

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

December 5, 2010



Repent
Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!
~Matthew 3:2

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture for the week of December 5, 2010

5	SUN	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
6	Mon	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
7	Tue	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
8	Wed	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
9	Thu	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
10	Fri	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
11	Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
12	SUN	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Question for the Week:

Sunday, December 5

Matthew 3:1-12

- What change of heart do you need to make this Advent?

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week ...**Monday, December 6****St. Nicholas, bishop**

- 8:00 am † John Kozeniecki (Family & Friends)
 † Walter Sullivan (Ed & Lucy Bartolmeolli)

Tuesday, December 7**St. Ambrose, bishop**

- 8:00 am † Helen Klinger (Health Ministry)
 † Marcella Bartelt (Family)

Wednesday, December 8**Immaculate Conception**

- 8:00 am † Tom Metzger (Don & Dee Ooton) ~ Church
 † Trey Kilar (Kilar & Jaskolski Families) ~ Church

6:00 pm † Marylyn Etzel (Etzel Family) ~ Church

Friday, December 10

- 8:00 am † Deceased Members of St. James Parish
 4:00 pm Wedding ~ Ross Halverson & Jamie McLaughlin

Saturday, December 11**(Sunday Liturgy)**

- 5:00 pm † Charlie Wagner (Laverne Kelly)
 † Bernadine Berdoll (Gerald Berdoll)

Sunday, December 12**Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:15 am † Deceased Members of the Aumann & Geiger Families (Family)
 † Jim Vodnik (Family)
 10:15 am † Thomas Kiley (Audrey & Jerome Lenoff)
 † Janet Fischer (David Fischer)

PEW VIEW**ADVENT – IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS**

Light and darkness, blue and purple, candles and wreaths might be part of Advent but when one comes right down to it the one central theme of Advent is *relationships*.

Remember your first job interview? No doubt there was some anxiety and some nervousness. First impressions were going to be important. Preparation was key – stand erect, give a firm handshake, speak clearly. All that to establish an employment relationship!

A similar process might have occurred in preparation for a first date. What to wear? What to say? What was proper etiquette? All this to win the heart of another! In other words, to establish a relationship.

Advent is about relationships. Actually it is about only one relationship – Emmanuel or “God-with-us.”

Relationships are two-way and so Advent is also about our relationship with God, which therefore is by nature a relationship with others. Last week we heard from Isaiah about the transformation required in our relationships – turning our swords into plowshares, our fists into handshakes, our cutting words into affirmations and songs of love. In other words we heard about establishing peaceful relationships.

This week Isaiah also proclaims a message of new relationships – of lions and sheep grazing together peacefully, relatives reconciling, neighbors reaching out, the poor embracing, and immigrants being welcomed. Advent: *it's about relationships*.

This week Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This is a relationship feast. As God prepares to become incarnate we honor the sinless body into which God was conceived and through which God was birthed as a human. Through Mary God prepares to establish the ultimate relationship with each one of us.

In a few weeks families will gather for festive celebrations but sometimes these gatherings are burdened by the pain of strained relationships, unforgiving spirits, and deep resentments that split families. Advent prepares us for Christmas and its accompanying family gatherings. Advent is about relationships.

The proclamation next Sunday from Isaiah 35:1-10 is about the new relationships that will occur when God comes to save us. Prepare yourself!

Have you been ignoring that person across the room who hurt you so many years ago? Hang on for when God comes the eyes of the blind will be opened!

Do you close your ears and pretend not to hear one who might have offended you long ago? Watch out for God will open your ears and the deaf will hear!

Are you giving someone the silent treatment? Get ready for Isaiah promises that God will loosen the tongue of the mute!

And if that family gathering is filled with tension and there is sadness caused by the pain of family discord, then brace yourself for Isaiah proclaims that “sorrow and mourning will flee!”

Advent is about relationships – tending and mending the ones we have and ultimately allowing God to re-establish God's powerful and almighty relationship with us!

**Are you ready for a renewed relationship?
It's Advent!**

Daryl Olszewski
Pastoral Associate



III Ross Halvorson & Jamie McLaughlin

The Family & Friends of Anthony (Tony) Buehner would like to express their sincere thanks to Father Art, Barb Schuelke, the choir, the Bereavement Ministry for their good service and also for the excellent meal by the Funeral Committee resulting in a standing ovation by Tony's friends and family.

Thank You!



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

In your December statements you will receive a Christmas Memorial Envelope. If you did not receive one, envelopes will be available in the gathering area of church or at the parish office. This is a way to honor the memory of a loved one or to remember someone who is very special in your life who doesn't need a material gift. Fill out the envelope with the names of those you wish to remember. Please identify if they are living or deceased and also **please print clearly**. Put your offering in the envelope and return it to the parish office **no later than Sunday, December 19th**. (If I do not have the names by the 19th of December I cannot promise that the those you want remembered will be included in the Christmas bulletin). We will print the names in the Christmas bulletin so that your loved ones will be a part of our Christmas prayer.

If you receive your statements through the internet, please check the various publication racks at each exit for an envelope.

COME JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

This is an excellent way to prepare for the coming of Christ.

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

- Tuesdays ~ December 6th, 14th & 21st.

At Good Shepherd ~ 6:00 pm:

N88 W17658 Christmas Rd in Menomonee Falls

- Sundays, December 5th, 12th & 19th.

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.

In Deepest Sympathy



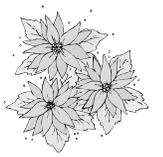
We express our sympathy to Richard Sommerfelt and family at the death of his wife, **Jennie Sommerfelt** and to Kathleen Schmoller and family at the death of her husband, **Walter Schmoller**. May they both find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This coming **Wednesday, December 8th** is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebration the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a liturgy at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm in church.

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 **Monday, December 13th** at 6:00 pm in the community center to work on the Christmas decorations.



ALSO ~ please, please ~ WE NEED LOTS OF HANDS on Sunday, December 19th after the **10:15 am** Mass. We need **everyone** to help decorate the interior of the Church for Christmas. For more information or any questions please call Cookie Helman at 252-4005. Please mark these dates on your calendar.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU!

The Thanksgiving Day Mass collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society totaled \$1454. Thank you! In addition, just over \$1,000 has been contributed to St. Vincent through the regular weekly collections during the past 5 months. Thank you for your generosity as the St. James Conference of SVdP continues to reach out and assist those in need with emergency aid. The continued economic conditions and the arrival of winter have increased the calls for help.

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

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 9:30 am on Monday December 13, 2010. 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!!!

A Message from the Administrative Office:

The 2010 financial books will be closed on **Thursday December 30th at noon**. Anyone wishing credit for this year, please have your donations to the parish office **no later than Thursday, December 30th** at noon.

AGAIN, 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.

Aluminum Can Drive

The dumpster for the Aluminum Can Drive is here again this weekend, December 3rd thru the 5th!

All proceeds are used as scholarship money for next Summer's mission trip. If you miss the dumpster this time, it will return February 4th thru February 6th. The drive takes place every other month. We are grateful to Miller Compressing who so generously donates the dumpster in support of our mission as well as all of you who continue to support us with your donations.



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

1. **Saturday, December 18th** at St. Mary's Parish — N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave — Menomonee Falls at 10:30 am
2. **Tuesday, December 21st** at Good Shepherd Parish ~ N88 W17658 Christmas Rd—Menomonee Falls at 7:00 pm

ATTENTION: GREETERS

All requests for the January – March 2011 schedule must be called in or emailed to Lori Jansen by **December 15th, 2010**. You may call at 262-246-5942 or email at lorijansen@att.net. Thank you.

Drop & Shop

A Christian Formation class is offering free babysitting for parents who want to do Christmas shopping on Friday, Dec. 10 from 5:30-9 PM or Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 AM to 4 PM in St. James school. Call Kim Boho at 262-628-3882 or email her at tboho@wi.rr.com before Wed., Dec. 8 to register.

A great way to slow down & prepare for the Christmas season.

There are leaflets for each Sunday's readings in the pamphlet racks in the Gathering area at all 3 entrances. They are Sunday by Sunday, 9 1/2 by 7 1/2 size, with good background and excellent discussion/reflection questions. Take the whole packet.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our will be typing the January/February 2011 newsletter on **Monday, December 13th**. Please have all articles to me no later than 9:00 am. You can drop it in the collection basket marked "Attention: Michele" or email your article to me at schmitzm@archmil.org.

Thank You ~ Michele

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA CALENDARS?

Are you starting to accumulate too many 2011 calendars and you don't know what to do with them? Well you can bring them to St. James and put them in a box located in the gathering area near the elevator. One of our parishioners takes them to hospitals so the nurses can use them for appointments.

Monthly Mission Service Activities

Pam Dennis and Sandy Ciha are continuing the Monthly Mission service activities started by Isaac Garcia last year. The first Monthly Mission will take place during the December 12th GIFT session. We will be stuffing and delivering stockings to our parish members who reside in the mobile park across from St. James. Please bring a few of the following items with you on December 12th for the stockings. Also, remember to dress warm! We will return to St. James by 1:30.

We welcome **all middle and high school** students of St. James to join us. If you are not attending the GIFT session and would like to join us, please RSVP to Pam or Sandy by Friday, Dec 10th. We hope to see you!

Suggested items for the elderly residents:

- Pocket sized tissue packs (the soft ones!) ~ **6th graders**
- postage stamps ~ **6th graders**
- Notepads ~ **7th graders**
- unscented lotion ~ **7th graders**
- Lifesavers or lemon drops ~ **8th graders**
- tea or hot chocolate packets ~ **8th graders**
- Christmas ornaments ~ **High school students**

If you have any questions, please contact

Pam Dennis fotopubnavy@yahoo.com
Sandy Ciha sciha@wi.rr.com

Keep Butler & Menomonee Falls Neighbors Safe by Shoveling

Seniors and adults with disabilities in Menomonee Falls and Butler need volunteers to help with snow removal this winter. Interfaith Senior Programs will match you with neighbors who won't be safe this winter without caring volunteers to remove snow from driveways and walkways. Adopt a home, or sign up as a "snow sub" to fill in for another volunteer while they're away. Volunteer as a family, congregation, business or individual. Contact Nancy Bell at Interfaith: (262) 549-3348, x 2409 or nancyb@interfaithwaukesha.org.

ST. JAMES SENIOR CLUB MEETING

Our Christmas Party Meeting will be held on **Friday, December 17th**. In order to attend, you must have a Christmas Ticket. You can purchase a ticket by calling our Treasurer, Lou, at 262.389.8841 before Friday, December 10th. The price of the ticket is \$10.00. The meeting promptly starts at 11:30 a.m. with the food being delivered at 12:00 p.m. The doors at St. James Catholic Church will open at 11:00 a.m. Come join us for an afternoon of socializing and playing Bingo and/or Sheepshead. Hope to see you at our meeting.

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

1. It burns
2. A kind of snake
6. Receive; take gladly
10. Royal rule; royal authority
12. The beginning of a leaf or flower
15. The creator of all
16. Wild animal with a mane
17. These can be cut down and thrown into the fire

Last week's wordsearch

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1. Dread, fright
3. Opposite of night
4. A long thin stick used to strike people
5. A thing you cannot see or touch
7. Not yet an adult
8. Offences against God
9. Not under
11. He decides about right and wrong
12. Goes around the waist
13. Less than two
14. You cut things down with it

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 5

- Aluminum Can Drive (north parking lot)
- 8:00 am Holly Days (community center & cafeteria)
- 8:15 am CF classes. K4/K5
- Break Open the Word
- 9:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5
- 4:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
- Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

Monday, December 6

- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
- 7:00 pm Choir practice (church)

Tuesday, December 7

- 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 Vespers (chapel)
- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5
- Field of Dreams Committee meeting (room 8)
- Scripture Class. (great room)

Wednesday, December 8

- 10:00 am Staff meeting (great room)
- 6:30 pm Patrol Leader Council meeting (youth room)
- 7:00 pm AA meeting (room 5)
- Parish Council meeting (great room)
- St. Vincent de Paul meeting (community center)
- Choir practice (church)

Thursday, December 9

- 9:00 am Senior Adult Bible Study (great room)
- 9:30 am Bible Study ~ Great Adventure (cafeteria)
- 5:30 pm Community Banquet (community center)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study ~ Great Adventure (cafeteria)
- RCIA (great room)

Friday, December 10

- 5:30 pm Drop & Shop

Saturday, December 11

- 8:00 am Cluster Catechist Workshop (room 7)
- 8:30 am Breakfast with Isaiah (youth room)
- 9:00 am Drop & Shop
- 9:30 am Baptismal Prep Session (great room)
- 11:00 am Confessions (reconciliation room)
- 5:00 pm Selling Winter Raffle Tickets (gathering area)
- Blood Pressure Screening (great room)

Sunday, December 12

- Selling Winter Raffle Tickets (gathering area)
- Blood Pressure Screening (great room) after both Masses
- 8:15 am CF classes. K4/K5
- 8:15 am Break Open the Word
- 9:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5
- 11:30 am G.I.F.T. program
- 4:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
- Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

Directory

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Web-site address: <http://www.stjames-parish.com>

EUCHARISTIC 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

PARISH STAFF:

Administrative Office

Fr. Arthur Heinze, Pastor 251-3944
Fr. Jerry Hudziak, Help-out 251-3944
Daryl Olszewski, Pastoral Associate 253-2213
Mike Rooney, Deacon 251-3944
Barbara Schuelke, Pastoral Musician 253-2225
Charles Davis, Business Administrator 253-2259
Michele Schmitz—Parish Secretary 253-2235
Bob Wodushek—Deacon 251-3944

Christian Formation Center

Sue Devine-Simon, Child Ministry 253-2904
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Diana Wyszowski, Secretary 253-2902
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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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Common Ground of Grief - *Complex Grief: Coming Together: The Holiday Season Meets the Season of Your Grief*

**Presentation by Patrick Dean, Grief Counselor
Tuesday, December 7 - 11 am–12:30 pm and repeated 6:30-8:00 pm
San Camillo, 10200 W Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee
Cost: Free and open to everyone**

Patrick Dean, Director of Grief Education Services with Catholic Cemeteries and a professional photographer, will be presenting this grief program. The session will consist of photographic images and grief education content followed by a period of questions and answers. This program is for anyone who has experienced the sudden death of a loved one. *Common Ground of Grief* is sponsored by the John Paul II Center and Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. For further information visit www.cemeteries.org, www.johnpaul2center.org or contact 414-438-4420, ext. 302 or patrickdean@griefwork.com.

Looking for a Driver

I am looking for a driver to drive me to Doctor's appointments and wherever needed ...Walmart & Pick n' Save. Most hours are weekday afternoons, but not exclusively and will run 16 hours a month ~ guaranteed. You will be paid by the hour, not mileage. Must have own vehicle that is cleaned inside and vacuumed on a regular basis. No smoking or animals inside ever. Air Conditioning a must. Driver must be a non-smoker and come from a non-smoking and pet free home. Please call Alexandra Sueflohn (Sussex) if you would like more information or are interested. 262-246-0433



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR TEENS ...



"Please help the Volunteer Organization of Women in Sussex along with the Cooperating Churches of Sussex (CCOS) to collect items for local teens who otherwise wouldn't get anything for Christmas. We are looking for anything teens would like, watches, perfume or cologne, and gift cards to the movies or local stores to name a few examples. Please help these teens have a great Christmas. If you would like to donate, you can drop off at the following Sussex locations starting now thru December 13th: Shopko, Starbucks, and Waukesha State Bank. If you have any questions, please call Becky Zunke at 262-244-0850. Thanks for your help with this community wide drive for teens."