

St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

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

December 25, 2012

Welcome One And All From Near and Far!

*"Unto us a child is born, a son is given!
Upon his shoulder dominion rests!"*

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For today in the
city of David
a savior has been
born for you
who is Messiah
and Lord.

LUKE 2:11



- Merry Christmas! I'm so happy you decided to worship with our faith community of St. James this Christmas. I pray that for you it is a Christmas like no other. What an awesome mystery we have been preparing to celebrate these weeks of December. By delving into the Hebrew Scriptures we reminded ourselves once again of "the hopes and dreams of all the years" that have their fulfillment in Emmanuel - God With Us.
- Our Advent journey has helped us become more aware that the Lord dwells with and among us. That is a key advantage we have over those who lived before the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. Our baptism into life in Christ has breathed the very Spirit of Jesus into our souls. We become a part of the fulfillment of the present "hopes and dreams" of ourselves and of the whole of humanity.
- Many thanks to all who participated in making the reign of God among us real this month with works of charity and outreach. Through the guidance of our Human Concerns Committee and our very active St. Vincent de Paul Society, we have helped to "make the season bright" for many in our community and beyond.
- Some people have said to me in the past year, "I joined St. James parish because of the wonderful music and lively and inspiring liturgies." To tell you the truth, that is why I asked to be assigned here a year and a half ago. In the meantime I have discovered so much more. I'm grateful to our pastoral staff for putting together a taste of the good news events to come as we walk into the year 2013. Our slogan could be, "***Come for the music! Stay for the ministry.***" I hope you enjoy reading this very special Christmas bulletin.

Fr. Mike Moran & Comet, The Golden Retriever Reindeer



Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are happy that you have come to share in this celebration of the Eucharist with us!

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

A Note from the Parish Nurse, Pam, on information about our St. James Health Ministries:

Our St. James Health Ministry offers many opportunities to focus on the mind, body and spirit to offer wholeness to each and every parishioner. Sometimes when the body is unable to heal of all disease it is important to learn how to live with the body's frailties through the spiritual aspect of healing along with the physical. As it says in Proverbs 18:14, "A man's spirit can sustain his broken body, but when spirit dies, what hope is left?" The mission of the health ministry is to offer support when your mind, body, or spirit are in need.

A few ways we offer this is through our card ministry to parishioners who just need to know their church family is thinking of them with occasional mail, our prayer shawl ministry offering beautiful gifts of handmade prayer shawls to feel wrapped in Jesus' loving arms, our home-made meals for those in need when ill or during their time of bereavement, our Blood Pressure Screenings for preventative healthcare and our Eucharistic Minister visits to the homebound or ill parishioners in the hospital allowing them to truly feel the love of our Savior as they heal. Ways you can all assist with these activities is to call the parish nurse's office when you know of a parishioner who is in need and if the parishioner has given their permission. The healthcare privacy laws protect everyone's privacy with healthcare information and so we are unable to access any information without the permission of the ill parishioner or their family calling to notify us.

There are also many opportunities for others to serve with these healthcare ministries if the New Year should enable you to serve our St. James community in any of these capacities. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the current volunteers who serve the St. James Health Ministries. We are here to serve as Jesus did to those in need remembering the scripture from Isaiah 19:22, "They will turn to the Lord, and He will respond to their pleas and heal them." May the blessings of this Christmas season bring you closer to that special place where you can make a difference in the life of another. God bless you and your family and I pray for good health for you all in this New Year.

"Digging Deeper" is a one hour faith-based session that is part of our GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) intergenerational religious education program at St. James. Students go to their age-appropriate classes while the parents meet together to discuss matters of faith and topics of importance in today's world. Two upcoming Digging Deeper sessions will focus on end-of-life topics. Parishioners who are not GIFT participants are welcome to attend. Please note the dates and times below. The sessions are in the Community Center. *No meal* is served with Digging Deeper. If you plan to attend and are NOT a GIFT family, please notify Peg Flahive so we can plan accordingly. flahivep@archmil.org or 262-253-2915. Sunday, February 24 from 11:30-12:30. Same program repeated Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Presenter: Pam Dennis, parish nurse. Sunday, March 17 from 11:30-12:30. Same program repeated Tuesday, March 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Presenter: Daryl Olszewski, pastoral associate

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 welcomed 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.

Christian Family Movement (CFM)

Single and married Catholic adult parishioners are welcome to join Christian Family Movement or CFM, at St. James. CFM consists of small faith-sharing "family enrichment" groups that meet once a month in homes of parishioners to share prayer, reflection, socializing and some type of social action in the larger community. Discussion materials are produced by the national CFM Movement (www.cfm.org). Contact flahivep@archmil.org or 262-253-2915.

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.

RCIA Update

St. James Parish welcomes Matt Hoffa as a candidate for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Matt will be fully initiated to the Catholic Church through his profession of faith, and reception of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on March 30. His sponsor is his wife, Jessica. The RCIA process is a collaborative effort of five local parishes, including St. James. Please keep Matt, and all candidates, catechumens, sponsors, team members, catechists and staff in your prayers.

WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS...

...and this year the St. Vincent de Paul Society made 140 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!

Leaping into Lent



All Children who are 3-6years old are invited to participate in a little retreat with their parent. A retreat for little ones? It may seem a little strange at first thought. Yet, why not young children? The parent-child retreat is a wonderful way to introduce children to an experience of faith in their most formative years. It also give parents the opportunity to spend some quiet one-on-one or one-on-two time with their children in a spiritual setting. Plan to attend! **February 16, 2013** from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. More information will be available soon.

P.U.S.H. RETREAT PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS

All 4/5th graders of St. James Parish are invited to attend a 4-hour retreat on **Friday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.** During our time together we will participate in activities that focus on the themes and ways to pray. We will look at how Jesus was a person of prayer and see how we can incorporate prayer into our lives in fun and creative ways. This would be a great way to begin the season of Lent. Come and enjoy an evening of learning and fun.

The retreat will include prayer, discussions, games, supper, and other activities. Parents or teens are needed to help in a number of areas.

If you have any questions, or would like to help, please call Sue at 262-251-0897. Registration will be available in January.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 5-9TH, 2013

Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. Here, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever. Plan now, to join us for this week of fun activities, stories, songs, and games. Children going into 4K – 5th grade in 2013-14 are invited to participate. Youth going into 6th grade and up, and adults are welcome to help.

THE WATER KEEPS FLOWING!

Did you know that we celebrated 46 baptisms this year at St. James and there will be three more on December 30th! If you are expecting a baby call 253-2213 for information about the pre-baptism class and how to schedule a baptism.

MEN'S ROOM

Each Tuesday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. the Great Room becomes "The Men's Room" for an hour long session of prayer, sharing, and Bible Study. About a dozen men regularly participate. All men are welcome to join the group. The coffee is hot and the Spirit is a movin'. There will not be a gathering on January 1st but make a New Year's resolution to join us on January 8th!

Adult Confirmation / Catholicism 101

If you are a Baptized Catholic who celebrated your First Communion but not the Sacrament of Confirmation, please consider attending Adult Confirmation classes beginning in January. The classes are a collaborative effort of five local parishes, including St. James. An orientation session will be held on Sunday, January 13th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish in Menomonee Falls OR Wednesday, January 16th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Menomonee Falls. Participants can attend either the Sunday or Wednesday classes. For information, flahivep@archmil.org or 262-253-2915.

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, Wednesday, and Saturdays. Telephone 246-9860.

Spring S.O.A.L.

St. James Older Adult Learning (S.O.A.L.) will begin again in the Spring. S.O.A.L. is a program for people ages 50 and older to nourish the body, mind and Spirit and is a great way to make new friends and hone your skills!! Classes begin Friday, April 5th and run for six consecutive Fridays. A closing potluck luncheon will be held on May 17th. If you are not on the S.O.A.L. mailing list and would like to be, please contact schererm@archmil.org or call 262-253-2916.

Year of Faith – C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith video series

Watch the complete video series where Auxiliary Bishop Don Hying of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee discusses the Catechism of the Catholic Church and his views on God's importance and relevance in our lives. Videos will be added each Friday through November 2013. They are also available on You Tube. <http://www.archmil.org/c4video/C4-series.htm>

Directory

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:15 am & 10:15 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

PARISH STAFF:

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Sussex Food Pantry, 246-9860

Mondays 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 pm

Interfaith: 549-3348

(Please clip this for future use)

MISSION STATEMENT

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