

# St. James Parish Newsletter September & October, 2015



## *EVEREST Vacation Bible School – August 2015*



*Thanks to all of our volunteers who made it a great week!*

# Love ONE ANOTHER

BY: ARCHBISHOP JEROME E. LISTECKI



August 4, 2015

## Archdiocese of Milwaukee Settles Bankruptcy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few short months after I was installed as your archbishop on January 4, 2010, a trusted advisor met with me and said, “They told you we might have to go into bankruptcy, right?” It was a plain and frank assessment of the financial picture of the archdiocese and of pending lawsuits, all part of the destruction caused by some priests who committed horrible crimes and left that devastation in their wake 30, 40, 50 years later.

Shortly thereafter, I pledged I would do everything possible to avoid bankruptcy and try and settle the financial situation we were in.

So we entered our first mediation to try and settle the lawsuits. When that failed, I believed the best course of action was to file for Chapter 11 protection, something I hoped would be an expedited process to bring resolution, healing and fairness for all abuse survivors, not just those who were first to file lawsuits. We filed the bankruptcy petition on January 4, 2011, my first anniversary as your archbishop.

From the outset, I adopted a mindset of prayer and patience, knowing that this could be an arduous process. Prayer sustains us; patience helps us persevere. My goal was to provide compensation to those who had been harmed; create a path toward healing for abuse survivors; and allow the Church to continue its spiritual, charitable and educational ministries.

Just a few weeks ago in July, the archdiocese entered its fourth mediation to try to reach an agreement with the attorneys for abuse survivors. More prayer and patience was necessary, but I am happy to report this mediation was finally successful and after nearly five years, the archdiocese, after approval by the bankruptcy court this fall, will emerge from Chapter 11 at the end of this year. It took longer than I ever thought or hoped, but prayer and patience are helping us reach a reasonable end.

Under the settlement agreement, the abuse survivors will receive \$21 million. That is a large amount of money, but we all know that no amount of money could ever restore what was taken from these individuals. The money will be shared by abuse survivors of diocesan priests, but some payments will also be made to those who made claims against religious order men and women, and lay people who were employed by parishes or schools. More details about the settlement are posted at [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org).

As part of this settlement, all parishes and schools will receive a legal release protecting them from future lawsuits. This was important because we wanted certainty that we could all move forward together in our ministry of Word, Worship and Service. The settlement money will come from various sources, including insurance settlements and a settlement with the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust. This settlement has been developed with a great deal of care and thought. The Trust assures us that as we move forward, it will continue to have the necessary resources to fulfill its duty of maintaining our nine Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic cemeteries for their sacred purpose and for the families with loved ones interred there.

Reaching a settlement is the best way to acknowledge the hurts of the past and try to reconcile for the future. I am pleased that a settlement was reached and that both abuse survivors and the archdiocese can turn the page from this terrible chapter of our history. It is important that we never forget the pain and suffering of abuse survivors. And we will continue to hold ourselves accountable to all the elements of the Dallas Charter and the demands of our archdiocesan Safe Environment protocols.

Thank you for your prayers, concern and support over the last several years. With the end of this process now in sight, we can devote our full attention and resources to our ministries.

At the Archdiocesan Synod, I talked about our Church being filled with the Holy Spirit and that for us in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee it would be a new Pentecost. Turning the page from this chapter of our archdiocesan history allows us to focus more fully on our mission – to proclaim Christ and make disciples through the sacramental life of the Church. We will do so, remembering those who have been harmed; holding them up in prayer; supporting them through therapy and healing; promising never to forget the evil that was done; and working diligently to ensure this evil never happens again.

We also turn that page by rededicating ourselves to the spiritual, educational and charitable mission of the Church – igniting our enthusiasm in our parishes and schools; renewing our commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church; and energizing ourselves and others in our prayer and ministry. And in all these ways, we respond to Jesus’ call to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

St. James Parish

**“End of Summer Super” 2015 CASH RAFFLE**

**\$10,000 Cash Grand Prize  
Plus 9 Additional  
Cash Prizes!!!**



**Only 600 Tickets Will Be Sold!!!**

What makes this “End of Summer Super Raffle” so special? **Only 600 tickets will be sold! If you purchase 1 ticket your odds of winning a prize are 1 in 60!** If you purchase **2 tickets your odds of winning a prize are 1 in 30!** Those are some great odds!!!

The price for 1 ticket is \$50. You can win big with a grand prize of \$10,000 or one of 9 other cash prizes!

If you are interested in buying tickets, they are available at the church office or by calling the office at **262-251-3944**.

**New this year!!!!** We will be accepting **credit cards** as payment for raffle tickets: **MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover**. Credit card payments will only be accepted **in person**, at the Parish Office or after the weekend Masses. Remember, only **600** tickets will be available, so **get them while they last!** Winners will be drawn on **Sunday, September 20, 2015** after the Town Hall Meeting.

Clip and return order form to:  
St. James Catholic Church  
W220 N6588 Town Line Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tickets Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(By completing this coupon with payment, you hereby authorize St. James to fill in your name and other information onto your ticket stub and place in the raffle bin.)

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**Parish Nurse Position**

St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls is seeking a professional, experienced faith filled person to fulfill the role of Parish Nurse. The Parish Nurse works closely with the pastoral staff and volunteers to provide a healing ministry within the parish community to foster and nurture the holistic health of its members and neighbors, focusing on Mind, Body and Spirit. The Parish Nurse is the Coordinator of Health Ministry and serves as educator, counselor, referral agent and advocate based on the needs of the parishioners.

Qualified candidates must be a graduate of an accredited school or college of nursing with 3 to 5 years of nursing experience, hold an active Wisconsin RN license, have parish nurse certification or be willing to work towards certification (parish will reimburse 50% of tuition cost) and have a valid driver’s license. A BSN is helpful, but not required. Applicants must be a practicing Roman Catholic and have a familiarity and understanding of Catholic traditions and practices.

This position is part-time, with an average of 24 hours per week for 12 months. Some evening and weekend hours may be required. Salary commensurate with experience. A full job description is available upon request and also available on our website: <https://stjames-parish.net>.

Interested candidates send cover letter, resume and application to: Terri Weber, St. James Parish, W220N6588 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051, or e-mail [webert@archmil.org](mailto:webert@archmil.org) by **September 8th, 2015**.

**Parish Town Hall Meeting**

Looking forward to the month of September.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the “Town Hall Meeting” on one of the following 2 dates,

**Sunday, September 20**

**11:45 in Church**

*(The Summer Cash Raffle will take place after this meeting at 12:45)*

**OR**

**Monday, September 21**

**7:00 in the Community Center**

Parish Statistics and the Annual Parish Financial report will be discussed.

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

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## EARLY SUNDAY MORNING RISERS!!

We have wonderful dedicated ushers that serve the 8:15 Mass. They arrive, usually, ½ hour before Mass, to open the doors.

Sometimes, due to unexpected things that occur – they may be a little late to open the doors. When this happens, and you are standing at the door waiting to get in, please be patient, and perhaps say a little prayer for them while you wait.

St. James is so fortunate that we have so many dedicated ushers. They all deserve our thanks.

If you do have questions or concerns regarding our ushers – please feel free to contact me.

Sue Mangan 262-366-1211 [suemangan@ymail.com](mailto:suemangan@ymail.com)

## STEPPING ON

St. James parish is sponsoring a falls prevention class that is given by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County beginning the 23rd of September through the 4th of November, every Wednesday from 10 am- 12 pm in our cafeteria. The class is called, **Stepping On**, and is a 7 week program perfect for adults who have fallen in the past year or for those who have a “healthy respect” for the consequences of a fall.



This highly interactive workshop covers exercises to improve strength and balance. Participants are empowered to take an active role in fall prevention. Weekly topics explore the role that vision, medications, sleep, home hazards and footwear play in falls prevention. Simple balance and strengthening exercises are taught as well.

If you would like to sign up for this class please call **Diana in the rectory at: 253-2235** or email at [wyszkowskid@archmil.org](mailto:wyszkowskid@archmil.org). There is a minimum of 12 participants for the class to be held. We cannot stop the aging process, but we can make it safer!

## 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.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones; however, we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church so they are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

The Two Saints (St. James and St. Mary) and a Good Shepherd cluster coupled with the St. Anthony (Menomonee Falls) and St. Agnes (Butler) cluster have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called **Catholics Returning Home**. The next series begins Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7 p.m., hosted at Good Shepherd and continues every Thursday for the following five weeks. Please pass this article on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, call Laverne 262/251-3968 or Shirley 262/251-3888.

## 40th ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT WEEKENDS

In 1975, Catholic Engaged Encounter week-ends were begun and were modeled after Marriage Encounter. The week-end is for engaged couples to spend time exploring many aspects of their future marriage in a spiritual atmosphere. The talks are given by a team of married couples and priests/deacons but the engaged couple really gives the week-end to each other through intense dialogue with each other. This program has expanded over the years and is now worldwide.

Catholic Engaged Encounter works in cooperation with and is supported by the Milwaukee Archdiocese and has been giving **CEE weekends at Schoenstatt retreat center** in Waukesha since 2012. Giving talks to engaged couples is a wonderful ministry to stay connected as a married couple. If you are looking for a lasting gift for someone in your family getting married, give them a week-end retreat for the engaged.



**The dates for 2016 are April 29 – May 1 and September 23 – 25.** If you are looking for a wonderful ministry as a married couple, check into being part of a team on Catholic Engaged Encounter, contact **John and Louise Vos, 262-439-8559** or email [johnlouisevos@yahoo.com](mailto:johnlouisevos@yahoo.com) for more information.

## HUMAN CONCERNS

### “On Care for Our Common Home” A Synopsis of Pope Francis’s Encyclical on the Environment

St. Francis of Assisi would call all creatures, no matter how big or small, by the name of sister or brother. “His response to the world around him was so much more than intellectual appreciation or economic calculus, for to him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection” (11). St. Francis endowed all of creation with a sense of dignity because he not only saw the world as an intimate reflection of the one Creator, but as a way to live “in harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself” (10). Pope Francis says, we, on the other hand, “have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will”. “We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth” (2).

How we name things often determines the dignity we grant them. If we name the world as our property, it is ours to exploit. “We no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters unable to set limits on their immediate needs” (11). If we name the earth as a gracious loving gift of the Creator given to all into which we are integrally connected, then as Pope Francis says “sobriety and care will well up spontaneously”.

Pope Francis points to the intimate relationship between the poor and our planet. It is our responsibility as receivers of this wonderful gift of creation to understand that we are all integrally and ecologically connected in a web of life. Our actions whether taken in love, calculated selfishness, ignorance or simple carelessness affect the web to which all our sisters and brothers, creatures large and small are connected. As Christians we are called “to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbours on a global scale” (9). So we are to see our earth’s climate as “a common good, belonging to all and meant for all” An “essential condition for human life” (23).

The stories of creation in the book of Genesis suggest that human life is grounded in our relationship with God, our neighbor and the earth itself. The breaking of these relationships is sin – the human presumption to take the place of God and refusal to acknowledge our human limitations in relationship with God (66).

Some have raised the issue of why Pope Francis is meddling in the politics of the environment. As Christians perhaps we should be asking if politics should be dictating our morality. Pope Francis suggests that we must struggle with the questions “What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? And, what kind of world do we want to leave behind to our children? (160)

The ecological crisis is a summons to a profound interior conversion where our encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in our relationship with the world – a conversion that recognizes our errors, sins, faults and failures while at the same time recognizing with gratitude and gratuitousness that the world is God’s loving gift (217-8).

“We need to take up an ancient lesson . . . It is the conviction that ‘less is more’” (222). Pope Francis says, we need to be free of the obsession with consumption. We need to be aware of how our actions are affecting our sisters, our brothers and our sister, Mother Earth. Although personal change is imperative, at the same time, “self-improvement on the part of individuals will not by itself remedy the situation facing our world today” (220). Social problems must also be addressed by community networks and on the global level of nation states. Finally, he asks us to pray “for inspiration to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus” (246).

*Questions? Contact Debra Schneider, S.J. Human Concerns. (Numbers reference paragraphs in the encyclical. A link to the encyclical is on the St. James website under the Human Concerns tab).*



### Mary, Mom’s & Muffins Rosary Group

Calling Moms of all ages! Join us on **September 19th and October 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.

## **A Christian prayer in union with creation**

**Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your  
tender love.**

**Praise be to you!  
Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,  
you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.  
Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.**

**Praise be to you!  
Holy Spirit, by your light  
you guide this world towards the Father's love  
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts  
and you inspire us to do what is good.**

**Praise be to you!  
Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,  
teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.**

**Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined  
to everything that is.**

**God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.**

**Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the  
weak,  
and care for this world in which we live.**

**The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you!  
Amen.**

*Given in Rome at Saint Peter's on 24 May, the Solemnity of Pentecost, in the year 2015,  
the third of my Pontificate.  
Franciscus*

## **A prayer for our earth**

All-powerful God, you are present in the  
whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that  
exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.  
AMEN

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## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION BOX**

St. Vincent de Paul has a collection box here at St. James! Clothing IN ANY CONDITION will support our cause. New and gently used clothing will wind up on our display racks. Clothing that is ripped, dirty, smelly or in some other way inappropriate for sale in the store can still be sold in bulk. There are companies willing to buy them!

The SVdP Collection Box is located in front of the parish garage directly across the driveway from the parish office. The SVdP white box is emptied weekly and items are taken to the SVdP Store in Waukesha. The donated items are sold in the store, located on Sunset Drive and proceeds are used to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. When our Vincen-tians encounter an individual or family who needs clothing or other items, they are given a voucher to shop at the SVdP store free of charge. So either way, know that your donations benefit those in need.

PLEASE, put only clothing, shoes, or "soft" items such as bedding or drapes/curtains in the St. Vincent de Paul Box. And do not leave items outside the box. Please call 262-569-0763 to arrange a pick-up of larger items.



Thank you for your continued generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and to all those who benefit from your donations.



## Human Trafficking Understanding the Problem. Hearing the Stories.

Anna was only 12 when she ran away from home and was quickly scooped up by a trafficker named Ted.

*“He just put me in the car and drove to [a Midwestern city] and left everything behind. It was dark when we got there. He brought me to this kind of apartment warehouse with a lot of young girls there.” “The girls showed me about the escort service. Then Ted locked me in a room with no food or water. All I heard were trains going by. I thought about jumping out but I couldn’t manage it.”*

A lot of people don’t understand why these girls don’t run the minute they get the chance. But regular beatings, often torture, and threats against them or their family, are meted out by traffickers and pimps to punish the girls for any infraction of their rules.

When a group of us from St. James started researching this topic last August, we were overwhelmed by the sheer breadth of this global issue. In fact, a few of the stories we researched were so disturbing some of us could not bring ourselves to finish the reading. It quickly became clear why Pope Francis has raised a high level of awareness calling “human trafficking, which includes forced labor and prostitution, organ trafficking and any relationship that fails to respect the fundamental conviction that all people are created equal and have the same freedom and dignity, a crime against humanity.”

What have we learned through our research?

- After drug dealing, trafficking of humans is tied with arms dealing as the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest criminal industry in the world.
- In 54% of human trafficking cases the recruiter was a stranger to the victim;
- In 46% of cases the recruiter was known to the victim.
- Human trafficking is a \$9.8 billion industry in the United States
- 100,000 children are victims of commercial sexual exploitation in the United States
- The average age of a sex trafficking victim is between 12 and 14 years old
- From 2010 to 2012, Milwaukee Police Department encountered 77 juvenile sex trafficking victims

The good news is that awareness of this issue is increasing in Wisconsin and in our area. In part with our support of Gifts for the Journey soap sales, the Franciscan Peacemakers are developing Clare Community as a safe place for adult women coming from the street to integrate back into the community. Our friends at Exploit No More, who spoke with us in February, are working to change WI law to set up a safe house for minors.

Wisconsin Representative Amy Loudbeck, (R-Clinton) is sponsoring a bill that requires the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) to make public information posters available with the national human trafficking resource center hotline to certain strategic businesses. We’ve teamed up with Northbrook Church to provide restoration bags to women who have been picked up by local police.

These may be small steps, but every step makes a difference especially when we consider that these girls and women could be, and are, our children, our sisters, and our neighbors.

In October/November we will be offering an opportunity to read and discuss a book on human trafficking. It is a book that we can all read. The book is called “In Our Backyard” by Nita Belles. In Our Backyard invites the reader into the lives of human trafficking victims, survivors and the traffickers themselves with true stories. These stories not only inform the reader, but also take them quickly through a well-documented crash course about human trafficking--better described as modern-day slavery--in the United States.

“In Our Backyard” is a quick read which includes study questions for small groups. We invite you to join us. In Our Backyard could change your life and save the life of someone around you. Visit the St. James website for more information.

### FELLOWSHIP

In September...fellowship weekends will return but we will gather on the 2nd weekend instead of the 1st (just for September), since many parishioners are out of town during Labor Day weekend. Soooo...our next Fellowship Gathering will be September 12th and 13th after all Masses, and then again on October 3rd & 4th. As always we appreciate any donations of food items for our gathering. Just drop them off at the kitchen counter of the gathering space. We look forward to seeing you then!



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Tis the Season.....

### Back to School



School starts on Sept. 1, and Christian Formation classes start on September 13 for families in the GIFT program, and September 20/22 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 251-0897.

### Celebrating Confirmation.. Preparation is a 2 Year Process



Confirmation for youth is celebrated by students in 11th Grade. Preparation for Confirmation begins in 10th grade. In order to be Confirmed in 11th grade students must be enrolled in and attending CF classes in both 10th and 11th grade. These classes fill VERY quickly so please get your registration in as soon as possible after receiving it.

#### Parent/Candidate Meetings

All those in 11th grade in 2015-2016 planning on being Confirmed in Spring of 2016 must attend a parent/candidate meeting here are the two remaining dates:

- August 30, 2015** – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – between Masses in the Community Center
- September 13, 2015** – 11:30 – 12:30 pm (After 10:30 mass) – Community Center

### YOUTH CHOIR!



A New Season for the Youth Choir, here at St. James, will begin in September. So any children in the parish, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, interested in becoming a member of the Youth Choir please come to sign-up on Wednesday, 9/9/15 at 5:30 pm - 6 pm. You will be given a Welcome letter with a schedule which will include the dates & times of rehearsals & Sunday Masses that the children will be singing. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, 9/16/15 from 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm in church. So mark your calendars for Wednesday, 9/9/15 @ 5:30 pm to sign-up! Hope to see returning members & new members then! We have lots of fun!

Mrs. Terry Grennier

### SOAL – St. James Older Adult Learning

For over 15 years, St. James parish has been offering a program for older adults (50 years and older) called **SOAL**. It provides an opportunity to learn or, at least try, some different skills. Volunteer instructors provide fun and interesting sessions. They offer classes on spirituality, health issues, crafts, quilting, card games, woodworking, traveling, and many other topics. Classes are scheduled for 6 weeks in the fall and 6 weeks in the spring. There is a pot luck lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> week where everyone has the opportunity to share their completed projects. The **SOAL** program takes place on Fridays from 9:00 – 1:45 p.m. Each participant can take 3 different classes including lunch.

The fall season of **SOAL** begins on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The cost for the classes and lunch is \$25.00. A few of the classes have an additional fee for supplies. If you would like to receive a booklet with class and registration information call 262-251-0897 to be put on the mailing list. This information can also be picked up at the Christian Formation office or in church after September 12<sup>th</sup>.

You do not need to be Catholic or belong to St. James to attend **SOAL**, all are welcome. Come and meet some new people, or bring a friend. Learn something new, enjoy lunch, and have some fun playing cards.

We could use a couple more people to lead a class. Do you have a skill or a subject you would like to teach? All of our instructors are volunteers but we can offer you a free lunch! For more information call Sue or Mara at 251-0897.

See you at **SOAL**!

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

Thank you to all those who have stepped forward as catechists or aides. We have added a few sections to accommodate an increase in enrollment and need Catechists to fill these times.

- Sunday Morning class time 9:30-10:30 am  
Grade 4
- Sunday Evening Class time 4:30-5:30 and mass is 5:30-6:30  
Grade 9 needs 2 catechists
- Tuesday Evening class time 6:30-7:30  
Grade 1  
Grade 6  
Grade 8  
Grade 9  
Grade 10

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 needs.



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

<u>September 2015</u>	
1	Bible Study 6:30 pm
2	All Committee Night 7:00 pm
7	All Parish Offices closed for Labor Day
8	Catechist Meeting Gr. 4K-11 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm
10	Community Banquet 5:30 pm (Community Center)
13	<b>GIFT 9:30-11:30 am (NOTE the SPECIAL TIME)</b> Confirmation Candidate/Parent Mtg. 11:30-12:30 Catechist Meeting Gr. 6-11 5:30 pm
14	Catechist Meeting Gr. 4K-5 6:30 pm
15	Bible Study 6:30 pm
16	St. Ben's
17	Safeguarding 6:30 pm (Community Center)
20	<b>ALL Sunday CF Classes Start</b> <b>Parent Mtgs. during class at 8:15 &amp; 9:30 am</b> CF Classes 4K/K5, 8:15 am & Gr 1-5, 9:30 am Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm CF Classes Gr. 6-10 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm <b>Parent Café at 4:30 &amp; 6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Classes 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
21	Safeguarding 6:30 pm Community Center
22	<b>ALL Tuesday CF Classes Start</b> <b>Parent Mtgs. during class times</b> CF classes Grades 1-5 5:00-6:00 pm CF classes Grades 1-10 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation classes meet 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm
24	Community Banquet 5:30 pm (Community Center)
27	CF Classes 4K/K5, 8:15 am & Gr 1-5, 9:30 am Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm CF Classes Gr 6-10 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Classes 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
29	CF classes Grades 1-5 5:00-6:00 pm CF classes Grades 1-10 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm

<u>October 2015</u>	
4	CF Classes 4K/K5, 8:15 am & Gr 1-5, 9:30 am Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm

<u>October 2015 (Cont'd)</u>	
4	CF Classes Gr 6-10 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Classes 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
6	CF classes Grades 1-5 5:00-6:00 pm CF classes Grades 1-10 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm
7	All Committee Night 7:00 pm
8	Community Banquet 5:30 pm (Community Center)
9	SOAL #1
10	Forming the Catechetical Spirit
11	CF Classes 4K/K5, 8:15 am & Gr 1-5, 9:30 am GIFT 11:30-1:45 pm Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm CF Classes Gr 6-10 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Classes 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm
13	CF classes Grades 1-5 5:00-6:00 pm CF classes Grades 1-10 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm
16	SOAL #2
17	Confirmation Retreat
18	CF Classes 4K/K5, 8:15 am & Gr 1-5, 9:30 am <b>Reconciliation Parent Mtg at 9:30 am</b> Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm CF Classes Gr 6-10 4:30-5:30 & 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Retreat ends at 6:30 pm
20	CF classes Grades 1-5 5:00-6:00 pm CF classes Grades 1-10 6:30-7:30 pm <b>Reconciliation Parent Mtg at 5:00 &amp; 6:30 pm</b> Bible Study 6:30 pm
21	St. Ben's
22	Community Banquet 5:30 pm (Community Center)
23	SOAL #3
25	<b>NO CF CLASSES</b> <b>Middle/High School Youth Group Meets at 4:30 pm</b> <b>Sunday Night Mass 5:30 pm</b>
27	<b>NO CF CLASSES</b> Bible Study 6:30 pm
30	SOAL #4 Middle/High School Halloween Event
31	Forming the Catechetical Spirit

## Stay tuned as Major Church Events Continue to Unfold

How many of us, in our daily lives, have the spare time, or take the time, to keep up with news of developments within the Church? At this moment in time, it's actually a very dynamic period in the life of the church. Pope Francis is visiting the U.S. in September for the 8<sup>th</sup> World Day of Families. He has just promulgated *Laudato Si*, a comprehensive reflection on care for our common home. He has also announced that the upcoming liturgical year will be a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. On a more local level, here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, we continue to receive news and resources as the priorities of the Archdiocesan Synod, held on Pentecost weekend of 2014, are implemented. In this article, I'd like to share a bit more info on the Year of Mercy and the Archdiocesan Synod priorities.

The Year of Mercy will begin on December 8<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and run through the liturgical year until the Feast of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, marking the second anniversary of his pontificate, while leading a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis announced the Year of Mercy and its purpose to highlight the Catholic Church's "mission to be a witness of mercy...No one can be excluded from God's mercy." Popes typically announce a jubilee every 25 years, although extraordinary Holy Years have been proclaimed for special occasions.

The Pope's proclamation is titled "Misericordiae Vultus" ("The Face of Mercy") and explains how in Jesus Christ, in his words and actions, the mercy of God has been revealed. Pope Francis wants the year to be a time for Catholics to contemplate just how merciful God has been to them and to understand better how they are called to be merciful to others in turn. Mercy, the pope wrote, is "the beating heart of the Gospel."

The pope will designate and send out "Missionaries of Mercy" to preach about mercy; they will be given special authority "to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See." Under church law, those sins involve: a man who directly participated in an abortion and later wants to enter the priesthood; priests who have broken the seal of confession; priests who have offered sacramental absolution to their own sexual partners; desecrating the Eucharist; and making an attempt on the life of the pope. Usually, the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court, handles those cases.

And he urged all Catholics to spend more time practicing what traditionally have been called the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works are: Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, giving drink to the thirsty and burying the dead. The spiritual works are: Converting sinners, instructing the ignorant, advising the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries and praying for the living and dead.

Closer to our neighborhood, Archbishop ListECKI and ASIC (Archdiocesan Synod Implementation Committee) continue to develop and build upon the priorities which were discerned by

the more than 500 delegates from throughout the archdiocese at the 2014 Synod. The priorities for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation include **Mission and Leadership: "Calling, forming and sending disciples to go and make new disciples";** and **Evangelization and the Sunday Mass: "Encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church."**

### Evangelization and the Sunday Mass encompasses:

- Becoming a more evangelizing and welcoming parish by paying attention to the music, message and ministries at the Sunday Mass
- Developing or using current resources to help people of all ages have a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Mass
- Forming individuals and families in knowing, integrating and living the essentials of the Catholic faith
- Assisting families to strengthen and practice their Catholic identity in the midst of today's culture
- Increasing the number of people participating in Sunday Mass since Mass attendance is one of the main reflections of the vitality of a parish

This Fall, every parish will receive two dvds from the archdiocese focusing upon the sacramental life of the church: "A New Mission for a Missionary People"; and the powerful true life stories of Joe Smith and Jackie Piano and how their conversion is related to the power of the Mass: "Mass – The Heart of the Matter". Here at St. James, there are plans underway to continue the Sunday evening Mass which began last year as a Lenten activity to be held throughout the upcoming year on a regular basis. Stay tuned for more details on that.

For even more info and resources regarding the archdiocesan Synod, check out the archdiocesan website homepage at [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org), and click on the link in the top right corner. Two sources of info on church news include the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and their news agency, Catholic News Service: [www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com).

*Gerry Wolf, Pastoral Associate*

### BIBLE STUDIES OFFERED

**Tuesday, 6:30 am-7:30 am (Men's Bible Study)**

**Tuesday, 9:00 am-10:00 am**

**Tuesday, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm**

**Thursday, 9:00 am-10:00 am (Senior Bible Study) -**

no minimum age.

All sessions take place in the Great Room for one hour and are focused on the upcoming Sunday readings. No expertise is needed. Bring a bible if you have one. Come and enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the readings proclaimed each Sunday and meet new friends. There is no cost and no pre-registration is needed. For more information call the office at 251-3944.



# FIELDS OF HOPE & DREAMS AND HOLY GROUND GARDEN

The community gardeners took their produce “on the road” to two local events. Our produce usually gets donated to the Cooperating Churches of Sussex’s (CCOS) food pantry on Saturday and Wednesday mornings, but we had the opportunity to participate at two local events. Both were held at low to moderate income apartment complexes in Sussex. Many of the residents are the same people who come to the food pantry and use their services. However, there are many people moving in and out each month and some aren’t aware of the services provided by Sussex Outreach Services (SOS) which, the food pantry is part of.



The events are billed as “community building” events. When you have a good strong community, you tend to take it for granted. When you don’t have it, you feel isolated, alone and sometimes afraid. The two events were sponsored by Waukesha County UW-Extension with a goal of building stronger communities. The “suppliers” in attendance were: Waukesha County-UW Extension, St. James Community Gardeners, Community Memorial Hospital, a Food Nutritionist, Waukesha County Police Department, and Sussex Emergency Rescue Services (i.e ambulance). The draw to get local residents to come was a free picnic and games for the kids.

Our volunteers handed out free produce to the residents, as did Community Memorial Hospital. The Food Nutritionist handed out recipes and coached residents on healthy eating. The UW-Extension explained classes residents could take. The other big draws were the Police squads and ambulances. The police brought a guard/drug sniffing dog for the kids to pet and they opened up a squad car for the kids to explore. The Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT’s) opened their ambulance so both kids and adults could explore. These last two, were attempts to get residents to interact with community services in a non-threatening event so when they are needed, residents feel more comfortable calling for help (i.e. “Community Policing”).

Federal funds for such programs have been cut over the last several years, but State and County funds have been added to continue these type of programs. When asked why they do these events, the police and EMT’s said they receive less emergency calls when neighbors know neighbors. And the emergency calls are easier, because they have neighbors helping them when they get on the scene. When “community” is built, neighbors know each other and the circumstances each one faces. They tend to help out more by knocking on each other’s doors to ask them to turn down the radios or TV’s, or ask what’s wrong, rather than call the police. They have neighbors sharing cars and driving each other to the emergency room, rather than call for an ambulance. They have people coming together to ask strangers what or who they are looking for, and if they should not be there are confronted and leave. All good and important things a “community” does for each other.



At the end of the events many of the residents said something to the effect: “We greatly appreciate your hard work, generosity and kindness”. Some signed up to help out in our community gardens, when they could. Some are elderly, some disabled, some work two to three part time jobs or are caregivers for other family members, so their time is limited, but they do appreciate the services and produce our community gardens, the CCOS food pantry, and SOS provide to them. Thank you for your support of St. James Community gardens.

## ST. JAMES DYNAMOS!

### CAPUCHIN WALK/RUN - JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2015

What a wonderful event!! Fun was had by all - about 40 people from our parish - not all in picture. Besides, getting a shirt with our team name on it, free admission to German Fest and a food/drink voucher, we contributed to feeding the hungry through our donations. We all enjoyed each other’s company, plus the beautiful view of Lake Michigan where we walked. After the walk, we stayed to enjoy the entertainment, food, and yes - a drink! There were 3100 participants in the Walk/Run from the Milwaukee area.

COME join us next year. We would like to double our number attending from St. James. St. Gabriel’s in Hubertus rented a bus and asked us to consider joining them on the bus next year. Hope to see you for the 2016 Walk Run – it was a blast!!

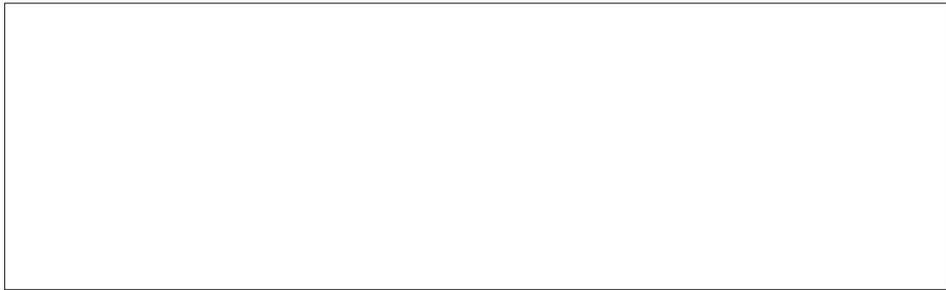
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# Dates to Remember

## SEPTEMBER 2015

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
2:	All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
5:	Baptism Class, 9:30 am
8:	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg, 7:30 pm
9:	Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, 7 pm
10:	Community Banquet, 5:30 PM
11:	Centering Prayer, 9 am
12/13:	Fellowship Weekend after all Masses
15:	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3:30 pm
16:	St. James Senior Club, Noon
	St. Ben's (last pick up is 4 pm sharp)
17:	Safeguarding Session, 6:30 pm
	RCIA, 7 pm
19:	Mom's Rosary Group, 7 am
20:	Town Hall Meeting & Raffle Drawing, 11:45 am
	Sunday Night Liturgy, 5:30 pm
21:	Town Hall Meeting, 7 pm
24:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
27:	KC's Pancake Breakfast, 8 am
30:	Stepping On Class, 10 am

## OCTOBER 2015

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
3:	Baptism Prep Classes, 9:30 am
3/4:	Fellowship after all Masses
7:	Stepping On, 10 am
	All Committee Mtg Night, 7 pm
	Dartball, 6:30 pm
8:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
9:	SOAL Program, 9 am
10/11:	Soap Sale & Blood Pressure after all Masses
13:	Knights of Coumbus Officers' Mtg, 7:30
14:	Parish Council Mtg., 7 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, 7 pm
15:	Knights of Columbus Gen. Member. Mtg, 7:30
17:	Mom's Rosary Group, 7 am
21:	Stepping On, 10 am
	St. James Senior Club, Noon
	St. Ben's (last pick up is 4 pm sharp)
22:	Community Banquet, 5:30 pm
24:	St. Vincent de Paul Training, 8 am
28:	Common Threads Quilting Guild, 9 am
	Stepping On, 10 am
31/1	Mass of Remembrance (at all Masses)

Please see page 9 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department