



*Sing praise
to
the Lord
for his glorious
achievement;
let this be known
throughout
all the earth.*

✿ *Isaiah 12:5* ✿

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St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, WI

December 13, 2009

Scripture for the week of December 13, 2009

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| 13 | SUN | Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 |
| 14 | Mon | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 |
| 15 | Tue | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 |
| 16 | Wed | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23 |
| 17 | Thu | Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 |
| 18 | Fri | Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 |
| 19 | Sat | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 |
| 20 | SUN | Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 |

Question of the Week:

Sunday, December 13 Luke 3:10-18

- What do I find myself rejoicing over in this Advent season?

**Mass Intentions for
The Third Week of Advent****Monday, December 14**

8:00 am † Ursula Melander
(Family & Friends)

**Tuesday, December 15**

8:00 am † Marilyn Hamann (Lisa Ann & Brian Davidson)

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am † Mac McGovern (Mitzi McGovern)

Friday, December 18

8:00 am The Gundrum Family (Gloria Victoreen)

Saturday, December 19**(Sunday Liturgy)**

5:00 pm † Isabel Treis (Family & Friends)
† Emily Bagin (Dee & Don Ooton)

Sunday, December 20**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am † Deceased Members of the Aumann &
Geiger Families (Family)

† Joseph Bittner (Family)

10:15 am † Bud Kaupp (Family)

† Merv Buss (Karen Buss)



Remember
this lost
loved one

We express our sympathy to Dorothy Buechs and Carole Nettesheim at the death of their husband and father, **Gilbert Buechs**. May he find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

COLLATORS NEEDED:

The Christmas Season Order of Worship will be ready to collate this coming **Wednesday, December 16th**. If you can help with this project, please join us in the cafeteria at 8:30 am. Thank you all and have a very Merry Christmas.

PEW VIEW**JOHN -- THE PREACHER**

John the Baptist must have been quite a charismatic preacher. Today's Gospel reports that crowds went to hear him in the desert no less. His message was probably just as difficult to accept then as it is now – share your clothing and food with the poor, don't cheat, don't lie, and be satisfied with what you have. He must have been loved by the crowds for they even wondered if he were the Christ. Picture him – full of energy, darting from left to right as a cloud of dust encircled him, occasionally lunging forward going face to face with his fully attentive audience, his dark eyes riveting and sometimes piercing the soul of a reflective listener.

Remind you of anyone today?

We all know preachers who engage, inspire, and motivate us like John did. Our own pastor, Fr. Art Heinze, (erase any thoughts of being clothed in camel's hair and eating locust) may remind some of John the Baptist-Preacher. I think of the dynamic preaching of John and Fr. Art today as on next Sunday, December 20th, Fr. Art will celebrate the 41st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

There will not be a dinner, social, or party for this anniversary as there was last year but there will be a celebration that is at the heart of his priesthood. That celebration of course is the Eucharist. Fr. Art will preside at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 8:15 a.m. on Sunday.

While Fr. Art is well known for his preaching he has touched many lives through his sacramental ministries in baptism, reconciliation, First Communion, anointing of the sick, and marriage. He is also respected as a dynamic and popular teacher and, in fact, will be teaching in the GIFT program next Sunday afternoon. A reflection on the power of John's preaching give us an opportunity to pause, to be grateful, and to acknowledge and affirm Fr. Art for his gift of priesthood and especially his ministry of preaching.

Although we focus on Fr. Art because of his anniversary we also acknowledge our other preachers – Fr. Jerry Hudziak, Deacon Mike Rooney, and Deacon Bob Wodushek. What is said in the Gospel about John could be applied to these men as they "exhort the crowds in many other ways and preach the good news to the people."

Each preacher has unique gifts. Each has his own style of preaching. Today's Gospel reminds us to be as attentive to the proclamation and preaching of the Good News just as the crowds were to John's preaching.

It is interesting to recall that John was a layperson, not ordained, who effectively preached the Good News. And even though our bishops do not permit formal preaching by lay women and men at the Eucharist, all laity can be encouraged and challenged by the example of John to exhort our families, coworkers, friends, and neighbors to hear the Good News and to be "filled with expectation that one mightier than any of us is coming."

For the power of God's word proclaimed in many different ways by so many people, on this Gaudete Sunday, our prayer is simply and gratefully -- "we rejoice and give thanks!"

Daryl Olszewski ~ Pastoral Associate

Pro-Life

When the year 1000 was about to dawn, people fled to mountains, expecting the return of Christ. When 2000 came, people feared major computer -- and hence societal -- breakdowns. Neither happened. Yet both moments in history remind us of something deeper, the lesson of Advent. Advent means "coming." The Lord wants us to anticipate and prepare for His coming, not as something that we hinge on a particular date or identify with a particular calamity, but as an *ordinary aspect of our daily Christian living*. On the one hand, we know He is coming; on the other, we don't know when. Yet every moment is an opportunity to make that coming more central to our lives. Lord, may we welcome you daily in your Word, your Sacraments, and in all our brothers and sisters!

Our Church teaches that abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral; its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that we, who are called to serve the least among us, give special attention to this issue of justice.

There will soon be an opportunity for all parishioners to show their support of the right to life of pre-born humans. You are invited to include your name in advertisements that will be placed in the Waukesha Freeman on Friday January 22 and the Lake Country Sunday Post on Sunday January 24, 2010. Please visit the Human Concerns table in the gathering space after Mass on Dec 19th/20th to view the ad and sign on. \$1 donation per name is asked to help pay the cost of the ad.

If you are not able to sign the form after Mass, you may contact Laura and Rick Lyons (262-820-8714). They will find a way to help you show your support and will collect additional names and donations until Jan 3rd.

TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS OUR CLUSTER COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE ON

1. **Saturday, December 19th** at St. Mary's Parish — N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave — Menomonee Falls at 10:30 am
2. **Tuesday, December 22nd** at Good Shepherd Parish ~ N88 W17658 Christmas Rd—Menomonee Falls at 7:00 pm

A Message from the Administrative Office:

The 2009 financial books will be closed on **Thursday December 31st at noon**. Anyone wishing credit for this year, please have your donations to the parish office **no later than Wednesday, December 31st at noon**.

NEW THIS YEAR ... In order to save money, we will **not be sending out year end statements**. If you require a statement for tax purposes, please feel free to call the parish office at 262-251-3944 and we will be glad to send yours to you.

VERY IMPORTANT BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR December

Bulletin deadlines will be very different for December, because of when Christmas & New Years lands this year. **Please take Note — Very important:**

- Sunday December 27th bulletin— all articles **have to be in the office no later than Thursday December 17th**
- Sunday, January 3rd bulletin — all articles **have to be in the office no later than Monday, December 28th**

Thank you all so much for your cooperation in this matter.

Michele

RAFFLE TICKET RETURN
ONE MORE WEEK to get your raffle tickets
in. The drawing will take place next
Sunday—December 20th
after the 10:15 am Mass

ART & ENVIRONMENT LOOKING FOR HELP!

The Christmas Decorating Committee is looking for volunteers to help prepare for our Christmas Season! If you can help, please join us on **Tuesday, December 15th** at 6:00 pm in the community center to work on the trees and garland. **ALSO ~ please ~ WE NEED LOTS OF HANDS** on **Sunday, December 20th after the 10:15 am Mass**. We need **every-one** to help decorate the interior of the Church for Christmas. For more information or any questions please call Cookie Helman 252-4005. Please mark these dates on your calendar

Please Note: All Confirmation Candidates ~ plan to help on both days.

COME JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

An excellent way to prepare for the coming of Christ

At St. James ~ 5:30 pm in the chapel:

- Tuesday—December 15th

At Good Shepherd ~ 6:00 pm:

- December 13th & 20th

Evening Prayer (Vespers), is a 30 to 40 minute celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It includes a celebration of light, psalms scripture, intercessions, song and incense.



Epiphany Party (Feast of the 3 Kings)

All families are welcome, but it is geared for those with children ages 8 and under.



**Sunday, January 3rd, 2010,
9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the Community Center.**

We will gather for breakfast, prayer and activities to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, also called the feast of the 3 Kings. Please RSVP to the Christian Formation office by phone (251-0897), mail, or e-mail (devinesimons@archmil.org) by December 31st. We are accepting donations of juice (1/2 gallon), or mini muffins. Please let us know if you can bring either of these.

We will also be collecting items for new babies in honor of Jesus' birth. You can bring a wrapped gift to give to those in need. Some ideas might be booties, socks, bibs diapers, or blankets.



Family Name _____

Phone _____

Attending; ___ Adults ___ Children

Would you be willing to bring something (circle)?
 1/2 Gallon of Juice
 2 dozen mini muffins or donut holes

"I'm BORED!"

Are you dreading hearing those 2 horrific words over Christmas Break "I'm BORED!" The CF Office has many solutions to that problem, visit our blog site at: www.stjamescf.wordpress.com to get information about Lazer Tag, Snow Tubing and Rock Climbing. Permission Slips are available online as well!!!! Have your kids come join us for some FUN events this Christmas Break. Call Tracy in the CF Office with any questions.

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR OUR GATHERING. AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING WE ARE GOING TO MEET AT 11:30 AM.



All **MEN and WOMEN** who have lost a loved one are invited to Maxims Restaurant on Capitol Drive in Brookfield for friendship, a meal and sharing at 11:30a.m. on Monday December 14, 2009. We also welcome all caregivers to join us.

All denominations are welcome. If you know someone who would benefit from this please invite them.

If you have any questions please call Shirley at 262-246-0553. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM CAN REALLY USE YOUR DONATIONS



First, let me thank all those parishioners who stepped up to the plate last month and brought extra food. Donations were up and we and the guests at St. Ben's really appreciate it. **Let's see if you can do that again this month**, because it is time again, to bring our food donations for the **St. Ben's Meal Program**. All you have to do is donate food so that our guests at St. Ben's can have a meal. They appreciate anything that you can give, but they especially like, casseroles, hot or cold salads, any large cans of fruit or vegetables or if you are making your favorite meal, make a little extra so that you can bring part of it for the meal program. We will be going to St. Ben's this coming **Wednesday, December 16th**. You do not have to sign up to be a part of this ministry, all we ask is that your donations be to St. James before 4:00 pm. Our driver will be here between 3:45 and 4:00 pm. The driver will leave promptly at 4:00 pm.. **We strongly suggest that you use pans that can be thrown away if necessary**

**Please be Generous again this month.
Thank you for your continued support
Of the Ministry
Merry Christmas to you all!**

Congratulations & Welcome to our RCIA people:

- **Kelly Oberst** to be baptized
- **Wendy Dye** and **Sara Woelfel** - to be received into full communion into the Catholic church because they are already baptized Christians
- **Neil Nettesheim** and **Erica Olson** - baptized Catholic, but didn't receive their First Communion or were not Confirmed

We have representation from all 3 types of people who usually participate in the RCIA process. There will be a poster of them in the Gathering Area soon.

Please greet them and pray for them as they journey with us to pursue becoming a Catholic or to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 13

Selling Winter Raffle Tickets (gathering area)
Blood Pressure Screening after both Masses
(great room)

8:15 am CF classes. K4-K5

Break Open the Word during Mass
RCIA Dismissal — Sending Forth

11:30 am G.I.F.T. Session

2:00 pm Eagle Scout Award Ceremony
(church & community center)

6:30 pm Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

Monday, December 14

7:00 pm RCIA (great room)

Music Practice (church)

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 am Men's Scripture Class (great room)

8:30 am Bible Class (great room)

Day of Adoration (chapel)

9:00 am T.O.P.S. meeting (cafeteria)

5:00 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5

5:30 pm **Evening Prayer** (chapel)

6:00 pm A&E putting together Christmas Decorations
(community center)

6:30 pm Scripture Class (great room)

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 am **Collating Christmas Season OOW** (cafeteria)

4:00 pm Leaving for St. Ben's Meal Program

7:00 pm AA meeting (room 5)

Thursday, December 17

9:00 am Senior Adult Bible Study (great room)

6:30 pm A Journey to Bethlehem Series (great room)

7:00 pm KC's Christmas Party (cafeteria)

Friday, December 18

8:00 am Set up for CCOS Toy Distribution (cafeteria)

11:30 am St. James Senior Club Christmas Party
(community center)

Saturday, December 19

8:00 am CCOS Toy Distribution Day (cafeteria)

10:30 am Communal Reconciliation @ St. Mary's Parish

No confessions at St. James this day

6:00 pm Selling Winter Raffle Tickets (gathering area)

Sunday, December 20

Selling Winter Raffle Tickets after both Masses
(gathering area)

8:15 am RCIA Dismissal ~~ Sending Forth
Break Open the Word

10:30 am **Winter Raffle Drawing** (gathering area)

11:15 am Decorating the Church for Christmas

6:30 pm Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY FAVE FIVE

1. Helper Meals
2. Ravioli / Spaghettios
3. Juice
4. Diapers all sizes and wipes
5. Laundry Detergent



Thank you all very much,

St. James Exchange

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

The St. James Exchange is offered as a way for you to express your needs, dreams and desires, and to help others attain their needs, dreams and desires. It is offered in hopes of engendering friendships, caring and sharing of time, talent and ideas among the members of this community.

OFFERED:

- Six (6) pair of cross country skis plus shoes (men & Women) sizes. 50 to 100 dollars per package. Very good to excellent condition. Wax free Brand name: Salomon Please call Jim at 262-538-4177.
- Maytag gas dryer. Older but in good working condition. **Free** — but you must transport it. Call Judy at 262-251-3427.
- Drop Leaf Dining Room Table & Chairs ~ Seat 2 to 10 people with this versatile wood dining room table. 2 drop leaves and 2 additional leaves are included. Comes complete with 6 matching chairs. Finished in a medium oak, chairs are padded. Set has a contemporary look. \$250 or best offer. Call Pat at 262-424-7360 for more info or to see.

WANTED:

- "I need a loving, helpful and reliable sitter at my home in Sussex a few mornings a week to get my 2 daughters off to school and stay and do some housework. Call Jeanne at 820-1128."

Name: _____ Wanted Offered
City: _____ Kids Corner Other
Phone No.: _____ (check one of the above)

>>>IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL MICHELE @ 251-3944.<<<

What I need or What I have to offer is: (please print)

IMPORTANT NOTE: St. James Exchange is a service provided to share resources within our community. However, St. James cannot be held responsible for transactions, goods or services exchanged. No items for exchange are to be left at St. James for drop off or pick-up. The St. James Exchange cannot be used by business establishments or individuals to solicit goods or services for profit.

More information on page 6

**ST. JAMES EXCHANGE
Information & Deadlines**

HOW TO ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT: Fill out the information form and be sure to include your phone number. (Use a blank sheet of paper if more space is needed.)

ITEMS OR SERVICES YOU WANT TO OFFER: The St. James Exchange does offer items for sale at the discretion of the editor. You may also use the Exchange to offer items or services for free or in exchange for other goods or services.

DEADLINES: Last Exchange for the year 2009. The next exchange will come out in January 2010. The Exchange will usually be published on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. The **January 10th** issue deadline will be **January 4th**. The Ads will run only once or at the discretion of the editor.

DROP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR MAIL TO:

St. James Exchange ~ W220 N6588 Town Line Rd. ~
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. OR
Call or Email Michele in parish office at 251-3944
with questions between 8:00 am & 3:30 pm
Email: schmitzm@archmil.org

A "WORLD OF THANKS" to the following people who made our Advent Environment possible.

Anne, Jessica, & Miranda Buschke – Advent Wreath

Three of the hardest working guys:
Ron Sather, Mike Wendelberger & Mike Mendel-son, all of whom were involved in one way or another in doing lots of muscle work, plant relocation, carrying, moving stuff, climbing & lighting to bring the Planters to fruition.

Thank you ALL so much for sharing your Time and Talents.

Joyce M.

Hey Young Adults!

Are you ready for a Smashing Good Time....

Then mark your calendar for Monday December 28th, the Milwaukee Admirals are taking on the Grand Rapid Griffins. Face Off is at 7pm. It's also Cowbell Night, so we can make some noise!!!! \$25.00 will get you a pre-game meal, a ticket to the game (don't forget you'll get a cowbell at the Bradley Center) and a bus ride to and from the Bradley Center. (save on parking!!!!) Ticket orders are due No Later than 3pm on Tuesday Dec. 22nd. To order tickets contact Tracy in the CF office at 251-0897 x202 or tracy089@charter.net



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:15 am & 10:15 am
Weekday Masses:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

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

Interfaith: 549-3348



ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

Our Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve is:

3:30 pm ~ 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm

Notes About Christmas Music

Our Music Ministry present a beautiful

Christmas Cantata

featuring songs, scripture and a good opportunity to meditate about our contemporary world as it relates to the salvation story of old.

The Cantata will begin at 9:45 pm before the 10:30 Mass.
Come early if you can to experience this beautiful sung meditation.

All Masses will have prelude music,
so come early and join the singing

BELLS, BELLS, BELLS

Bring your bells to ring at all Mass on Christmas Eve & Day