Word (BOW) 8:15 & 10:30 masses
   CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15-9:15 am & Gr 1-5 9:30-10:30 am
   Gift 9:30-11:30 am (NOTE SPECIAL TIME)
   Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
   Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30
12 St. James Senior Club noon-4:00 pm
13 CF Classes Gr 1-11 6:00-7:00 pm
14 HS Movie Night @ St. James 7:00-9:30 pm
15 Scripture Study 9:00 am
   Scripture Study 6:30 pm
16 Centering Prayer 8:45 am
18 Break the Word (BOW) 8:15 & 10:30 masses
   CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15-9:15 am
   Christmas Program Grades 4K-5th 9:30-10:15 am
   Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm
   Gr 6-11 4:30-5:30 or 6:30-7:30
   Adults Only—Holiday Frivolity 6:30 pm
20 Christmas Program Gr 1-5 6:00-7:00 pm
   CF Classes Gr 6-11 6:00-7:00 pm
21 St. Ben’s
22 Scripture Study 9:00 am
   Scripture Study 6:30 pm
   Parish Offices will be closed Dec. 23 & 26; Dec. 30 (half day); Jan. 2.
   CF offices will have limited hours thru January 2nd, so please call ahead before stopping in 251-0897.
Advent at St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls in the community center from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Night Mass at 5:30 p.m.

November 27, 2016
Advent Workshop

Attention all Families!!!
St. James invites you to a hands-on workshop to create a few things to help you pray your way through the Advent season. This is a fun opportunity to help your family focus on the beautiful meaning of this season. Through a number of fun little workshops your family will learn more about Advent. All are welcome! Bring your family, neighbors, grandparents and friends. Choose from the following workshops:

A. Scriptural Advent Calendar (Anyone) - At this station families will create a calendar that will focus on the readings of Advent. This will be a good way to focus on Jesus during the days of Advent. Each reading will have a questions & small treat!

B. Advent Wreath- That you can really use! (Anyone) - At this station families will create an Advent wreath to use during the 4 weeks before Christmas.

C. Prayer Beads (2nd grade and up) - At this station you will be making prayer beads to wear or hang somewhere as a reminder to pray. These beads have a special meaning attached to them. Come and put some beads together and learn how to pray with them during Advent.

D. Warm Wishes (Anyone) - At this station we will create cards to send to the home-bound people of our parish, cards for our young adults away at school, cards for those in the service, and cards for those in nursing homes.

E. Projects that help us wait (1st grade and younger) - At this station families will be invited to do a number of simple projects that will help their little ones wait for Jesus’ coming.

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Please return to the Christian Formation Office by November 22nd

Family Name __________________________________________ e-mail __________________

Participants Names & children’s ages’ ________________________________

Top 3 workshop choices (Letters) ______, ______, _______, (You get to do 2, the 3rd one is an alternate)

Return to the CF office via mail, phone (262-251-0897), e-mail (schererm@archmil.org), or in person.
A free will offering will be taken to cover costs.
Mark your Calendars...

January 23rd & 24th, 2017 - First Fruits – An evening/day retreat for women whose mission is to assist women in their spiritual growth by deepening their relationship with God and by helping them to awaken to their giftedness and purpose. It’s a great program. More information coming soon!

March 19th, 20th & 21st, 2017 - Lenten Days of Renewal will be sponsored by the 4 Saints and a Shepherd parishes. Rich Curran will lead our daytime and evening reflections for this event. More information will be coming!

Adult Confirmation

Each year the 5 area churches offer a process for adults who have not been confirmed. This year we will begin Adult Confirmation on January 29th and we will meet at St. Mary’s in Menomonee Falls. If you are interested in this process, please call Sue at 253-2904 for more information.

Scripture Study is ongoing...

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. (Men’s Group) Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Contact Sue at 253-2904 or devinesimons@archmil.org for more information.

Mary, Mom’s & Muffins Rosary Group

Calling Moms of all ages! Join us on November 19th at 7 am in the Great Room, and December 17th at 7am in the Reconciliation Room at church, as we pray together the Holy Rosary. At the same time, you will meet other moms, who like you, are juggling the stresses of everyday life.

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

St. James Community Gardens

Lately the news has been focused on results; results of studies, results of polls, and results of elections. The gardeners at St. James are proud to share their results from gardening this year.

After looking through the weekly tallies in our somewhat battered spiral notebook, we can say with confidence it has been a good season. The overview shows that we donated 31 different types of vegetables and herbs (and fruits if you’re being technical about tomatoes and eggplant.) Our list includes common ones like cucumbers, potatoes and peppers, as well as some types that are a bit more unusual such as garlic scapes and rhubarb.

If we dive a little more deeply into the numbers, we can (ahem) unearth more information. For example, according to our notes we only had ten beets this year. That is probably due to the critters who kept finding them, taking a bite and moving on. And, shockingly enough, very few zucchini. Actually we didn’t plant any this year after the food pantry informed us that they usually have more than they need. The zucchini listed in our notes were probably donated by a parishioner.

Some statistics are incredible, even to us: 52 gallon bags of broccoli; 100 gallon bags of lettuce; 32 cabbages and 120 eggplant. And what was the winner? That’s a bit like comparing apples and oranges. How do you compare 96 carrots to 141 gallon bags of kale? But peppers and tomatoes clearly came out on top with 1,006 and 1,332 pieces respectively!

Of course, in the end, the real winners are the people we have been able to share our produce with. Through the Sussex and Menomonee Falls food pantries, St. Martin’s, and weekend food tables in the gathering space, we have offered fresh, nutritious, local food to hungry people. Thank you for your support. The active part of our season is over. Now we, and the gardens, will take some time off for a bit. But in the deep of winter, when it is cold and dark, we look forward to planning for another successful year.

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact our gardener-in-charge, Paul Schneider at (414) 587-1202 or pschneider@wi.rr.com

(Submitted by Nancy Van Caster)

ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL EVERY TUESDAY
8:30 AM—4:00 PM
Rosary & Holy Hour 4:00—5:00 pm
Please consider joining us for prayer.

St. James is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life.
HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING MINISTRY - UPDATE

DEFINITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING is:
The criminal activity by the use of selling and using human beings by force or coercion to commit commercial sexual exploitation and/or forced labor against their will. Sometimes described as “modern day slavery”, this crime is alive and well in most (if not all) our 72 Counties within Wisconsin. This is happening to the most vulnerable children as early as age 12. St. James and Good Shepherd have collaborated in an attempt to stop this from happening in our own backyard.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
St. James and Good Shepherd have worked collectively to create presentations and are working towards educating our community by answering the need at area parishes and organizations. The word is spreading and we are training others within our committee to confidently present to others so we can reach out even more. Our goal is to get word out to our schools, offices, medical persons, community organizations & work with county police departments to learn from and prevent human trafficking. The HT Committee continues communication with area groups such as Rotary, Optimists, the Chamber and Kiwanis along with Hamilton High School and Merton School. We are in continued contact with Exploit No More, Franciscan Peacemakers, Sophia and other various organizations reaching out to help those who have been trafficked.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
Be aware of your surroundings, watch your children and your children’s friends behavior, keeping in mind that children as young as 12 are trafficked. Clues to a child’s vulnerability would be one who has a ‘lack of confidence’, seems sad and distant, a child who is looking for love. These are the targets of human traffickers. Also traffickers will introduce drugs to a child, the child becomes dependent on these drugs and will do “anything” to get more. This becomes a vicious cycle and the child feels there’s ‘no way out’. If you have any suspicion of this, please call the Human Trafficking Helpline at 1-888-373-7888 and/or your local police department.

OUR DIRECTION:
Our committee is constantly evolving and always changing and adding to our direction. Our goal is to create more than a dent in this crime. There are many places to go from here and we can always use your help. If your Faith is directing you to help others, this could be your calling. Continue watching the weekly bulletins for events and special dates coming up.

COMING UP:
One of our neighbors in Hartford, the Erin Hills Golf Course, will host one of the largest Golf events in the country next June 12-18th, 2017. Human Traffickers will bring commercial sex to our area in very large amounts during this time. St. James and Good Shepherd are looking for ways to bring awareness to the public, and potentially stop this horrendous crime to humanity. More will be brought to your attention as we go forward.

Dates to put on your calendar:
December 10/11 - Soap Sales (Great Gift Ideas)
Watch the bulletin for other updates and news.
For more information about Human Trafficking Ministry or need us to help you in some way,
please contact Robert Schuelke at bschuelke23@gmail.com or 414-807-1675.

Do you have a gluten allergy/intolerance/sensitivity, that prevents you from participating in Communion?
St. James has gluten free hosts. They are located in the freezer in the kitchenette located in the Gathering area. The ingredients label is on the package for your review and if it will meet your dietary guidelines, take a host, place it in a pyx (that can also be found in the freezer) and place it in the basket labeled for such by the offertory gifts. At Communion, please receive from the priest, letting him know that you need the gluten free host.

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@archmii.org and let her know you would like to receive the weekly email.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the many families served by Casa Romero Renewal Center, I wish to gratefully acknowledge receipt of $900 to be used for Casa Romero programming.

We are grateful to our partners who so generously support our mission of ministry among the immigrant Latino community in southeast Wisconsin. None of the good we do would be possible without the trust and help of partners who believe in us.

As we go forward, we will do our utmost to be good stewards of these funds and be judicious in how they are spent.

Again, thank you for your support.
Sincerely in Christ,

**Brenda Rodriguez**, 
Development Director

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Dear St. James Parishioners,

On behalf of the homeless and at-risk veterans we serve, thank you for your support of our work and for your contribution of $900. Please be assured we will put it to effective use.

In the first two months of 2016, we have made deliveries to 32 formerly homeless veterans moving into new homes, providing everything they needed to set up housekeeping—furniture, bedding, toiletries, kitchenware, small appliances, groceries, etc. The total included two women veterans and 10 families. In 2015, we moved in 343 vets, and provided donated furniture and household goods valued at more than $336,000.

Now, we have launched an exciting new initiative at a new location in partnership with an array of government and non-profit agencies, that will greatly increase the number of veterans and families we can help, and services we can offer. OUR MISSION: “to meet the needs of all homeless or at-risk men and women in crisis who served in the military in any capacity, and their families, through a collaborative network of service providers.”

We call it the Wisconsin Veterans Network, or Vets Net for short.

The Vets Net model is evidence based, and utilizes a holistic approach. Vets Net provides open access to all homeless or at-risk veterans and military families who seek assistance. Drop in and scheduled appointments will be available, and immediate referrals will be made to a network of partner agencies, including Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wis. Deps. of Veterans Affairs and Workforce Development, Outreach Community Health Centers, La Causa, Community Advocates, Catholic Charities, Women Veterans Initiative, and other service providers to veterans.

Vets Net will facilitate and coordinate services in these broad areas for veterans and their families: Emergency relief, Homelessness, Benefits counseling, Financial counseling, Employment, Substance abuse, Mental health, Relationship counseling, and Legal assistance. We look forward to reaching more veterans and military families in need in the coming year. Thank you for your support and generosity, which makes it all possible.

With warm regards,
Kirsten Sobieski, 
Executive Director for Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

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Dear St. James Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donation of $900 to Capuchin Community Services. We are grateful to you for the support that allows us to continue to feed and care for those coming to our doors both at House of Peace and St. Ben’s Community Meal.

... Many are forced to live outdoors, on the streets or in the woods. As we may get a rare chance to spend time with nature, we have to reflect on what would be our attitude if we had to be out there all the time? We probably wouldn’t have the same attitude of peace and tranquility, but more likely anxiety and worry. Times seem to be tough for a lot of people coming to our doors. There seems to be an influx of people who have been evicted as of late ... Many of them moving to the streets.

One man recently shared a story with two of our volunteers the excitement of having recently been given a space to live in someone’s basement. It was basically a corner of a room that had one small window ... he had no bed or chair, but a mattress he could throw down on the ground at night to sleep on. He was so proud and happy to have this space and to be “off the streets”. Our volunteers were shocked that something they found depressing made him so happy.

When one has little or nothing, it takes little to make them happy. We experience this in many of our guests coming for food, clothing or a meal. They are so grateful for what seem like small things or a simple meal. On behalf of our guests, we say Thank You!

Blessings,

**Brother Rob Roemer**, Capuchin 
Ministry Director 
Capuchin Community Services

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Dear Pastor & Parishioners,

On behalf of the incarcerated we serve, as well as their chaplains, we want to express deep gratitude for your generous gift of $900. This will be a great help to our spiritual support of the women and men in prison struggling to put their live in order and based on faith in God’s grace and mercy.

We could not do this work of mercy without the support of fellow Catholics like you. May Jesus bless you now and always.

With Christ in prison,

**Ron Zeitinger**, 
Director of Dismas Ministry 
Milwaukee
### Dates to Remember

#### November, 2016

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